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Upper River Hamble

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Region: South Hampshire



DIFFICULTY RATING
3 PADDLES

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Up river from launch and recovery point.

8.6 miles Round trip

General Information

Trail is described as paddle up river and return. Can be undertaken at all states of the tide but going up river with incoming (flood) tide and returning with outgoing (ebb) tide is easiest. This also enables access to the upper reaches of the river at high tide.

Paddlers should be aware of the rules of the road at sea and are able to identify the main channel.

Can get caught on mud flats with falling tide. If paddling within 2 hours either side of high water all areas should be safe from being stranded.

IMPORTANT

The River Hamble at Bursledon is very busy with recreational craft. Be vigilant and aware of other water users.

The Trail

As you leave the slipway at Bursledon paddle out to the end of the pontoons. Turn left and head north east up the river:

1 Jolly Sailor

On the left is the Jolly Sailor. Its reputation is widespread mainly due to featuring in the 1980's popular BBC TV series 'Howards Way'.

2 Elephant Boatyard

Shortly after the Jolly Sailor on the left is Elephant Boatyard or 'Mermaid Boatyard' as it was in Howard's Way. The Boatyard is named after Nelson's flagship in the Battle of Copenhagen, HMS Elephant, which was built in 1786 on the Hamble.

3 The Bridges

You will now pass under three bridges. After this point the river becomes quieter and unspoilt by development. There are a number of pretty picnic spots in this area.

4 Manor Farm Country Park

The park is a mixture of woodland, saltmarsh, hedgerows and freshwater ponds. The Country Park is the site of HMS Cricket, a combined operations base for accommodation and training of land craft crews during World War II.

Take the western arm as the river splits towards Botley Village and head for the Mill slipway. This charming village has many shops and cafes for you to enjoy.

Portages

No portages, weirs or lock gates.

Licences

Tidal river; no licence or Harbour dues:
www.3.hants.gov.uk/hambleharbour/dues-moorings.htm

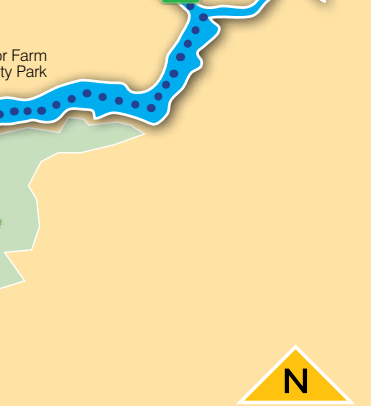
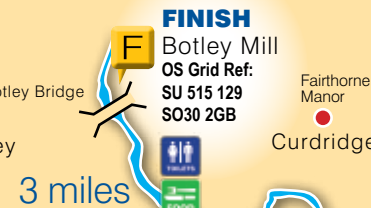


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Difficult: Do not attempt trail with wind of Force 4 or greater.

Accessibility
Easy access to launch and recovery point.

Ease of access to the water
Car parking and easy walk within 50m of launch and recovery. Free parking close to public slipway at Bursledon. Access to water at all states of the tide.



Maps covering the area:

OS 1:25,000: Explorer 119: Meon Valley, Portsmouth, Gosport & Fareham

OS 1:50,000: Sheet 196: The Solent

Admiralty Charts:
5600.7 Mercury Yacht harbour to Bursledon Bridge
5600.17 Bursledon to Botley

Important: Your safety comes first **always** wear a Buoyancy aid.

Alternative route on Hamble, explore the river south towards the sea.

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S Start
Public Slipway at Bursledon, nr. Southampton, Hampshire:
SO31 8DN
OS Grid Reference: SU 495 092

F Finish
Several midpoints are suggested before return to start.

Limit of Navigation low tide:
Fairthorne Manor Outdoor Centre Curdrige Southampton:
SO30 2GH
SU 518 119

Limit of Navigation high tide:
Bridge and mill at Botley:
SO30 2GB
SU 515 129

Car shuttle required?
No - round trip.

DIFFICULTY RATING 3 PADDLES

3 hours
1.5 hours up river and 1.5 hours return
Time depends on wind and tide. Paddling against wind and tide slows journey time and requires greater effort.

Paddling Safety

Spending an afternoon canoeing can be a fun way to experience nature, get a great workout and spend time with friends and family. It can also be a dangerous journey, if appropriate safety guidelines are overlooked. Always follow these basic rules.

Wear appropriate clothing

Always wear shoes. Rocks, rough terrain and river beds present serious hazards to boaters without the proper attire. Nearly 90% of all boating injuries are attributed to lack of proper footwear. Other canoe safe clothing includes hats, additional dry clothing, towels, and layered items which can easily be removed.

Know the weather forecast

Find out the weather forecast before you set out on your Canoe Trail. The Met Office, BBC Weather and Local Marina Offices will have an up to date forecast.

Local area

Familiarise yourself with the local area, its sensitive places and protected areas.

Be sure to:

- Leave the environment as you find it.
- Take your litter home with you.
- Keep noise to a minimum.
- Do not damage bank side vegetation when launching or landing.
- Where possible keep to any designated paths or launching points.

- Canoe a safe distance away from wildlife

Check your equipment

Use the checklist below to make sure you have everything you need.

Checklist:

- 1 Boat
- 2 Paddle
- 3 Bailer/sponge
- 4 Buoyancy Aid
- 5 Small First Aid kit
- 6 Penknife
- 7 Mobile telephone (in a waterproof bag)
- 8 Fresh drinking water
- 9 Sun cream, hat and sunglasses
- 10 Light waterproof/jacket
- 11 Footwear



Hamble

Centre details

Southampton Solent University
Watersports Centre
SO31 9ZL
01489 556289



Refreshments

The Jolly Sailor

Lands End Road
Bursledon, Southampton
SO31 8DN
023 8040 5557

The Jolly Sailor
OS Grid Ref: SU 488 095



ALWAYS be certain to let others know where you're going and when you're expected to return.

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Other canoe trails



For more information on other canoe trails go to our website:
www.canoe-england.org.uk

Downloads



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