



High Peak District Scouts - Paddlesports SASU

We're delighted that you'd like to book with the High Peak District Scouting Paddlesports SASU.

Things to know:

- There are toilets on site.
- There is limited parking in a small car park however the car park gate is sometimes locked or can be locked at any time without notice. There is a lay-by opposite the entrance to the car park and parents dropping off and collecting can stop there if the car park is not available.
- There are changing and showering facilities on-site however we are charged on a per use basis for accessing these and therefore we have to pass on the fee if changing and showering facilities are wanted. The fee is currently £30. To keep costs down, we therefore recommend that participants arrive in the gear they plan to wear and bring a large towel and some warm clothing to put on top afterwards for the journey home. If you do wish to book the changing and showering facilities, please indicate below.
- We can take up to 8 participants in kayaks, up to 12 in open canoes (often called Canadian canoes) or up to 12 participants raft building. We need to know in advance which sort of session you require.
- We aim to cover the first level of the Paddlesports staged award badge. If you are bringing experienced paddlers, we can aim to cover a later stage of the badge, please let us know if this is the case. A normal session will last 2 hours and will therefore also qualify for a "Time on the Water" staged badge session. We do not provide the badges but leaders can award them.
- Participants are encouraged to bring a flask with a warm drink in case they get cold.
- A normal session will last 2 hours. This will include a briefing and discussion about the activity and the safety measures, fitting of gear, carrying of craft, paddling and clearing up afterwards. Time on the water will usually be around 90 minutes.
- Most of our kayaks are junior size – if you have any larger participants (say over 5'6" and 12 stone) let us know in advance.

To make a booking:

- The leader in charge will ensure that at least one adult (with DBS) will attend in order to supervise their group when not on the water and supervise anyone getting off the water early.
- The leader in charge will determine whether there are any non-swimmers (as defined in POR 9.42a - see below) and advise the SASU team as soon as possible. We are required to ensure we have one adult on the water dedicated to each non-swimmer.
- The leader in charge will bring along accurate emergency contact details for all participants.

We _____ would like to book a session on date _____

We wish to participate in Kayaking, max 8 on the water (@ £45 per session) YES / NO

We wish to participate in Canoeing, max 12 on the water (@£60 per session) YES / NO

We wish to participate in Raft Building, max 12 on the water (@£60 per session) YES / NO

We wish to use the changing facilities (@ £30 per session) YES / NO

Leader in charge: _____ Phone: _____

Non-Swimmers

9.42a - Members taking part in any water activity (those which take place on or in the water) must be able to demonstrate to a suitable person their ability to swim 50 metres in clothing and equipment appropriate to the activity (where a buoyancy aid or life jacket is worn for the activity this may be used for the demonstration) and keep afloat for five minutes. Anyone unable to meet these requirements is classified as a non-swimmer



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Suggestion for parents:

- 1) Be prepared to get wet!!!
 - 2) You'll need to come ready in swim/paddling gear as there are no changing facilities. If you have a wetsuit you'd like to wear that's fine, but at the time of year we paddle, it's not really necessary.
 - 3) We will provide you with the equipment needed for the session.
 - 3) To maximise our time on the water, please arrive 15 minutes before our session starts. Our session on _____ will run from ____ to ____ - please collect at ____.
 - 4) Your child will need to bring a towel, some warm clothes that they can put on at the end to keep warm, a hat and a flask of hot chocolate or other warm drink in case they get cold.
 - 5) Your child will need to wear some sort of shoes which can get wet; they must not come off easily, i.e. no crocs or sandals.
 - 6) Parking: The entrance to Combs reservoir is almost opposite the entrance to Chapel-en-le-Frith golf course. The approximate postcode is SK23 9UH. While there is a small car park at the reservoir, the gate in to the car park is sometimes locked and/or can be locked at any time without notice. If it is locked, you should be able to park in the lay-by on the same side of the road as the golf course - We will have a leader at the gate to meet you but in case you arrive late, cross the road and walk down the path to the sailing club to find us.
- Please note:** By agreeing to attend the event, you are confirming that your child can swim 50 metres in clothing appropriate for the activity, with the assistance of a suitable buoyancy aid, and keep afloat for five minutes. If they would like to attend but cannot swim 50 metres, you must inform their leader in advance so that extra adult support can be arranged as required by scouting rules.