

## Fairthorne Manor - Launch your own craft

Welcome to the Fairthorne Manor river launch guide, please find some information below that will help you make the most of your visit. The map of our site can be found on the website.

### Before launching

- Check weather and tidal conditions
- Prepare your boat away from the slipway / pontoon including checking bungs and do not stand behind a boat on the slipway
- Be aware of other users
- Assess the risks such as slips, trips and falls
- Park vehicles in the car park and trailers in the trailer park

### Launching

- Paddlecraft can be launched from Pontoon or Slipway
  - If the craft does not fit across bridge to pontoon, then slipway must be used
- Larger craft must be launched from Slipway
- All parts of the launching area are used at own risk, it is the responsibility of the user to check the following
  - Correct manual handling is followed
  - Children under the age of 16 are supervised at all times by an adult
  - Vehicles are parked safely and do not restrict the access to the wharf for emergency vehicles

All those using YMCA Fairthorne Manor site and river access at their own risk

Vehicles must not stay on YMCA Fairthorne Manor site for any longer than 24 hours, check daily gates closing time on arrival

YMCA Fairthorne Manor do not provide any rescue equipment or expertise

YMCA Fairthorne Manor will provide advice regarding weather conditions and tides via the conditions board but the final decision except in extreme conditions will be down to the User

At Force 8 wind strength the entire site will cease to operate, it is at users discretion to launch in any condition under Force 8

The pontoon and slipway will be closed in icy conditions and if thunder and lightning is detected, this is for 20 minutes post the final sight of lightning or hearing thunder

Launching and egressing using YMCA Fairthorne Manor pontoon and slipway must be between 0800 and 1 hour before sunset

Vessels under 6m and less than 10hp are exempt from harbour dues, for any vessels longer than this contact the Harbour Master directly to make payment

In an emergency, contact:

On Fairthorne Manor site - Duty Manger 07880 710903

On water - Harbour Master 01489 576387 and

07718 146378 or Coastguard 999

