

## River Hamble Launch Guide

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 – the River Hamble is very tidal at Fairthorne Manor and the tide can go out very quickly.
- ▶ Prepare your boat away from your entry point including checking bungs. Do not stand behind a boat on the slipway.
- ▶ Be aware of other users at all times.
- ▶ Assess the risks such as slips, trips and falls.
- ▶ Park vehicles in the car park beside the river or the designated area on the field.

### Launching

- ▶ Paddle craft can be launched from the pontoon or slipway. If the craft does not fit across the walkway to the pontoon, the 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 always supervised by an adult.
  - ▶ Vehicles are parked safely and do not restrict the access to the wharf for emergency vehicles.

### General

- ▶ All users launching from YMCA Fairthorne Manor site do so at their own risk.
- ▶ Vehicles must not stay on YMCA Fairthorne Manor site outside of launch periods. Please check the launch times upon booking or on arrival at the site with YMCA staff.
- ▶ YMCA Fairthorne Manor do not provide any rescue equipment or expertise.
- ▶ YMCA Fairthorne Manor will provide advice regarding weather conditions is possible but the final decision, except in extreme conditions, is the responsibility of the user.
- ▶ At YMCA Fairthorne Manor at Force 3 or 12mph wind the river sessions cease to operate, it is at users' discretion to launch in any condition above Force 3 or 12mph wind speed.
- ▶ The pontoon and slipway will be closed in icy conditions and if thunder and lightning is detected, this is for 30 minutes posting the final sight of lightning or hearing thunder in line with our standard operating procedures.

### In an emergency, contact:

On Fairthorne Manor site – Duty Manager 07880 710903

On water – Harbour Master 01489 576387 and 07718 146378 or Coastguard 999

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