



Somerset Boat Centre

Maidenmead Moorings Banklands North Newton TA7 0DQ

Monday 27th July 2026

10am – 4pm

If you are unable to attend on the day please contact the mobile phone on **07982712608**.

On arrival you will find a car park opposite the boat centre. There are parking spaces to the right of the entrance for wheelchair users and those with blue badges.

Once at the centre you will be signed in and provided with a voucher for the barge trip, and whilst some go on the barges for canal trips, others will be able to access the activities on the water. These will be organised by Escape staff on arrival. The canoes, kayaks, rowing boats, pedalos, etc, will be available on a take it in turns basis. The boat centre staff are available to organise this and help anyone requiring support on and off the equipment.

Food is available at the centre. You can order and pay on the day. Due to successful grant applications each member will be provided with a £7.50 voucher towards food items. Picnics are allowed should you wish to bring your own food. Please make sure you leave the site tidy after you, either binning or taking your rubbish home with you. Thanks.

Wetsuits are not provided, but you are welcome to bring them if you like.

Life jackets are provided by the centre.

Escape will provide activities (drawing, colouring in, board games, circus activities etc) for children to access whilst waiting to take their turns if the boats are busy. We ask that the children are supervised at all times when at the centre.

Old clothes that you don't mind getting wet should be worn. Please also bring a change of clothes and towels.

Somerset Boat Centre Rules...

- Participants are encouraged **NOT TO SWIM** in the canal. There have been a few reported cases of Weil's disease from swimming in canals, and some cases of D & V. Obviously falling in cannot be helped. Participants who quickly remove themselves from the canal should be fine. Those taking part should also be discouraged from pushing others in. Members participate at their own risk.
- Even though the centre is closed to the public it is still in public view and normal expectations of acceptable behaviour apply.

As agreed when becoming a member of Escape; "In order to ensure that we are welcomed everywhere, **each individual parent/carer must be responsible for the care and behaviour of all persons at all times within your family group (children or otherwise) whilst attending any activity or event organised by Escape.** To date we maintain a high reputation for being a courteous and polite group and it is most important that we continue to uphold this reputation" (taken from handbook signed at time of membership).

- **No ball games.**
- **Children to be supervised by parents/carers at all times.**
- **Picnics; we are relaxing our normal rule of not allowing them for the Escape booking. Please can families be made aware that if they visit us at a different time we ask that they do not bring their own food into the boat centre.**
- **Staff will be identifiable by our uniform, they must be listened to in the interest of safety for everyone.**
- **Have Fun!**

