Paddlesports 2025/26

Scouts Gravesham

Paddlesport sessions 25/26

- 18-Oct-25
- 15-Nov-25
- 13-Dec-25
- 17-Jan-26
- 21-Feb-26*
- 14-Mar-26*

18-Apr-26
09-May-26
13-Jun-26

**Dates subject to confirmation*

What is it? Gravesham paddlesport team will be running training opportunities for all Scouts / Explorers and Leaders/Volunteers to have a go and/or develop paddling skills/experience. These sessions will enable you to try different craft - canoe, kayak or paddleboard (SUPs) – and you will be able to learn and practice paddling and rescue techniques for each craft to enable you to paddle safely.

You will be able to work towards/gain the relevant Scout Badge if you meet the appropriate standard, for the Personal Performance Awards as well as Time on Water staged activity badges. The Scout Paddle Sports Activity Badge Scheme is mapped to PaddleUK Personal Performance Awards

Where is it? Usually * - Leybourne Lakes Country Park, Malling Road, Snodland, Aylesford.
Postcode for SatNav: ME6 5LB (car park entrance off of Ham Hill Roundabout A228).
**Please note, venue may vary based on training needs and conditions and will be notified in advance*

You will **need:** – As a general principal, **'Be Prepared'**
• Wet suit if you have one or suitable clothing (NO JEANS) that can get wet but will keep you warm ie: fleece top| • a towel and dry clothes| • shoes to wear in the water (water shoes, old trainers, plimsolls) – these are mandatory| • Sun cream / hat / coat / flask of hot drink may be needed.

Booking: to ensure we have sufficient craft/instructors available we need you to reserve a place using the link (*one person per booking please*). Gravesham Scouts - Paddlesports | Meopham [Book now]

- See booking process below ↓

- To confirm your booking, you will receive Participation Agreement Form for completion and return
- **Cost**: is £15 per person to cover the lake access fee, payable on arrival (cash please)

Timetable (approximate)

08:30	Arrival / Unload & prep equipment	• All craft and paddlesport and safety equipment will be provided. • Buoyancy aids must be worn by everyone on or near the water, along with suitable footwear. • We are not able to accommodate non-swimmers ***Please note all sessions are weather dependent and may be subject to alteration on the day***
08:45	Briefing	
09:00	**Morning - session 1**	
11:30		
12:00	**Afternoon - session 2**	
14:30		
14:30	Load trailers	
15:00	Depart	

For further information please contact: onthewater@graveshamscouts.org.uk

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For those new to paddling please see **FAQs** below:

Will it be cold?

Probably – check weather forecast and remember 'Be Prepared'.

Will I get wet?

Possibly – the aim is to provide training to build confidence and knowledge in paddlesport in a safe and controlled environment.

What should I wear?

On the water
- Wet suit if you have one or suitable clothing (NO JEANS) that can get wet but will keep you warm ie: fleece top.
- You will also need footwear (old trainers) that will get wet.
- Windproof jacket /cag is always a good idea.
- You will be provided with a **Buoyancy aid and helmet** together with any other safety kit required.

Off the water
- Warm dry clothing to change into at end of session

Where is Leybourne Lake?

Leybourne Lakes country Park, Malling Rd, Snodland ME20 6JA

Do I need to be able to swim?

Yes. This is a water-based activity, and you are required to wear a buoyancy aid for the duration of the activity. You will also need to complete **Participation Agreement** in advance to confirm that you can swim.

How far do I need to swim?

Although this is not a swimming activity, you do need to be able to swim.
You will be required to wear a buoyancy aid for the duration of the activity.
You will also need to complete Participation Agreement in advance to confirm you can swim.

For any further information, please contact Gravesham Paddlesports team:
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Booking Process – click on the link → Gravesham Scouts - Paddlesports | Meopham [Book now]

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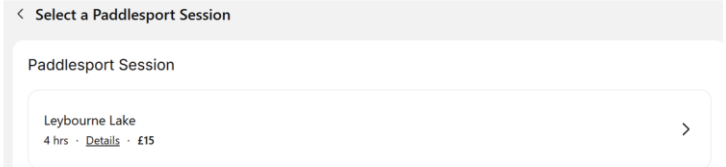
2. 

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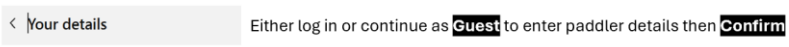
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