

PADDLING THE DUDLEY CANAL AND CAVERNS



Please send booking enquiries to info@dctt.org.uk





The Dudley Tunnel and Caverns are privately operated by Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust, passage through the tunnel must be pre-arranged with a minimum of 48 hours notice and not impact the regular operations.



Paddlers must be part of a professional club and covered by their own insurance (please note you must be able to provide documentation upon request). Trainers and instructors must be present at the exercise and ensure individual paddler ability. PPE must be worn at all times and rules must be followed (see page 3). We are able to provide the use of hard hats but individual buoyancy aids, head torches, and other relevant PPE is not available to hire. A minimum of 15 paddlers are required to book.

The donation fee covers the provision of a safety boat which will escort the group through the Caverns and Dudley Tunnel, operating the vessel is two trained staff who will lead any emergency response, escape/evacuation if required.

ROUTE	JUST TUNNELS	SHOWS INCLUDED	HARD HAT HIRE
Route 1	£7.00 per head	£10.00 per head	Included in price
Route 2	£7.00 per head	£10.00 per head	Included in price

ROUTE 1 :



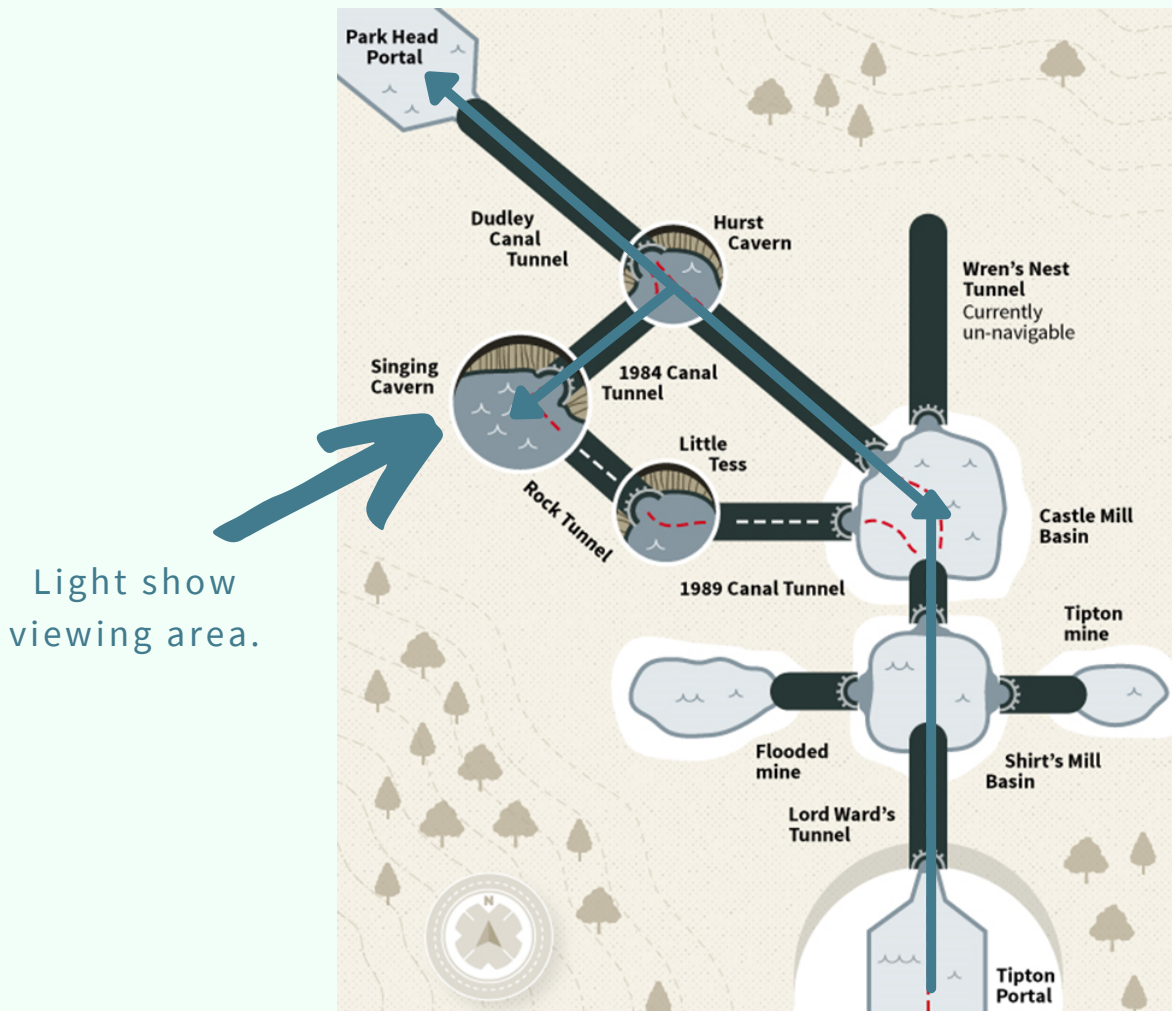
Route 1 takes you on a 10 mile trip around the local area. It is a circular route covering two sets of locks and two tunnels (Dudley & Netherton).

You travel via the canal and go through the Bumblehole Nature reserve, which is a lovely scenic green space (and a great rest stop with toilets and a cafe).

In order to book this route - a closure via Netherton Tunnel needs to be organised with Canal and River Trust via the link below.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/contact-us/ways-to-contact-us>

ROUTE 2 :



Route 2 is a two mile one way trip, or four miles when returning. It takes you through the Dudley Tunnel network which includes a mixture of caverns and open basins.

Our experienced skippers will guide you through the 2,900.5 meters length; you can start at our Portal building and travel through to Parkhead Locks at Blowers Green or do the reverse journey and finish at the Portal building where you can treat yourself to hot drinks and meals at our Gongoozler Restaurant. There is a Canal & River Trust service block on site and a large car park.

Singing Cavern and the short show is viewable if pre-booked.

RULES:

- Please note this is strictly an escort service – group instructors **MUST** be present.
- All boats **MUST** be gauged by a member of DCTT staff.
- Boats and passengers must comply with Waterways Regulations.
- All crew must adhere to the instructions of the DCTT Skipper.
- Be aware of the restricted dimensions of the tunnel – DCTT cannot be held liable for any damage whilst offering this service
- Paddlers must remain low on their raft for the duration of the Dudley Tunnel journey
- PPE must be worn and used correctly
- In the interest of safety Dudley Canal and Tunnel reserve the right to refuse entry

