

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.

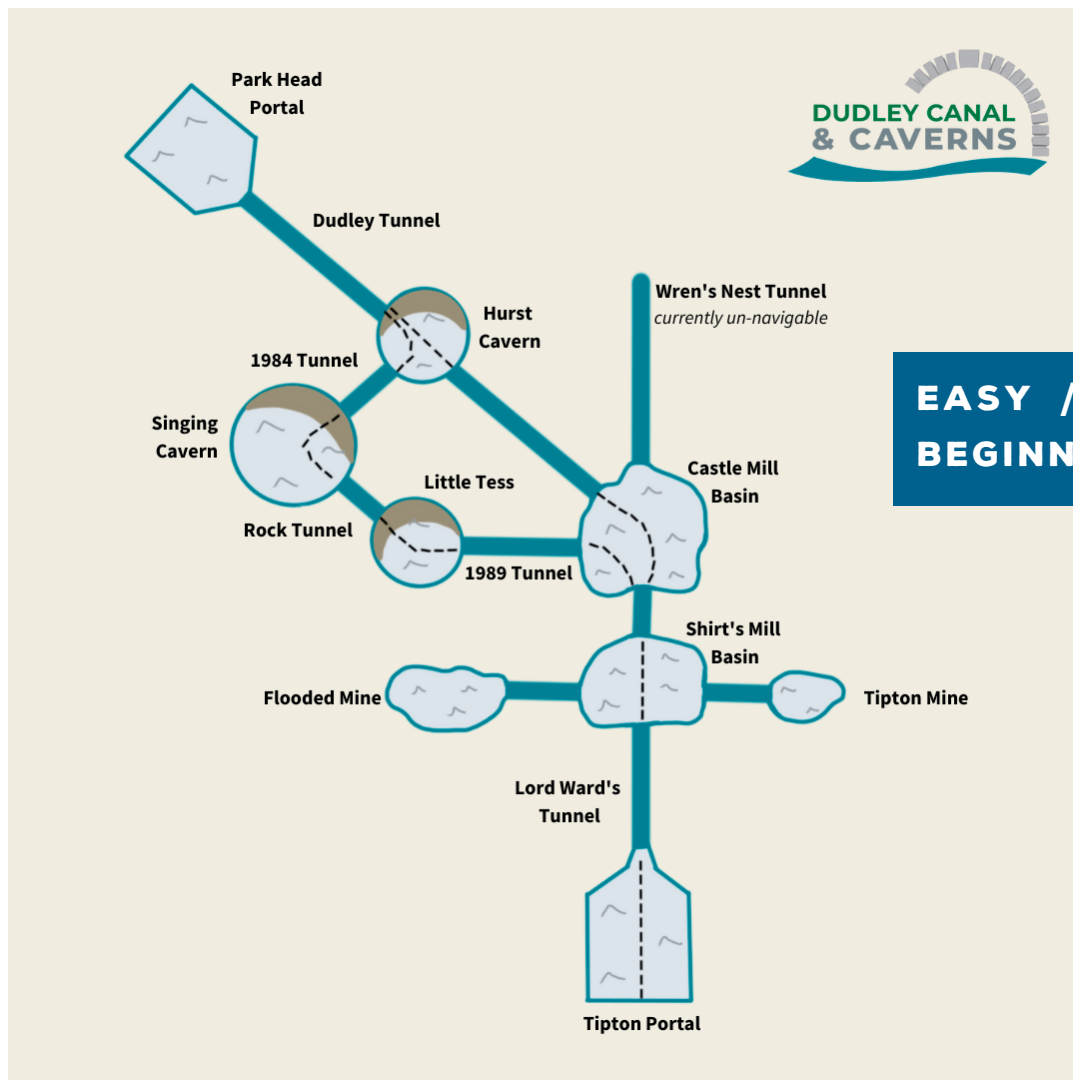


Paddlers must be part of a professional club and covered by their own insurance (please note you must be able to provide documentation upon request). Trainers and instructors must be present at the exercise and ensure individual paddler ability. PPE must be worn at all times and rules must be followed (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 cost per person covers the provision of a safety boat, which will escort the group through the Caverns and Dudley Tunnel, and two trained staff who will be operating the vessel, and who will lead any emergency response, escape/evacuation if required.

ROUTE	CAVERNS & SHOWS INCLUDED	HARD HAT HIRE
Route 1	£12.00 per head	Included in price
Route 2	£12.00 per head	Included in price

ROUTE 1

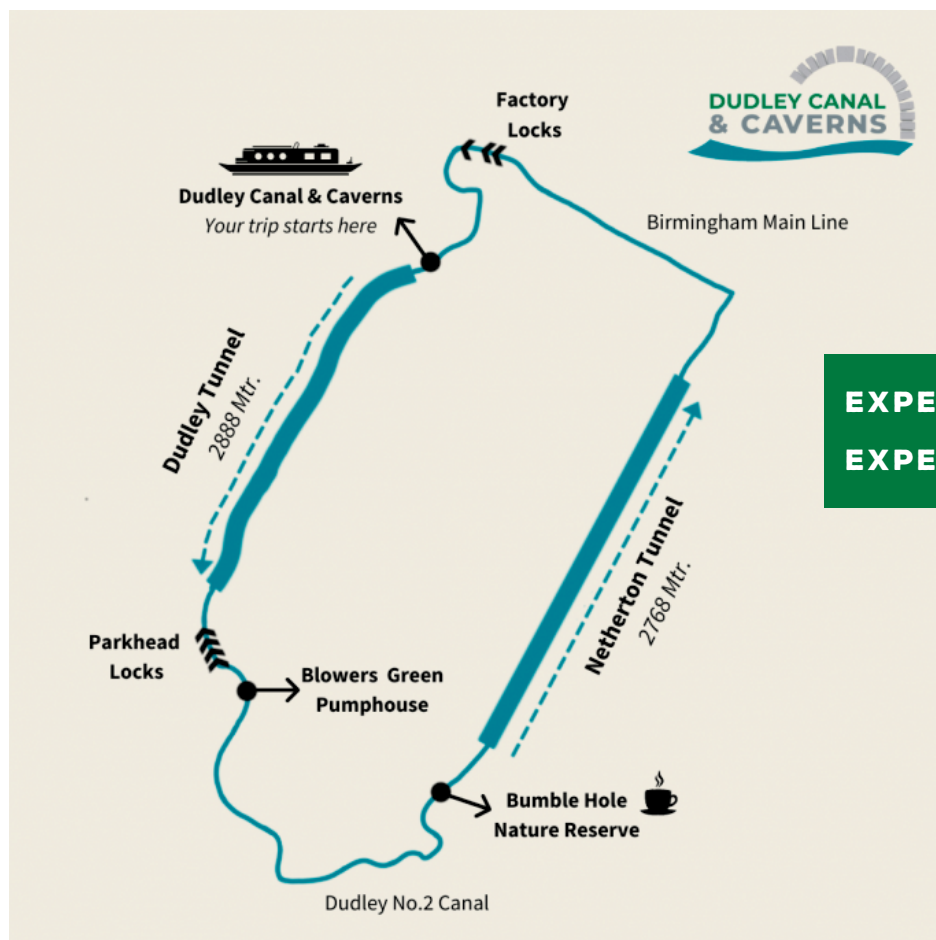


Route 1: A scenic adventure through the Dudley Tunnel

Join us for a four-mile return trip that will take you on a journey through the historic Dudley Tunnel network, where you will discover a variety of caverns and open basins. Our experienced skippers will guide you through the second longest canal tunnel in England, measuring 2,900.5 meters. You will travel the full length of the tunnel and then turn back at the beautiful Parkhead Nature Reserve.

On your way back, you will enjoy our amazing shows in Singing and Hurst Cavern, featuring light and sound effects. Your trip will end at the Portal building, where you can relax and indulge in hot drinks and meals at our Gongoozler Restaurant. You will also find a Canal & River Trust service block and a spacious car park on site.

ROUTE 2



**EXPERT /
EXPERIENCED PADDLE**

Route 2: A 10-mile circular tour of Dudley and Netherton Tunnels

Experience the thrill of traveling through two historic tunnels on this 10-mile circular route that also covers two sets of locks. You will cruise along the canal and enjoy the beauty of the Bumblehole Nature Reserve, a perfect spot to take a break and refresh yourself at the cafe and toilets.

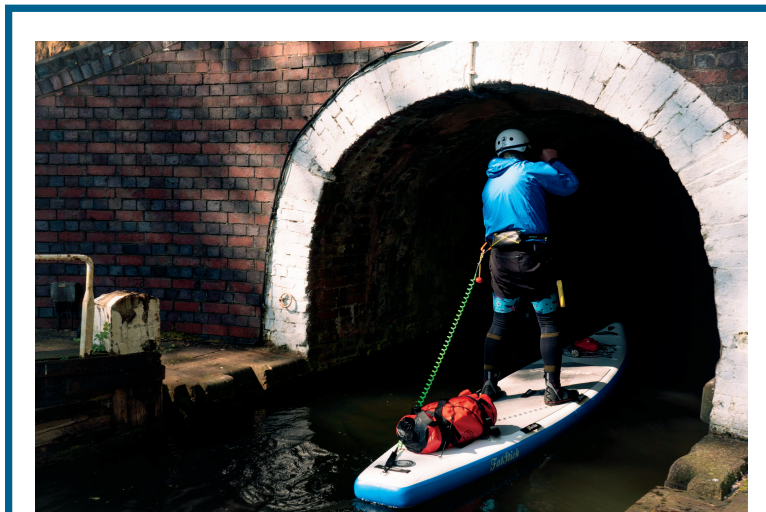
IMPORTANT NOTE - MUST READ:

To book this route, you will need to arrange a closure of the Netherton Tunnel with Canal and River Trust by following this link:
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/things-to-do/events/canal-events-canal-festivals/planning-an-event>

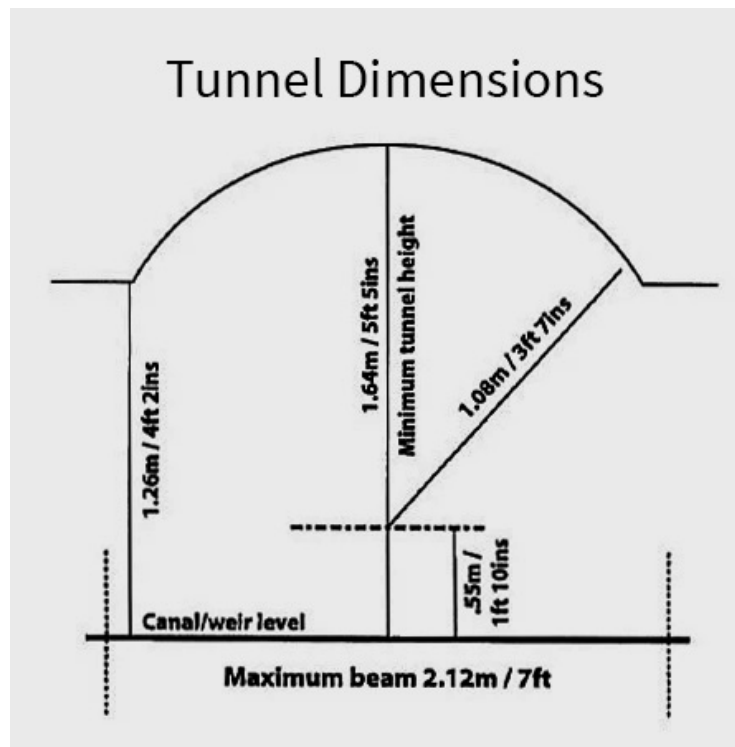
Please note that there is a fixed £95.00 (+VAT) fee for the closure of the Netherton Tunnel, which must be paid and organised in advance. Canal & River Trust recommend organising this closure with at least 3 months' notice.

RULES

- Please note this is strictly a tunnel escort service – group instructors **MUST** be present.
- Rafts and passengers must comply with Waterways Regulations.
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/canoeing-safely>
- 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.
- No overtaking, risk taking, or racing
- No splashing
- Keep to highlighted route only
- Stay on raft - do not enter the water purposefully
- Wear the appropriate PPE and clothing
- Head torches must in use
- All rafts must be safe to use and licences available
- No littering
- No smoking
- Please refer to T&C's.



OTHER RELEVANT INFO



- Parking is available
- Toilets and changing rooms are also available onsite, most are communal changing areas but a few private are available.
- Distance to waterside is less than a 10min walk from carpark.
- Fully licensed cafe restaurant onsite, serving hot and cold food and drinks all day.



PADDLE CLUB BOOKING FORM

DATE BOOKED

CLUB/GROUP NAME:
LEAD NAME:

ROUTE:	Route 1 (4 miles) <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Route 2 (10 miles) <input type="checkbox"/>	
ROUTE 2 ONLY: Netherton Tunnel closure organised with CRT? Y/N		
NUMBER OF PADDLERS:		
NUMBER OF QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR PRESENT:		
CONTACT INFORMATION: <i>NAME, CONTACT NO, EMAIL ADDRESS.</i>	Name: Contact Number: Email Address:	
TO BE FILLED IN BY DCTT STAFF: <i>DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED?</i> <i>DATE & TIME AGREED:</i>		Out of Hours ?
		Y / N
PADDLE/SET UP DETAILS AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO:		



TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Tickets are non-transferrable – you may be asked for additional proof of identity.
- Please book your date and time slot carefully as we cannot guarantee this can be changed once booked.
- If you cannot make your date and time slot DCTT will not refund or change your time slot.
- If DCTT cancels your booking or cannot operate the trip we will endeavour to contact you and let you know, and we will offer alternative dates or refund. We are not liable for any other costs you incur.
- This is a pleasure trip any offensive, drunk or lewd behaviour will result in you being asked to leave the site immediately. You will not be refunded for this trip.
- Instructors must provide valid certificates highlighting their leadership and instructor capability.
- All the appropriate documentation (licences) must be provided prior to the trip departure.
- Instructors must be present on the day and guarantee individual paddler ability for their group.

I agree to the above t&c's and rules.

Date:

Signed: