

Saturday 31st May

Sunday 1 June



Kelham Island History on the river

Get to see Sheffield from a unique perspective~ from the river.

This is a Go canoeing

Guided trips on a Catamaran through Neepsend the heart of Sheffield's industrial past.

Guided trip

Your guide will steer, while you the crew will provide the power along the way, stopping at intervals to discuss Sheffield's past from this unique perspective. It is also a chance to see the river up close, in an area that has no access as the river banks though Neepsend are privately owned. Along with the talk there will be waterproof binders with photos that accompany it, that will give you a feel of how it looked, at different times in the past.

Your adventure starts by descending to the river at Kelham Island, then climbing up the steps to the top of Kelham weir with the water rushing past you on the way. Once on-board your craft there are a few does and don'ts, such as which way up to hold a paddle, then you will be off on your journey. Once you have left the safe harbour of Kelham dock, you are on to the Kelham straights and will pass Brooklyn Works on the left on your way to Ball Bridge. Arriving there, we will stop underneath to view the underside of this amazing Cast Iron Bridge. There will be a short talk on the previous bridges at this point and what became of them.

Then it's through the deep dark waters of the Dixon trench and beyond, around the bend to Neepsend rolling mills. Stopping at this point underneath Waterloo Walk, to look at what was here before. Then on to Rutland Road to look at the underside of the stone bridge, if you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of the odd Bat hanging around.

Back in the light and crossing over to the other side of the river, alongside the cutlery works on the right, and straight up through Osborn alley reaching the left hand bank, with Bacon Island and Neepsend gasworks on the right we can now see our goal, the bottom side of Andrews Toledo one of Sheffield's famous steel works.

On our return trip we will pull to at the Gardner's Rest, where a half of beer, tea, coffee or orange squash will be lowered down to you, five minutes drinking time only. We will then make our way back down river taking in a different view on route, there will not be as much paddling to do, as you are now going down stream. Our next stop takes in the Dixon's majestic building towering above and the old Barnsley brother's site. Continuing down-stream back under the Ball Street Bridge, then we will pull up with the front end of the boat hanging over the Kelham Island Weir. Finally two minutes to take in the view before returning to the Kelham Island Dock.

Tickets are £8.00 each

One Drink each is included in the price. Orders for beverages will be taken before you set off.

There is a signing in procedure before you take the trip and kit to put on and the beverage order so you need to be on site at least 30 mins beforehand. You don't want to miss the boat.

One half of beer has been accounted for on the return journey in the Risk Assessment. Any one turning up having previously had any alcohol that day will not be making the trip. The trip guides word is final as it is thier insurance you are using.

Booking can be taken over the Phone 01142348338 Please do not leave messages to phone back.

Or you can book and pay in advance on Sunday morning Between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon

Or Thursday evening 6.30 till 8.00 pm **Anyone with a disability that wishes to take part please come down to the club first so we can do a Risk Assessment beforehand. 01142348338.**

Direction's for the club at Kelham Island Museum are on the website Click on the river button.

<http://www.sheffieldcitykayakclub.co.uk/river.html> Please look at the website for suitable clothing on the day

Boat Times Sat 10th

Boat Times Sun 11th

The first boats will embark at 9.00

The first boats will embark at 10.00

Second trip. 11.00

Second trip 12.00

Third trip. 1.00

Third trip 2.00

Fourth trip. 3.00

All moneys are refundable if it is cancelled due to the weather