

# Canoe Experience 2015

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Common and 29<sup>th</sup> Enfield Scout

Nine scouts, three leaders and two coaches set out on a canoe trip from St Margret's to Pickets Lock this weekend.

We had two glorious days paddling and it was great to see both groups working together and enjoying themselves.

The statistics

### Day 1

8 Miles  
6 Portages  
Start 10:30  
Finish 17:30

A Portage is where you have to get out and carry your boat and bags around an obstacle, in our case it was mostly locks. Between us there were seven canoes and all our camping gear so this was no easy task



### Day 2

6 Miles  
5 Portages  
Start 9:00  
Finish 15:00

Out of the 7 boats on the water 2 were for the coaches and there were 2 triples and 3 tandems for the adventurers. Everyone swapped around as we paddled downstream and we all had different people to paddle with. Mixing up the scouts and leaders made for some fun combinations which on one occasion ended up with a few swimmers ☺ - Thanks for the coaching opportunity!!

The evening's camp was great as we had the whole site to ourselves. The main highlights being:

- Trying ready prepared backpacking meals
- Watching the foxes
- Getting bitten by flying insects
- The Hill Billy Cabaret show

It was an early start for day 2, up at 7am and off by 9am!



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Terry

- BCU Level 2 Coach, without whom we wouldn't have been able to leave the lake
- Gave up his only weekend off for a long time to paddle with and coach our Scouts

Peter

- GSL 29<sup>th</sup> Enfield
- For helping with the organisation and having fun with Duelling Banjos

Alvin

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Common Beaver Leader
- Transport for 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Common Scouts to and from the event and Beaver Leader skills as and when required!

James

- Scout Leader 29<sup>th</sup> Enfield
- Nights away permit holder for 29<sup>th</sup> Enfield and helping hand with getting vehicles in the right place and transporting leaders about (not forgetting his parent's)

Tom (Old)

- Scout Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Common
- Nights away permit holder for 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Common and my apologies for forgetting about the LEZ!!!!!!!!!!

Herts Young Mariners Base

- For the use of their canoes, trailer, equipment and campsite

The driver of YJ15 YGU

- For crashing into the canoe trailer on the way to pick up the canoes at the end and creating a mountain of paperwork

THE BIGGEST THANKS GOES TO THE SCOUTS

For all their hard work, seamlessly joining the two groups and for a great fun weekend

WELL DONE

