EXMOOR CANOE CLUB – ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMBERS TO USE WIMBLBALL LAKE FOR NON CLUB ACTIVITIES

As part of the agreement with South West Lakes Limited (SWLL), ECC members may - under certain circumstances - have access to use their own or hired club boats at Wimbleball Lake, outside the normal club organised activities.
This access is generally available, but is restricted when organised events by ECC or other lake users are taking place, so members are advised to check with the SWLL before visiting.

Members intending to use the lake must follow the rules below

1. Members using the lake must notify the lake staff on arrival that they are intending to launch and sign in on the clip board in the lake office.
2. Whilst there is no fee for launching, SWLL require the club to provide numbers so members must notify the club by email – exmoorcanoeclub@hotmail.co.uk - when they intend to use the lake with the details of who is paddling and the number of boats being launched.
3. Access is for members only - other non-members will be required to pay the lake launch fee.
4. Members must have proof of membership with them or displayed in their car.
5. Access is **only during the periods that the lake is open to the public and safety cover is being provided.** Members must follow the club **and lake** rules and comply with any instruction given by Lake Staff.
6. Use of the lake is entirely at the responsibility of the individual member.
7. Access is for private use only and no commercial activity is permitted under the club agreement.
8. Any Junior (under 18) access must be supervised by an adult member or parent of a junior member who is known to the committee.
9. Access and parking are via the normal club access with parking above the sailing club
10. Launching is only permitted at the boat house or from the beach area used by the lake.
11. Swimming in the lake is not permitted unless as a result of the boating activity

Safety

Users of the lake under the club agreement must:

a) Comply with the Lakes Buddy system of at least 2 boats on the water or tandem paddling.
b) All boaters must wear buoyancy aids.
c) Only paddle in the area designated by the SWLL for boating (See lake map in the SWL cabin).
d) Satisfy themselves that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to deal with any probable emergency.
e) Must report any accident or injury to ECC and SWLL
f) Ensure Junior members on the water (without an adult) paddle within their swimming capability from the shore, unless trained and competent in self rescue.
g) 'ECC Lake' Risk Assessment is available on our website, or via email if requested.

The free access is granted by SWLL to ECC as part of our annual agreement and payment for lake use. This is a valuable benefit of the club membership and members are asked to respect this and not to abuse the agreement. The Club reserve the right to withdraw the benefit from any member who has failed to comply with the requirements here or the wider lake rules.

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