



Terms & Conditions of Hire

The Hire Process

1. By signing these Terms and Conditions of Hire, you ("the Hirer") agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions for the hire of one or more craft and equipment from Scudamores Punting Company ("the Company").
2. Hire ("Hire") starts upon obtaining a ticket from the Company and continues until the ticket is clocked in, whereupon immediate payment of any Hire charges must be made.
3. A deposit for each craft and equipment hired will be required before hiring commences. Such deposit will be refunded on return of the craft and equipment and on production of the hire ticket PROVIDED all hiring charges are paid and no claim arises under paragraph 11 of these conditions. This deposit will be retained in the event of any damage to the craft and equipment during the Hire period.
4. The price of hire will be set out in the Company's price list in force at the time of Hire.
5. The minimum charge is one hour's Hire for hourly hire craft or the allotted Hire period for fixed rate hire craft. Thereafter the Hire charge is calculated pro rata to the nearest part of the hour as indicated at the ticket office.
6. Refunds will be given at the discretion of the Company.
7. The maximum capacities per craft are listed below. Hirers exceeding these limits will be charged double rate for the entire duration of the Hire.
 - 7.1 Craft for Hire at all stations:
Single punt - 6 persons.
 - 7.2 Craft for Hire in the direction of Grantchester only (from our Boatyard station):
Ferry punt - 13 persons; single punt - 6 persons; canoe - 4 persons; double kayak - 2 persons; single kayak - 1 person.
8. The Company has complete discretion in refusing Hire to the Hirer if the Company or one of its staff members believes the Hirer is not safe to participate in the activity of boating.

Use of Craft

9. The Hirer shall use the craft and equipment in a reasonable, proper and careful manner. For safety reasons craft must not be chained together or moved between the different levels of the river. For the avoidance of doubt, craft hired from either the Mill Lane or Quayside stations may not be taken onto the Upper River (in the direction of Grantchester) and craft hired from the Boatyard may not be taken onto the College Backs.
10. Hirers failing to return craft and equipment by the closing time of the hire station, as displayed at the ticket office, may be charged, at the Company's discretion, double rate for each hour or part thereof after the said closing time.

General

11. All craft and equipment hired by the Hirers is at their own risk. The Hirer shall therefore bear the risk of loss, theft, damage or destruction of the craft and equipment. The Company will not be responsible in any way for any accident, injury, damage or loss, whether direct or indirect, arising from the hire or use thereof (save for the Company's liability for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Company, its employees or agents).
12. The Hirer shall bear the cost of any claim brought against the Company as a result of any breach of these Terms and Conditions by the Hirer.
13. The Company's craft and equipment are hired subject to the above conditions and are not hired subject to any other condition or warranty, express, implied or statutory and any conditions or warranties other than the above conditions are hereby expressly excluded insofar as permitted by statute.
14. The Company stores all data securely in line with the Data Protection Act. All information obtained by the Company about Hirers is retained for as long as is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected or where otherwise required by law.