

# Booking Form - 2011

## For EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Please supply as much information as possible on this form

**RETURN TO : Tiverton Canal Company**  
**The Wharf, Canal Hill, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 4HX**

### SCHOOL DETAILS

Teachers Name : .....  
 School : .....  
 Address : .....  
 .....  
 County : ..... Post Code : .....  
 Tel No. (Daytime) : .....

### TRIP DETAILS

Trip Date : .....  
 Departure Time : .....  
 Trip Length : (Please Tick)  1 1/2 Hrs  2 1/2 Hrs  
 Expected Passenger Numbers :  Students  Teachers/Adults  
 Coach Company Name: .....  
 Tel No: .....

Please make cheques payable to: Tiverton Canal Company

**I ENCLOSE MY DEPOSIT OF £75 PER TRIP / BARGE. I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS OF HIRE.**

**Signature** : ..... **Dated** : ..... **Ref:** .....

### CONDITIONS OF HIRE - 2011

Please ensure you have read these Conditions of Hire below and that You and Your Group are Aware, and Abide by them.

- The official Booking Form and deposit (£75) must be received within 10 days of making a provisional booking. The person signing the Booking Form shall be deemed the Hirer, and is responsible to ensure that all members of their group are aware and abide by these conditions of hire.
- The Hirer, upon making a booking becomes responsible for the whole Hire Charge. Group rates are only applicable where payment is made by the Hirer for the whole group. The BALANCE OF ALL OUTSTANDING MONIES FOR FARES AND/OR FOOD ORDERS, MUST BE PAID 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP DATE. Any adjustment in passenger numbers and/or catering supplies MUST be made no later than 48 hours prior to the trip. No refund will be made where numbers subsequently reduce, alternatively seat availability will not be guaranteed where numbers increase, within this 2 day deadline. Where numbers fall below the minimum required, the Standard Fare rate will apply. A minimum of 10 Adults is required to operate.
- During the hire, the Barge and facilities provided, shall remain under the complete control of the Captain and crew provided by the Company. The Hirer and Group Members Must Accept the Captain's Orders on All Matters at All Times, including variation of trip length. Where conditions are not observed the Captain reserves the right, not to take or put ashore any or all of the group with no refund. The Hirer is responsible for any members of their group who are not aboard the barge.
- The Company reserves the right to sell/supply all liquid refreshments and intoxicating liquor consumed, together with on board catering. Where the food ordered is for part of the group only, or contains a selected choice, it is the organisers responsibility to ensure only those entitled to the meal receive it. All food ordered, must be consumed aboard. Any food not consumed by the end of the trip becomes the property of the Company. For Health & Hygiene reasons we cannot allow food to be taken off the barge. No Drink may be brought on board without the express permission of the Company.
- All entertainers brought by the Hirer will count as additional passengers. The volume and content of entertainment is under the sole control of the Captain, and must not annoy, disturb or offend, members of the crew, passengers, nearby residents or any other canal users.
- The Company will not be held liable for any loss or damage to passengers property. Passengers must have due regard for their own safety and others at all times and must not lean, reach or drop litter, over the side of the barge. Due to no luggage space pushchairs, picnics, rucksacks cannot be brought onboard, unless authorised.
- The Company reserves the right to withhold or withdraw any facility as advertised without prior notice.
- Should the Hirer have to cancel a trip then the payment of all outstanding hire fees will be waived and deposit refunded as long as a letter of cancellation is received NO LESS THAN 3 WEEKS prior to trip date, after this deadline an administration fee of £75 will be charged. The Hirer will be responsible for any catering costs incurred by the Company.
- The Company reserves the right to put aboard additional passengers on all daytime trips operating, except where an Exclusive Private Hire rate has been agreed.
- Whilst the Company will endeavour to operate the trips as booked, no liability will be accepted for any cancellation, breakdown or late arrival, however caused. It is expressly agreed in the event of the Company cancelling a trip, all monies paid by the Hirer will be returned in full and the Hirer will have no further claim against the Company.
- The Hirer must notify any increase/decrease in passenger numbers reserved no later than 48 hours prior to trip time, failure to comply renders the Hirer responsible for the individual passenger/package rate, together with all food ordered.
- The Hirer remains responsible for the behaviour of their group and/or individuals within group and for any damage caused by them. Due regard must be exercised to all other fare paying passengers.
- Where children of 2 years and under form more than 1:10 ratio of the group, standard child rate will be applicable.
- The Captain reserves the right to refuse access to dogs aboard the barge (excluding assistance dogs).

# EDUCATIONAL VISITS

## A Classroom on the Move!



- ◆ The Last Horse-Drawn Barge in the West Country and one of only 6 remaining in Great Britain today.
- ◆ Experience commercial transport used on England's Canals over 200 years ago.
- ◆ Informative commentary, based on the age of the students and teachers requirements.
- ◆ The Horse-Drawn Barge "Tivertonian" is a traditionally painted, with fine examples of "Roses and Castles".
- ◆ The Grand Western Canal is a Country Park and Local Nature Reserve .
- ◆ Visits could be combined with Environmental activities offered by Devon County Council's Ranger service.

# HORSE-DRAWN BARGE TRIPS - SCHOOL DISCOUNT RATES - APRIL to OCTOBER

## TO BOOK A VISIT

- Simply call the Booking Office on 01884 253345 to ensure that the date you require is available, your date can then be provisionally reserved.
- This is the time to let us know the age of your group, the subject they are studying and if they have any special requirements.
- A provisionally reserved date will be held for 10 days. To confirm your reservation, complete the booking form attached and return with a £75 deposit.
- After the deposit has cleared, you will receive a Trip Confirmation with Payment Information and Arrival time.
- Final payment is due on the day of the trip, prior to departure.

## EDUCATIONAL DISCOUNT RATES

- The Horse-Drawn Barge "Tivertonian" can be booked for a school visit when Private Hire is available (please see trip calendar in Canal Park brochure).
- The prices below are conditional on the trip being used for educational purposes only. (Please call the Booking Office on 01884 253345)
- The barge will carry upto 75 passengers. One teacher/adult free for every five students (aged 5-18). You will have exclusive use of the barge. Please note, Teachers/Adults must not exceed a 1:3 ratio to students to qualify for Educational Discount Rates.
- A Risk Assessment is available upon request.
- On board there is a small gift/coffee shop and a toilet. Students are able to bring their packed lunches aboard. At Tiverton Wharf there is a coach, picnic area and toilets.

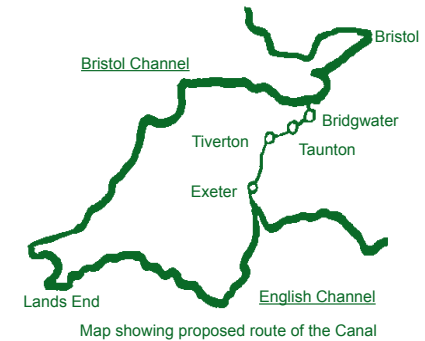
## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND WESTERN CANAL

In 1796 an Act of Parliament granted permission for this Canal to be built. It was to be part of a grand design to cut off the dangerous journey around Lands End by linking the Exeter Ship Canal with the Grand Western Canal and onto the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal.



In 1814 a section of the canal was completed from Tiverton to Westleigh. After many delays, in 1838 the canal was extended from Lowdells to Taunton; this section had 7 tub-boat lifts and an incline plane. By then plans to link to the Channel had been abandoned.

With the advent of the Bristol & Exeter Railway, much of the trade was taken from the Canal, and in 1865 the section from Lowdells to Taunton was sold to the railway company and abandoned. However, for a short time the Canal was profitable mostly carrying coal and limestone in horse-drawn tub boats to the kilns at Tiverton, this continued until the 1920's. The stone was fired in the kilns to make lime for farming and house building. There was also a thriving trade in harvesting the White Water Lilies and selling them at Convent Garden Market. The campaign to save the canal proved to be successful, in 1971 Devon County Council took ownership and declared it a Country Park. In 2006 achieving recognition as a Local Nature Reserve.



## IDEAS FOR TEACHERS

|              |   |             |   |
|--------------|---|-------------|---|
| History      | Knowledge and Understanding of events, people and changes in the past - Victorian Britain | 11a         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn about Isambard Kingdom Brunel - Brunel designed this canal's aqueduct to allow the Great Western Railway to run below this waterway.</li> <li>To learn about the navvies.</li> <li>To learn the role that horses played in canal transport.</li> <li>To learn why the railways caused the decline of the canals.</li> </ul> |
|              | What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain                                 |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find out more about living conditions on canal barges</li> <li>To learn about the lives of families working on the barges.</li> </ul>   |
| Art & Design | Exploring and Developing Ideas and Knowledge and Understanding                            | 1a, b & c 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn that for many years entire families lived and worked on canal barges.</li> <li>To learn about traditional designs that were used.</li> <li>To understand the difference between folk art and professional art.</li> </ul>   |
| Geography    |   |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn what the Canal did to the Countryside surrounding it</li> <li>To learn where the water comes from to fill the Canal - This canal is fed by underground freshwater springs.</li> </ul>   |
| Science      | Life Processes & Living Things  | 2           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn about the variety of animals that live in and near the canal</li> </ul>   |
|              | Physical Processes Forces & Motion  | 2d & e      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand the meaning of the word force.</li> <li>To discover examples of forces that may be found in the canal environment.</li> <li>To learn about the opposition of forces in the canal environment.</li> </ul>   |
|              | Science Materials & Their Properties  |             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore how the canals were built, the navvies who built them and the techniques involved in keeping them watertight.</li> <li>To draw conclusions about which materials would have been best for lining the bottom and sides of the Canal to make it watertight.</li> </ul>   |
| Maths        | Processing, Representing & Interpreting Data  | 5a & b      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To create a tally chart to record different animals and putting into classifications eg. birds, mammals, etc.</li> </ul>   |

| Upto 60 Students<br>1 Teacher/Adult free for every 5 Students |                      |        |                  |        |
|---|----------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Exclusive use of Barge  | April, May & October |        | June & September |        |
|   | 1 1/2                | 2 1/2  | 1 1/2            | 2 1/2  |
| Upto 60 Students  | £ Call               | £ Call | £ Call           | £ Call |
| Additional Teacher / Adult Fare                               | £ Call               | £ Call | £ Call           | £ Call |