

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT (1st September 2014)

Welsh Dee Partnership is pleased to announce improved access to 10 miles of the River Dee for canoeists and kayakers. The landmark [arrangement](#) negotiated will mean access for paddlers from Glyndyfrdwy to Llangollen most Wednesdays and Saturdays outside of the salmon fishing and spawning season. The timed release of paddlers from Glyndyfrdwy will mean both canoeists/kayakers and anglers can enjoy their sport without conflicting interest. It will also permit training of canoeists to take place at designated places on the river. The Chairman of Welsh Dee Partnership, Huw Evans said:

“I am delighted that the access has been finalised. This will enable canoeists and fishermen to enjoy the river without conflict.”

Notes for Editors

Welsh Dee Partnership was formed in 2010 to look for a sensible solution to canoeists and anglers sharing the river so that both could enjoy this unique river. Members of the partnership include:

BOPA	Coed Y Glyn Log Cabins
Corwen and District Angling Club	Get Wet The Adventure Company
Llangollen Maelor Angling	Llangollen Outdoors
Midland Flyfishers	Nomad Canoes
ProAdventure	Safe and Sound Outdoors

Funding has been provided by the fishing clubs, Natural Resources Wales Splash Fund, Cadwyn Clwyd Limited and Denbighshire County Council to provide a website, notice boards, webcams and gauges and the temporary appointment of a River Access Co-ordinator.

Two river height gauges and webcams have been installed - one at Coed-Y-Glyn (Glyndyfrdwy) and the other at Mile End Mill, Llangollen.

New Access Summary for Glydyfrdwy

20th October to 31st March

All days of the week available if the water level is shown to be **at least 3ft** (High Water) on the Coed Y Glyn gauge at 8:00am. Launching between 10am and 12.30pm. *This is in order to protect the spawning grounds, as the River Dee is an ‘at-risk’ river as far as salmon stocks are concerned.*

1st April to 30th August

Wednesdays and Saturdays only – no water level restriction. Launching between 10am and 12.30pm.

31st August to 19th October

Paddling only permitted when the water level is shown to be **at least 3ft** on the gauge at 8:00am. Launching between 10am and 12.30pm. *This is in order to ensure that minimum disruption occurs to the salmon fishermen during this period.*

Existing Access Arrangements from Horseshoe Falls

This new arrangement is in addition to an earlier agreement for canoeists to launch from Horseshoe Falls to Llangollen Town Weir any day of the week after 10am throughout the year, provided they vacate the water by 3.00pm.

Welsh Dee Partnership website www.welshdeepartnershipltd.co.uk provides all the details of the Partnership including access to information on river heights and forthcoming events.

For more information, please contact Tony Gaskin on **07920 801343** or email at info@welshdeepartnershipltd.co.uk