

## P42 Access for canoeing

Theme(s): B: Improve people's understanding of rivers, catchments, weather extremes and climate change. Increase community participation in monitoring change and taking action to improve and protect water environments.

Goal(s): B2: Improve access to river-based recreation to engage more people in river issues.

Enable better and safer access to the Tyne for canoeists, including:

- launch/landing facilities at appropriate weirs, with facilities for disabled paddlers where possible
- information boards on access conditions and restrictions and safety/water level guidance at launch sites
- improve access to the river and use of the river by agreement with landowners
- create a mechanism to allow canoeists to easily report pollution, bank erosion and siltation, invasive species, litter etc. they see while paddling
- organise regular clean up days using canoes to access otherwise hard to reach parts of the river.

Project Status:	Proposed
Potential Deliverer(s):	Canoe England and Sport England (for access and signage), Tyne Rivers Trust (for collating information about habitat, erosion issues etc.)
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£5,000 to £25,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Sport England capital projects
Additional benefits / links / opportunities:	Could help considerably in the mapping and tackling of invasive species and bank erosion in hard to access places