



BATTLE for the MARY!

Canoe Floatilla 3rd Anniversary Paddle

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Save the Mary River Coordinating Group

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Conditions of Entry to Private Property and participation in the Canoe Floatilla 3rd Anniversary Paddle on 26 April.

Welcome to the 3rd Anniversary of the announcement to dam our Mary River and the start of the *Battle for the Mary*. We are kindly hosted by Mary Valley Farmer Glenda Pickersgill at 1865 Mary Valley Rd., Kandanga. We hope you enjoy your day on the river with us as we paddle down 6 km to Traveston Crossing.

- As a Duty of Care, we are responsible for ensuring that everyone entering the property is aware of the potential hazards.. All people entering the property are required to read, sign and date this form and give it to the Marshall staffing the gate.
- Participants in the Floatilla do so entirely at their own risk. If you hurt yourself or someone else, the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group and the property owner are not liable.
- **Entry gates will open at 7.30am.** Canoeists must be registered with the Save the Mary River Coordinating group (maximum 300 canoeists) and an adult must supervise any children. You will need to plan to have a driver for your car or organize a lift back to the start to pick up your car.
- All canoes/kayaks to be **on the Mary River by 9am** for a briefing and unified start. Please be early to avoid congestion in getting to the river. There are obstacles in the paddocks you could drive into. All vehicles must stay on mown tracks and use designated parking areas. (The cows also need the grass to eat). Tracks have speed humps and dips. Max speed 20km/hr.
- Canoes can be heavy. Use correct lifting techniques (bend knees, not back) when handling canoes. Assess the load and if too heavy, use two or more people. All canoes/kayaks must have buoyancy.
- There are submerged logs and rocks in the river.. Buoyancy vests and hats are recommended.
- Some parts of the river and creek are shallow and canoes may need to be portaged. All participants must have sturdy shoes to protect their feet. Be careful getting in and out of the canoe – this is where accidents are most likely to happen.
- The canoe trip will take about 2 hours. All participants must have hat, sunscreen, water bottle and energy snacks. Do not drink the untreated river water. **Arrival time at Traveston Crossing Bridge about 11am.**
- You will get wet and a little muddy. Be prepared and have a change of clothes for the end.
- Toilets and a change room are provided at the launching and exit sites. Please use them.
- We take pride in our beautiful environment... Please take all rubbish home.
- *Each participant to sign separate form and hand to the Marshall at the Farm Gate.*

I have read the above conditions of entry and agree to abide by them.

Participant's Name: (Please print)

Address:

Email:

Contact phone number:

Next of kin name & phone no:

Date:

Signature:

