



Burton Phoenix Canoe Club

Tame the Trent Descent

2026

Saturday 28th February

Welcome to the Burton Phoenix Canoe **Tame The Trent race**, a 14 mile event combining the Rivers Tame and Trent. Open to all, this is a challenging event, especially if weather conditions are poor.

Course: Starting at Elford Hall Gardens, Church Road, Elford, Staffordshire (B79 9DA), downstream passing Chetwyn Bridge adjacent to the National Memorial Arboretum (including the memorial to the heroes of Operation Frankton, aka "The Cockleshell Heroes") before joining the River Trent

Passing Catton Hall and proceeding under the Bailey Bridge at Walton on Trent, continue on to Burton. Under the Leicester Line railway bridge, the Ferry Bridge and finally Burton Bridge before the finish, 700m further at Newton Road Park (DE15 0TU), Burton, the home of Burton Phoenix Canoe Club.

The course is mainly fairly fast flowing grade 1 with a few small rapids. There can be swirls and boils along the way.

What Three Words references:

Start: ///galloping.dips.joke

Finish: ///tunes.cargo.planet

START: Many thanks to Elford Hall Gardens for accommodating the Event. Please take care and drive respectfully through the village. Park as directed by marshals.

Check-in by the car park. Payment online please.

Hot drinks will be available in the Bothy before the start, donations please.

Pass around the walled garden to the launch spot.

FINISH: Newton Road Recreation Grounds, DE15 0TU). Results and prize giving.



PARKING: On the car park as directed by marshals.

Classes: Singles and doubles. Further prizes (ladies, canoe, etc) subject to numbers.

TIMETABLE:

Check in: **NOT BEFORE** 09:00am.

Briefing: 10:15

Canoe start from: 10:30

Kayak start from: 11:00

PRIZEGIVING: Once all races are finished and results are available.

ENTRIES: Entries open on 1st February 2026 and close on 27th February 2026, at 12:00 noon. Late entries can be made on the day.

Entry Fee: £15 per person. This includes a levy to Elford Gardens.

Please enter using the Wild Water Racing Entry system. Entries can also be paid here.

For Non Paddle UK members requiring a single event membership, please follow the link, <https://paddleuk.org.uk/purchase-sem/> .

HAZARDS: Care should be taken around rowers, fishermen and other river users. All paddlers should be aware of oncoming paddlers and keep to the right of the river even though the Trent is quite wide, this is especially important after the start for paddlers moving down the river as lower divisions may still be on the start line.

SAFETY: Canoeing and Kayaking is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. An entry into the event has taken this into consideration. The distance and time of year (wind, rain and cold) add to the risk; please bear this in mind when assessing your own ability to safely complete.

All paddlers in must wear buoyancy aids.

All boats must have buoyancy that is sufficient to keep the boat and paddlers afloat in the event of a capsize.

Dress appropriately for the prevailing conditions. February can be cold!



Numbered Bids for each boat provided.

RULES: The race will be run in accordance with the current Wild Water Racing rules.

PRIZES: For all races depending on entry.

NOTE: Burton Phoenix Canoe Club reserves the right without prior notice to alter any of these arrangements should the weather or other circumstances warrant.

If you have any access requirements or for any queries or changes to entries, please contact Bill Lawrenson at wjlawro@aol.com.

The Canal and Rivers Trust and the local parks volunteers are fighting a battle against the spread of invasive plant species such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed and Floating Pennywort in the canal and river system in the country. Pictures on the CRT website show the effect that the spread of these plants can have on our waterways. To aid them in this will you please wash and dry your boat before coming to the Burton Phoenix race and again at home after the race before going on other waterways.