

Narrow Boating



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Introduction

This factsheet looks to give the facts a person would need to know to run Narrow Boating for a group of young people. It should be read in conjunction with the factsheet FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index, and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

What is Narrow Boating?

Narrowboats are traditionally operated on inland waterways. They are powered by engines, and although originally used to transport freight, often now include onboard facilities and accommodation. Narrowboats are narrow enough to use canals and includes boats commonly known as Broad Beam and Dutch Barge.

What is a Narrow Boating Permit?

The adventurous activity permit scheme is designed to ensure that only people with the relevant skills and experience lead adventurous activities for the young people. Therefore all activities classed as adventurous can only be lead by someone holding the appropriate permit.

A Narrow Boating permit is required for all Narrow Boating taking place in any class of water.

Levels of Permit

Permits for Narrow Boating can be issued for any class of water. Each class of permit can be further restricted (such as through specific locations etc) to end up with an individual permit to the level of the competence and requirements of any person.

Types of Permit

There is one type of permit available for Narrow Boating. This is:

- **Leadership** – Allows the permit holder to lead Narrow Boating for a single boat.

Permit Limitations

- **Leadership** – If you have permit to lead Narrow Boating then you can look after only one Narrow Boat at a time. You will need to remain onboard the boat whenever it is being used.

Useful Links

[FS120084](#) Scout Led Activities Index
(References relevant Rules and guidance)

[FS120086](#) Commercially Led Activities Index

[FS120100](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme