

50 Best Places To Explore By Kayak Canoe - Bradt Travel Guides: Bradt On Britain

Are you an adventure enthusiast seeking thrilling experiences on the water? Look no further, as we unveil the 50 best places to explore by kayak or canoe in Britain. From serene lakes to rugged coastlines, this article will take you on an incredible journey through the most breathtaking locations for your next aquatic expedition. So grab your paddle and get ready to immerse yourself in the beauty of the British outdoors!

1. Lake District, Cumbria



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Enter a world of tranquility as you glide over the crystal-clear waters of the Lake District. With shimmering lakes surrounded by majestic mountains, this UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a perfect setting for kayaking or canoeing. Explore the hidden coves and peaceful inlets, and feel a sense of calmness in the heart of nature.

2. Loch Ness, Scotland



Embark on a legendary adventure as you paddle through the mysterious waters of Loch Ness. With its deep, dark depths and a rich history of mythical tales, this

Scottish loch is a must-visit for any avid kayaker or canoeist. Keep an eye out for a glimpse of the famous Loch Ness Monster and uncover the secrets that lie beneath the surface.

3. Jurassic Coast, Dorset



Step back in time and marvel at the prehistoric wonders of the Jurassic Coast in Dorset. With its stunning limestone cliffs and hidden caves, this UNESCO World Heritage Site provides a unique backdrop for an unforgettable kayaking or canoeing experience. Discover ancient fossils, beautiful rock formations, and be captivated by the beauty of the coastline.

4. Norfolk Broads, Norfolk



Explore the picturesque waterways of the Norfolk Broads, often referred to as "Britain's Magical Waterland." With its extensive network of rivers, lakes, and marshes, this National Park is a haven for kayakers and canoeists. Immerse yourself in the peaceful surroundings, spot wildlife, and embrace the enchanting beauty of this unique landscape.

5. Isles of Scilly, Cornwall



Escape to the Isles of Scilly and discover a paradise of untouched beauty. With its crystal-clear turquoise waters and white sandy beaches, this archipelago off the Cornish coast promises an unforgettable kayaking or canoeing experience. Paddle between the islands, explore hidden coves, and be mesmerized by the vibrant marine life.

6. Snowdonia National Park, Wales



For adrenaline junkies seeking a thrilling experience, head to Snowdonia National Park in Wales. With fast-flowing rivers and challenging rapids, this destination is perfect for an exciting kayaking or canoeing adventure. Surrounded by stunning mountain scenery, be prepared to push your limits and conquer the untamed waters.

7. Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland



Paddle your way along the awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway on the Northern Irish coast. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is renowned for its unique hexagonal basalt columns, which create a dramatic backdrop for kayakers and canoers. Explore the rugged coastline, witness the power of the Atlantic Ocean, and soak in the magical atmosphere.

8. The Broads, Norfolk and Suffolk



Indulge in a serene kayaking or canoeing experience on the interconnected rivers and lakes of The Broads. With its tranquil waterways, rich wildlife, and charming windmills, this area of outstanding natural beauty is a delightful escape into the heart of rural England. Discover hidden corners, spot rare birds, and relish the peace and quiet.

9. Isle of Wight, Hampshire



Immerse yourself in the charm of the Isle of Wight, located just off the south coast of England. Kayaking or canoeing around this island offers a unique perspective of its stunning coastline, rugged cliffs, and picturesque villages. Explore hidden caves, paddle alongside majestic white cliffs, and indulge in the island's laid-back atmosphere.

10. Llyn Peninsula, Wales



Find tranquility on the Llyn Peninsula in Wales, boasting an unspoiled coastline and stunning landscapes. With its secluded bays, golden beaches, and crystal-clear waters, this hidden gem offers the perfect setting for kayaking or canoeing. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings, soak in the breathtaking views, and reconnect with nature.

11. Isle of Skye, Scotland



Experience the rugged and untamed beauty of the Isle of Skye as you explore its surrounding waters by kayak or canoe. With its dramatic cliffs, sea stacks, and hidden sea caves, Skye's coastline is truly a sight to behold. Paddle through this breathtaking landscape and witness nature at its most magnificent.

12. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, Wales



Marvel at the dramatic cliffs and pristine beaches of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. This remarkable location offers a multitude of kayaking and canoeing opportunities, allowing you to explore sea caves, spot seals, and witness the powerful Atlantic swells. Get ready for an adrenaline-fueled adventure in this stunning Welsh paradise.

13. New Forest, Hampshire



Escape to the peaceful waters of the New Forest in Hampshire, where lush green landscapes meet serene rivers and lakes. Kayaking or canoeing in this tranquil setting provides the perfect opportunity to unwind and reconnect with nature. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this ancient woodland as you paddle along its enchanting waterways.

14. River Wye, Herefordshire



Journey along the scenic River Wye in Herefordshire, renowned for its beauty and tranquility. This majestic river offers a variety of kayaking and canoeing experiences, from calm stretches perfect for beginners to exhilarating rapids for the more experienced. Navigate through stunning gorges, admire the lush greenery, and fully immerse yourself in nature.

15. Norfolk Coast, Norfolk



Discover the stunning beauty of the Norfolk Coast from a different perspective - by kayak or canoe. With its sandy beaches, salt marshes, and bird-filled cliffs, this area of outstanding natural beauty is an ideal destination for a leisurely paddle. Take in the sweeping panoramic views, spot seals basking on sandbanks, and enjoy the tranquility of the open waters.

16. Scottish Highlands, Scotland



For those seeking a truly majestic paddling experience, the Scottish Highlands offer unparalleled beauty. With its towering mountains, mirror-like lochs, and remote islands, this region is a kayaker's dream. Venture through this rugged landscape, set your own course, and discover hidden gems that will leave you in awe.

17. River Dart, Devon



Embark on a thrilling journey along the River Dart in Devon, a popular destination for kayakers and canoeists. With its exhilarating rapids and picturesque scenery, this river offers a mix of excitement and natural beauty. Challenge yourself with the rapids or simply enjoy a leisurely paddle through the stunning countryside.

18. Northumberland Coast, Northumberland



Discover the rugged beauty of the Northumberland Coast, known for its dramatic castles, pristine beaches, and abundant wildlife. Paddling along the coast allows you to explore hidden caves, spot seals and seabirds, and witness breathtaking sunsets. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of this stunning coastline and create memories that will last a lifetime.

19. River Thames, London



Experience the bustling city of London from a unique perspective as you navigate the historic River Thames by kayak or canoe. Paddling through the heart of the city offers a different view of famous landmarks such as the Houses of Parliament and the Tower Bridge. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere while enjoying a memorable adventure on the water.

20. Lake Windermere, Cumbria



Glide across the tranquil waters of Lake Windermere, the largest lake in England's Lake District. Spanning over 10 miles, this lake offers endless opportunities for kayaking or canoeing. Explore the secluded bays, admire the stunning backdrop of rolling hills, and take in the peaceful ambiance of this iconic location.

21. Dartmoor National Park, Devon



Immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Dartmoor National Park in Devon, where mystical tors and winding rivers create a captivating landscape. Kayak or canoe along the scenic rivers, marvel at the ancient stone circles, and witness the untamed beauty of this remote wilderness. Prepare to be enchanted by the essence of Dartmoor.

22. Conwy Falls, Wales



Feel the rush of adrenaline as you paddle through the exhilarating white water of Conwy Falls in Wales. This challenging natural course is perfect for experienced kayakers and canoeists seeking an exciting adventure. Brace yourself for the powerful currents and cascading waters as you navigate through this thrilling Welsh gem.

23. River Bure, Norfolk



Discover the peaceful beauty of the River Bure in Norfolk, a popular destination for leisurely paddling. With its meandering waterways and abundant wildlife, this river offers a serene escape from the bustling world. Immerse yourself in the tranquility, listen to the soothing sounds of nature, and let the river guide you through idyllic countryside.

24. Isle of Arran, Scotland



Experience the rugged charm of the Isle of Arran, often referred to as "Scotland in Miniature." Paddling around this island allows you to witness its diverse landscapes, from rocky cliffs to sandy beaches, and even majestic mountains. Discover hidden waterfalls, explore sea caves, and be captivated by the untouched beauty of this Scottish gem.

25. River Severn, Worcestershire



Venture along the mighty River Sever in Worcestershire, the longest river in the United Kingdom. This iconic waterway offers a range of kayaking and canoeing experiences suitable for all skill levels. Enjoy the peaceful journey, pass through picturesque towns and villages, and appreciate the idyllic countryside from a unique perspective.

26. Scilly Isles, Cornwall



Discover the secluded beauty of the Scilly Isles, an archipelago off the coast of Cornwall. With crystal-clear waters and pristine white sand beaches, this hidden gem is a paradise for kayakers and canoeists. Paddle between the islands, explore vibrant marine life, and uncover the untouched splendor of this unique destination.

27. Lake Vyrnwy, Powys



Revel in the tranquility of Lake Vyrnwy in Powys, a stunning reservoir surrounded by picturesque scenery. This idyllic location offers peaceful paddling, breathtaking views, and a sense of serenity that will rejuvenate your soul. Explore the secluded bays, admire the majestic forests, and immerse yourself in the beauty of this Welsh paradise.

28. River Exe, Devon



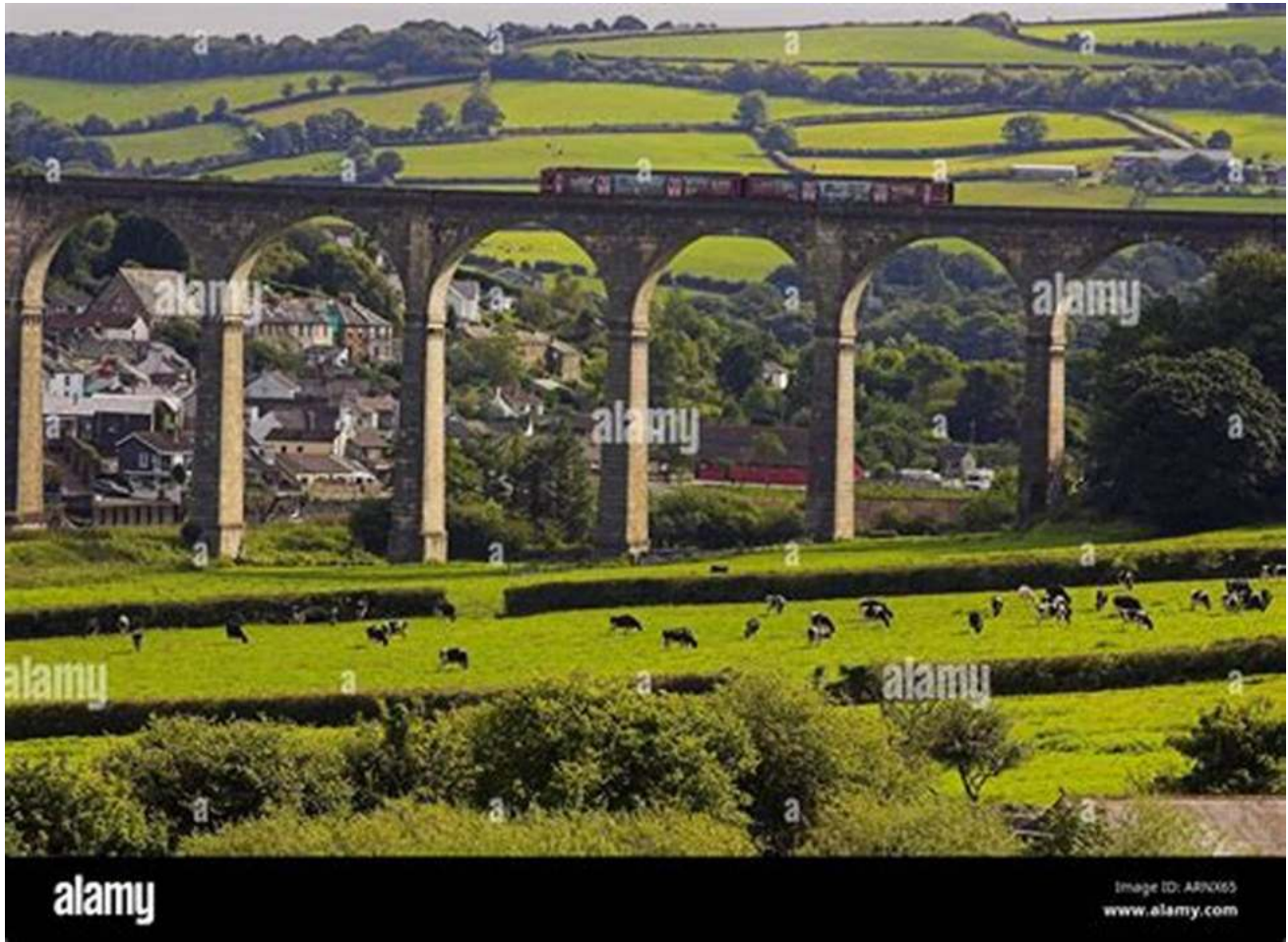
Embark on a scenic journey along the River Exe in Devon, flowing through the heart of Exmoor National Park. With its diverse landscapes, from rolling hills to dense forests, this river provides an enchanting setting for kayaking or canoeing. Paddle through vibrant meadows, discover hidden valleys, and witness the rich wildlife of this captivating area.

29. Loch Lomond, Scotland



Experience the magic of Loch Lomond, the largest freshwater lake in Great Britain. With its stunning beauty and tranquil waters, this loch offers a mesmerizing kayaking or canoeing experience. Explore the numerous islands, marvel at the surrounding mountains, and let the peaceful ambiance of this Scottish gem captivate your soul.

30. River Tamar, Cornwall and Devon



Discover the picturesque beauty of the River Tamar, which forms the boundary between Cornwall and Devon. As you paddle along this river, you will be surrounded by rolling countryside, historic bridges, and charming villages. Immerse yourself in the peaceful surroundings, witness the diverse flora and fauna, and revel in the tranquility of this hidden waterway.

31. Loch Tay, Scotland



Be captivated by the tranquility of Loch Tay in Scotland, famous for its mirror-like waters reflecting the surrounding mountains. Kayaking or canoeing on this loch provides an incredible opportunity to witness the beauty of the Highlands firsthand. Experience the stillness, marvel at the ever-changing colors of the landscape, and let nature soothe your soul.

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34. River Dee, Cheshire and Wales



Navigate the vibrant and scenic River Dee, flowing through both Cheshire and Wales. Paddling along this river allows you to witness stunning landscapes, including tidal estuaries, ancient bridges, and picturesque villages. Immerse yourself in the peaceful surroundings, spot wildlife along the riverbanks, and enjoy the diversity of this waterway.

35. Ullswater, Cumbria



Glide across the serene waters of Ullswater, one of the most beautiful lakes in the Lake District. Enclosed by towering mountains, this lake offers a tranquil setting for kayakers and canoeists. Paddle along its shores, discover hidden beaches, and be amazed by the reflections of the surrounding landscape in the calm waters.

36. River Itchen, Hampshire



Explore the gentle beauty of the River Itchen in Hampshire, known for its clear waters and diverse wildlife. This peaceful river provides a soothing experience for kayakers and canoeists, surrounded by picturesque meadows and quaint villages. Allow yourself to drift along the tranquil stream, listen to the songs of birds, and savor the simplicity of nature.

37. Loch Morar, Scotland



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This new, unique guide from Bradt is the definitive guide to stand up paddle boarding across British coastlines and inland waterways. Written by Lizzie Carr, aka Lizzie Outside, Britain's best known paddle boarder, it reveals the 60 best places to go paddle boarding in Britain, from Devon and Cornwall to Monmouthshire, Norfolk, Cumbria and the Cairngorms. It also provides the full run-down on everything you need to know for successful and enjoyable stand up paddle boarding, from safety tips to kit, weather watching to paddling responsibly. In addition it covers options for canoeing and kayaking.

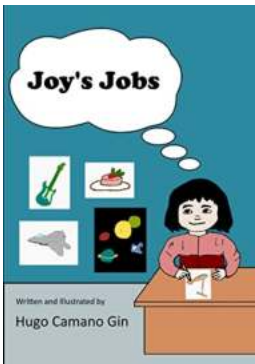
The waters of England, Wales and Scotland are all featured, from rivers and canals to coastal strips and island circuits. Stand up paddle boarding is sweeping across the Britain, giving people the opportunity to explore some of the most remote and untouched parts of the country that would otherwise be left inaccessible. Whether you're looking for inspiration, a weekend adventure or a more daring paddle boarding challenge, this book reveals the best spots to stand up paddleboard across Britain. Described in loving detail and with gentle humour, each location contains practical information about how to find these remote spots and what to expect on your journey.

The author, Lizzie Carr, says: 'this book responds to the countless questions I receive regularly from paddle boarders looking to explore new places and get new experiences from their SUP. Whether people want to take their families for a weekend adventure or enjoy a camping getaway with friends this book - the first SUP guide on the market - aims to answer these questions and inspire people to get outside and explore the UK water scene both coastal and inland.'



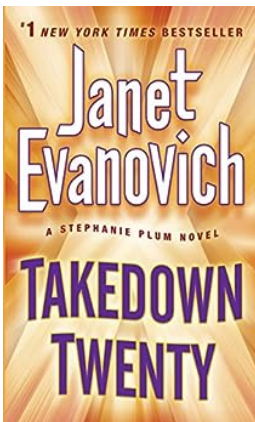
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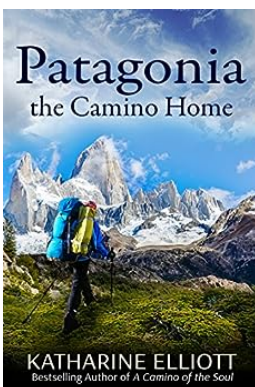
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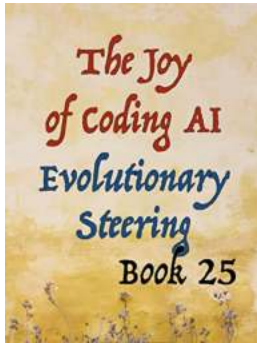
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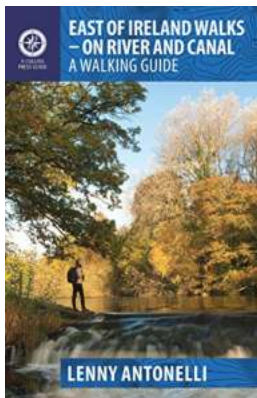
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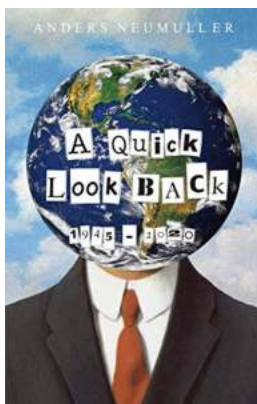
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