



Shotley to the Orwell bridge 17th June

The trip is 8.7 miles which will take about 4.5 hours.
High tide at the bridge is about 15.00

Meet at the Bristol Arms shotley front TM 2459 3361 for 9.00

The shuttle should take an hour

Aim to leave shotley 10.00

The Butt and Oyster Pin mill TM 2063 3806 is 5.68 3 hrs paddle

It's a Adnams pub, it would be sacrilege not to stop for a half.

3.02 miles 1.5hrs to the finish, need to leave 13.30

Don't forget to pull your boat up high, the tides coming in

Bring a plastic £5 or £10

Get out by the Orwell bridge lay by TM 1697 4102 15.00ish

There are 2 other lay-bys if this one is full

Weather dependant

Should be 2* standard and able to do rescues

Sea kayaks are easier

HMS Ganges the former naval training base was at shotley from 1903-1976

In 1907 the 143-foot (44 m) high mast of the old steam corvette HMS Cordelia was erected. It is a major landmark.

The Butt & Oyster is one of the best known public houses in Suffolk renowned for its good beer, good food, situated in the hamlet of Pin Mill on the River Orwell.

Pin Mill, was once a smugglers haven, the name of the pub commemorates the oyster fisheries originally a major export from the river Orwell.

In the old days the pub would be full of bargemen and sailors enjoying a pint. Made famous as being the setting for Arthur Ransomes "we didn't mean to go to sea" book.

Orwell Bridge is a pre-stressed concrete box girder bridge in Suffolk, and was opened to road traffic in 1982, it's 1287m long, 24m wide, 43m high, it has 18 spans with the longest being 190m

Designed by sir William Halcrow, built by Stevin Construction B.V. at a cost of £23.6million.

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Or be at colchester canoe club on a weds night from 18.15