

Example Itinerary

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Day 1: Willowgate to Killin to Kenmore

8:00: Meet at Willowgate, we'll spend a short amount of time transferring your belongings into our dry bags/ barrels to get us prepared. Your guide will already have everything else loaded and ready to go. If you're local to Willowgate, feel free to come and collect a dry bag/ barrel from us in advanced to pack into. (Please see a full kit list here)

It's around an hour and ½ drive to Killin where we'll spend some time learning to pack our boats and before we know it, we'll be taking our first paddle strokes to journey down the Tay!

The rest of today will be spent travelling across Loch Tay with some coaching tips and tricks along the way to help ensure you've got all the skills you need for the days to come.

With the majestic Ben Lawers towering over us, we'll find a nice camp spot on the shore of the loch, or on a small island and from there will enjoy our first night together eating good food and sharing good conversation.

*Option to meet at Killin at 10:00 if that is preferable

Day 2: Kenmore to Grandtully

Our first day on the river Tay will see us pass Chinese Falls, an exciting Grade 2 rapid, followed by some other smaller rapids. Soon enough we'll be passing under the beautiful and historic Wade's bridge, built in 1733, and then will pass through Aberfeldy. There's lots of beaver activity along this stretch so we'll keep our eyes open for gnawed trees and beaver evidence on the banks.

The afternoon will see us pass through a series of fun Grade 2 rapids before we reach the famous Grandtully rapids. We'll jump out of our boats to have a look at this 300m stretch of Grade 3 rapids before deciding if we'd rather paddle or portage them.

We'll soon stop for our 2nd night under canvas, again, enjoying good food, great company and inspiring surroundings.

Day 3: Grandtully to Dunkeld

This next section will see us paddle a relaxed river meandering left and right passing through occasional gentle rapids and seeing the River Tummel feed into the Tay.

We'll arrive at the historic town of Dunkeld where we'll spend the evening in Birnam Woods, the ancient woodland made famous from Shakespeare's Macbeth. If we're feeling energetic there's an option for a short walk to visit the famous Hermitage woods with its giant Douglas Fir trees towering above us and impressive Braan Falls.

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Day 4: Dunkeld to Stanley

Day 4 will start to feel a little different when the riverbanks open out into farmland and we pass through braided sections of river choosing our path as we go. This section is world-renowned for its salmon fishing and we'll spot many fishing huts, anglers and hopefully some jumping salmon along the way.

At the end of the day we'll pass through Campsie Linn, an interesting geological formation which resulted in a rock wall across the river. This creates a fun rapid which changes lots with different levels of the Tay.

We'll camp just below this rapid which could make for a great evening play spot; rock jumping, swimming in the pools or paddling if people wanted.

Day 5: Stanley to Willowgate (Perth)

Our final day starts with the popular stretch of rapids from Stanley Beach to Thistlebrigg. These rapids are Grade 2/3 and are sure to be a great start to our last day bringing together all the experience and teamwork we've collected from the last few days! We'll take them slow choosing the best lines at each rapid and will enjoy the fun, bouncy wave trains in higher water, or the joy of picking the best lines in lower water.

Before we know it, we'll be in calmer water passing Scone Palace, under the Perth bridges and enjoying Perth's beautiful skyline from the water. From here it's just a short paddle before we arrive back at Willowgate ready to reminisce on the adventure the past 5 days has been!