

# British Canoeing Guide Module Outlines

Each module will be 8 hours in length, delivered via specific venues with well-established and experienced Guides offering best current practice within the environment of guiding.

British Canoeing Guide Scheme at present offers five modules:

- Camp Craft and Expedition Skills
- Environmental and Sustainability
- Leadership
- Customer Experience
- Trip Planning and Organisation

## NOTE:

Modules are available to **all** British Canoeing and Home Nation members

Guide modules will be recognised as CPD (1 module = 18 months)

Other modules will be added as the guide scheme develops.

3 of the 5 subject areas need to be completed or evidence produced to become a full Guide.

## Delivery Centres

- Wilderness Scotland - <https://www.wildernessscotland.com>
- Plas y Brenin - <http://www.pyb.co.uk>
- Tollymore - <http://www.tollymore.com>
- British Canoeing National Watersports Centre - <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk>
- Sea Kayak Cornwall - <https://www.seakayakingcornwall.com>
- Glenmore Lodge - <https://www.glenmorelodge.org.uk>
- Gene17 - <http://gene17kayaking.com>
- Rock and Sea Adventures - <http://www.rockandseadventures.co.uk>

Outlines of all five modules are provided below:

## British Canoeing Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Camp Craft and Expedition Skills

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

This module is aimed at British Canoeing Leaders wanting to expand their knowledge and experience in guiding in their chosen environment.

### Course content:

Leave no trace philosophy

Single day trips and multi day expeditions

Understanding the expedition's environment

Expedition nutrition and hydration

Packing, loading and paddling a loaded craft

Essential camp craft including:

Equipment choice, stoves and fuel

Camp safety

Sanitation

Wildlife considerations – bears, bugs and beasts

Tents and tarps

Outdoor food hygiene

## British Canoeing Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Environment and Sustainability

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

Much of the enjoyment we derive from paddling is created by a thriving natural environment which we as guides have a responsibility to protect. As Guides we are ambassadors for the environment, ensuring our activities have minimal impact.

### Course content:

Potential threats and impacts of the paddler to an inland and coastal environment

Minimising threats and impacts

Protection of species and sites as well as associated laws, designations and codes of conduct

'Top 5 facts' about species/habitats

How to incorporate environmental content into trips and journeys

Understanding the needs of other users

Bank stability and water quality

Riverbank erosion and disturbance of wildlife and habitats

Spread of non-native species

Practical measures for guides

# British Canoeing Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Leadership

**Time:** 8 hours

## Background

This module is designed to follow on from the leadership principles explored within the British Canoeing Leadership Awards broadening the attendee's knowledge of leadership and to get them to consider their style, how it may impact on their groups and whether it is always the best strategy.

## Course content:

Influences on leadership behaviors

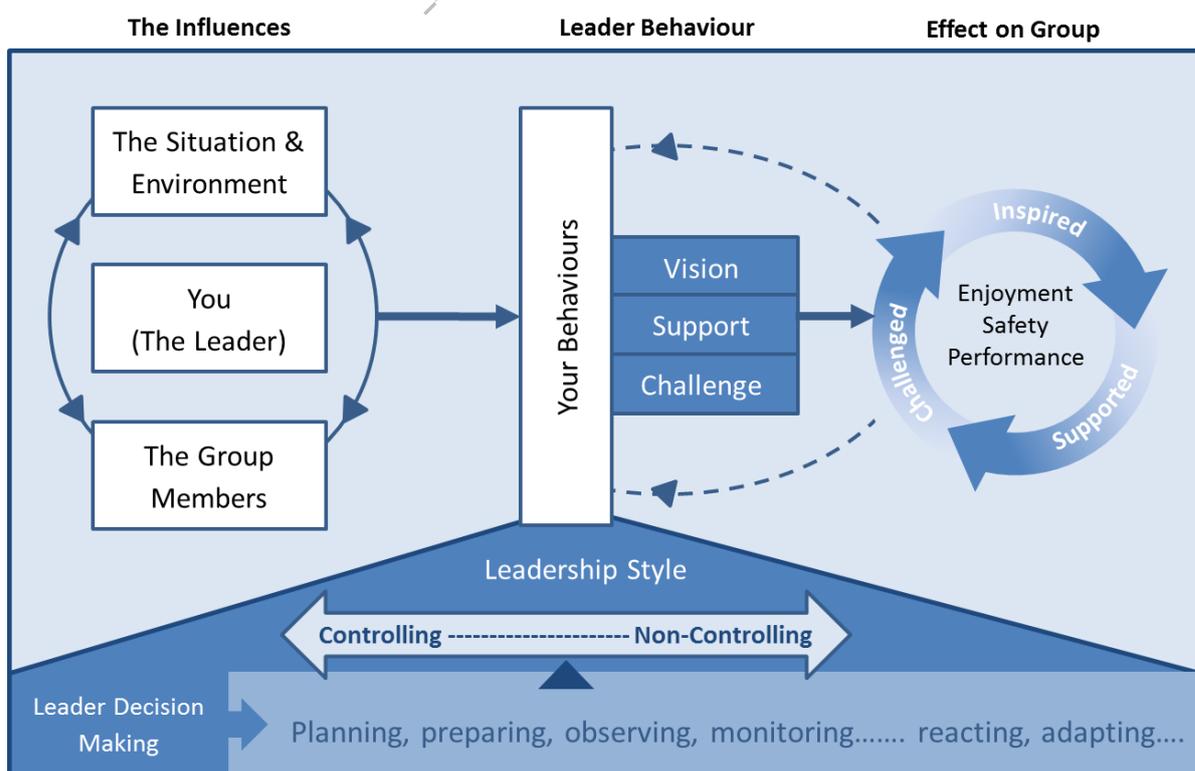
Your leadership behavior

Leadership style

Challenge v control

Leader – decision making

The Effect



## British Canoeing Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Customer Experience

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

This module is aimed at British Canoeing Leaders wanting to expand their knowledge and experience in customer experience and putting them at the forefront of trips and journeys.

### Course content:

- Client information required prior to trip/session
- Tools for paddler profiling, medical forms and questionnaires
- Assumed responsibilities and liabilities
- Matching client expectations to measurable outcomes for the day
- Involving the client in the decision making process
- Adding value to the experience
- Assessing client competence and match it to the given outcomes for the day
- Test pieces, progressive challenge by choice - deciding when to 'commit' the group
- Ability to deal with a range of incidents and accidents that might arise during the venture - methods of getting assistance, equipment failure, environment specific first aid scenarios.

## British Canoeing Guide Endorsement

**Module title:** Trip Planning and Organisation

**Time:** 8 hours

### Background

Decision making for trip planning and organisation starts potentially months ahead of getting on the water. There are many factors in play over the planning timeframe, some are intangible and cannot be changed like the hazards, whilst others, like the selection of the team of paddlers, are within a guide's control to change and influence.

### Course content:

Pre-trip planning & research

Expected weather conditions

Water levels/conditions

Remoteness; Emergency help available?

Travel Arrangement and Political Situation

Visas, Vaccinations & Insurance

Telephone, Sat-phone and/or SPOT Coverage

Dangerous Wildlife

Single or Multiday trips

Access Situation including permits

Experience of the team

Physical and psychologically demands

Cohesion and developing this approach within a group/team

Additional skills required

Equipment requirements