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Proudly presents:-

***The All New ***
MEDWAY ESTUARY
BREAKFAST and BARBEQUE
Sat 9th July 2022

It's time for a change! The new format aims for an early start from Gillingham Strand on Saturday morning, paddling out to Darnet Fort Island arriving around high tide. Bring and prepare your own Breakfast as the tide recedes. With mud flats all around, the day is free to explore, (respecting the nature reserve of course). Driftwood collection will hopefully precede cooking of a "Bring Your Own" Barbeque around a camp fire mid to late afternoon. As high tide approaches in the evening, we will then head back to Gillingham Strand. It will be a "peer paddle" and it will be a long day!

Parking at the Strand. Based on current council information on their website :-
Parking for an over 6 hours stop is £5.40 per car.
Paid parking operates between 7am and 1am the next day.

So the itinerary will be as follows (British Summer Time):-

Sat 9th July	07:00/07:30	Meet at the Gillingham Strand Jetty, unload, pack, park-up.
	08:00	Launch for Darnet Island
	08:45	Arrive Darnet Fort Island – High Tide 08:56
	Morning	Own Breakfast/Explore/Collect Wood etc.
	Afternoon	Own BBQ around fire.
	Evening	Explore more/Chill out
	21:00/21:30	Depart for Gillingham Strand High Tide 21:25 Sunset 21:46
	21:30/21:45	Arrive Gillingham Strand Jetty/Load-up/Homeward

ADDENDUM Due to the unpredictability of the weather conditions in the Medway Estuary, only paddlers capable of paddling sea or semi-sea kayaks in moderate seas i.e. fresh breeze up to 20 mph (Force 4 Beaufort Scale) and in moderate sea conditions (3ft swells) should consider this event. No need for a tent but be prepared to shelter against inclement weather on the island.

(The Risk Assessment used for Sea Paddling Events will apply.)

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