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Unless there is a handy rowing club at each stage of your tour, you may have to launch and land the boats from the bank. Here are some tips to help you do it safely.

### High Banks

Most landing stages along rivers are designed for motor boats and are too high for rowing boats.

You may be able to get in and out if someone on the bank holds the riggers to keep the boat stable – e.g. an agile cox.

The crew should keep their outside blades flat on the water and lean away from the bank onto the blades until someone on the bank can hold a rigger steady.



### Launching in awkward places



You may need to run the boat in stern first. Remember to attach a rope!

## Slipways



Many slipways are privately owned, so you may not be allowed to use them or have to pay a fee. Check with the local Waterways Authority.

Launch the boat stern first to avoid damaging the rudder.

The slipway may be slippery so wear suitable shoes and take care.

You may get wet feet.....



Remember the water shoes!

