

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

SURF YOUR RIVER

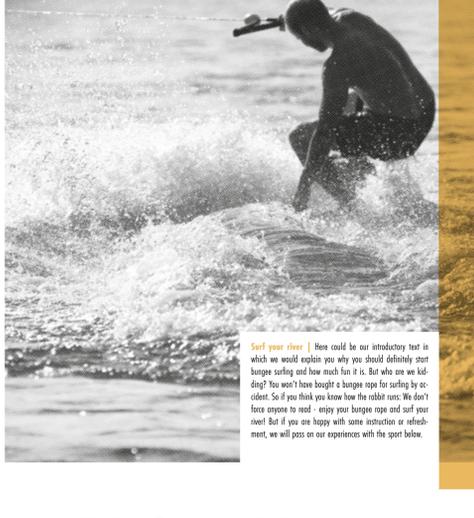


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NOW IT'S TIME TO START

ANY QUESTIONS?

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Surf your river | Here could be our introductory text in which we would explain you why you should definitely start bungee surfing and how much fun it is. But who are we kidding? You won't have bought a bungee rope for surfing by accident. So if you think you know how the rabbit runs: We don't force anyone to read - enjoy your bungee rope and surf your river! But if you are happy with some instruction or refreshment, we will pass on our experiences with the sport below.

WHAT DO I NEED FOR BUNGEE SURFING?

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Additional equipment | 07 A bungee surf equipment bag — 08 A surfboard bag — 09 Surf wax & comb — 10 Additional fins & finkey — 11 A wetsuit — 12 A surf patch

WHERE CAN I BUNGEE SURF?

River | Bungee surfing is possible on any river with strong enough flow speed. At your surf spot the river should be at least 20m wide and 1m deep. Make sure that there are no large stones or other obstacles in the water. Also make sure that bungee surfing is not prohibited at your chosen spot and that it is not located in a swimming zone or nature reserve.

Tip | On the internet you often only find the flow rate of your river, but not the flow speed. You can estimate this by throwing a piece of wood into the water and observing its speed. If you have to walk fast to jog lightly to stay at the same level, the flow speed should be sufficient for bungee surfing.

WARNING | During very strong currents and floods you should not go bungee surfing, as the water often contains driftwood. You could injure yourself and your equipment could be damaged.

Attachment Point | You can attach your bungee rope at any point with stable anchorage and the appropriate height. Bridges or trees directly located on the riverbank are very suitable for this. Check the stability of your attachment point before surfing!

Tip | If you often hang your bungee rope on a tree, you can install a pulley block. Make sure that this is allowed and that you do not harm the tree.

WARNING | If you attach your bungee rope too high you could harm the people around you or damage your equipment (see „Dangers for your environment“). An appropriate attachment height for your bungee rope is essential! On our homepage (product description of the bungee ropes) you can find a table with the ideal attachment heights depending on the length of your bungee ropes.

HOW DO I HANG UP MY BUNGEE ROPE?

01 | Attach a rope sling to a stable attachment point at the appropriate height.

02 | Hook your bungee rope with a carabiner (at least 10 kN tensile force) into the rope sling.

Warning | If you surf with a too short bungee rope or attach it to high respectively, you could harm people near the rope or damage your equipment (see „Dangers for your environment“). You can find detailed information about the attachment heights and ideal rope lengths on our homepage in the product description of the bungee ropes.

03 | Attach an unelastic rope to the other end of the bungee rope. Thanks to the unelastic rope you can surf on the entire width of the river and corner easier. It also serves as the point of intersection in case of an emergency when the surfer gets caught in the rope. The length of the unelastic rope should be at least 50% of the length of the bungee rope.

04 | Attach the handle to the unelastic rope. If your handle has a sufficiently long mainline, you can skip step 3 and attach it directly to the bungee rope with a carabiner.

05 | Set up a bungee surf warning triangle near the attachment point of your bungee rope to warn spectators of the danger of bungee surfing (see „Dangers for your environment“). You can also hang the warning triangle over the water with the enclosed string to warn swimmers. You can order the warning triangle free of charge on our website (incl. shipping costs).

BUNGEE SURFING? - LOOKS SIMPLE, IT IS.

IS BUNGEE SURFING DANGEROUS?



01 | Take your surfboard, jump into the water and paddle towards the handle.

02 | Grab the handle with one hand. With the other hand you can grip the surfboard so that the tip and end point to the shore side. If you ride with your right foot in front, the tip should point to the right if you're looking upstream and vice versa.

03 | How to place your feet on the board. The easiest way to do this is to hold the board vertically in the water (so that flows directly towards the underside of the surfboard) and lie in the water behind it. Be careful not to stretch your legs but cover behind the surfboard instead.

Tip | Press the board with your knees against the incoming water to bring it into the desired vertical position.

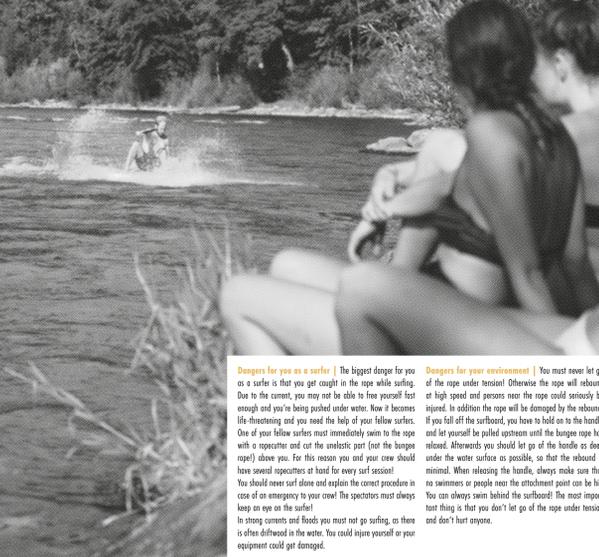
04 | If you feel tension in the rope, you have to shift your body's center of gravity over the surfboard. The easiest way to do this is to lean your upper body forward and exert pressure on the board with your toes. Keep the crouching position until the surfboard lies flat on the water surface. The tip of the surfboard should still be facing the river bank (as explained in step 2).

Tip | Raise your heels slightly - as a result you will automatically exert more pressure on the board with your toes and you can shift your body's center of gravity easier over the board.

Tip | Close your heels slightly - as a result you will automatically exert more pressure on the board with your toes and you can shift your body's center of gravity easier over the board.

05 | Once you're crouching on the surfboard and the bungee rope is sufficiently extended, you can get up and turn the board upstream. Surf your river!

06 | When the rope has full tension, jump off the board and start again at step 2. Advanced surfers can try to return to the crouching position immediately after surfing without jumping off the board.



Dangers for you as a surfer | The biggest danger for you as a surfer is that you get caught in the rope while surfing. Due to the current, you may not be able to free yourself fast enough and you're being pushed under water. When it becomes life-threatening and you need the help of your fellow surfers. One of your fellow surfers must immediately swim to the rope with a repeater and cut the unelastic part (not the bungee rope) above you. For this reason you and your crew should have several repeaters at hand for every surf session! You should never surf alone and explain the correct procedure in case of an emergency to your crew! The spectators must always keep an eye on the surfer!

In strong currents and floods you must not go surfing, as there is often driftwood in the water. You could injure yourself or your equipment could get damaged.

Dangers for your environment | You must never let go of the rope under tension! Otherwise the rope will rebound at high speed and persons near the rope could seriously be injured. In addition the rope will be damaged by the rebound. If you fall off the surfboard, you have to hold on to the handle and let yourself be pulled upstream until the bungee rope is released. Afterwards you should let go of the handle as deep under the water surface as possible, so that the rebound is minimal. When releasing the handle, always make sure that no swimmers or people near the attachment point can be hit. You can always swim behind the surfboard! The most important thing is that you don't let go of the rope under tension and don't hurt anyone.

HOW LONG CAN I USE MY BUNGEE ROPE?

WHAT CAN I USE MY BUNGEE ROPE FOR?



General | Bungee ropes are consumables! As a rule they can be used for 1-3 seasons. However, the life span of bungee ropes depends on various factors: These include the type of rope, the general care in handling the rope, the number and duration of your surf sessions and the storage.

Make sure that the bungee rope does not rub against branches, stones or other obstacles when surfing or when setting up or dismantling. You should not let go of the bungee rope under tension, as it can be deformed by the sudden contraction. In addition, the rubber threads can tear apart when the rope hits obstacles. In order to keep the plastic deformation of the rubber threads to a minimum, you should not expand your bungee rope to more than 250%.

Storage | After every surf session you should let your bungee rope air out and store it in a dry place. Protect it from strong temperature fluctuations and unnecessary UV radiation (do not expose it to the sunlight, when it's not used!), otherwise the rubber threads will quickly become brittle.

Signs of wear and tear | Prior to every surf session you must check if your bungee rope is in good condition. If you notice the sheathing coming off in some places, thin parts of the rope due to torn rubber threads or any other appearance, you should not use your bungee rope anymore.

Bungee jumping prohibited | Our bungee ropes are specially manufactured for bungee surfing and may only be used for this purpose! Royal Ropes declines any liability for damages to persons and material. The bungee ropes must never be used for bungee jumping!

