

ROCHDALE CANAL FESTIVAL 2010

SATURDAY 24th JULY

11am-3pm	Rochdale Canal Festival launch	Free boat rides hosted by the Calder Navigation Society and Rochdale Canal Society, angling taster sessions, music, family fun activities, face painting, crafts and much more! Festival launch joined by The Worshipful The Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham arriving on canal boat at 12.30pm	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tescos)	No booking required
11am-3pm	Wildlife Wonders	Family wildlife activities: 'Nature in Focus' Come and see canal creatures up close, see how they breath and what they eat through a video-linked microscope! South Lancs. Bat Group will also be present with some Children's batty arts & craft activities!	Grassroots Community Allotment, Marlborough Drive, Failsworth - (Grassroots can be accessed via the towpath, south of the district centre)	No booking required
1pm-3pm	U Tower - Climbing wall	Fun climbing sessions for individuals and families using a portable climbing tower, attended by a qualified instructor. Participants should wear loose fitting clothing and trainers.	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tescos)	No booking required
10am-3pm	Grassroots Community Allotment activities	Come and get involved in the various activities at Grassroots - Have a go at bird box making and planting, learn about the allotments, see the beehives and the chickens and walk through the orchard. Recharge your batteries at the Hog Roast.	Grassroots Community Allotment, Marlborough Drive, Failsworth - (Grassroots can be accessed via the towpath, south of the district centre)	No booking required
2pm	Children's towpath story telling	Hosted by Failsworth library, story telling along the towpath	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tescos)	No booking required
12 noon - 4pm	Miles Platting Festival	Hosted by Adactus Housing, arts and crafts, angling taster sessions, sports and refreshments	Royal Basin adjacent to Victoria Mill, Miles Platting, Manchester	No booking required
12 noon - 3pm	Kayaking taster sessions	Kayak taster sessions delivered by experienced coaches from the Water Adventure Centre. Available to age group 8 years and over.	Royal Basin adjacent to Victoria Mill, Miles Platting, Manchester	No booking required
2pm - 4pm	Family pond dip	Discover what wildlife lurks beneath our pond. Children must be accompanied by adult	Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale	Booking required: telephone 01706 373421
7.30pm - 9.30pm	Shaggy dog storytellers - canal tales	Performance storytellers from Hebden Bridge	Mare and Foal, Failsworth, Oldham	Entrance fee applies
1pm	Canal walk	Hosted by Get Walking Keep Walking, a 3 mile guided walk from Dale Street Basin, Manchester to Newton Heath taking in the Miles Platting Festival on the way	Dale Street Basin, Manchester	Booking required: telephone 07772603608

SUNDAY 25th JULY

1.30pm	Castlefield Heritage Walk	Hosted by Rochdale Canal Society join a guided heritage tour of the canal of Castlefield	Outside Dukes 92, Castlefield Basin, Manchester	No booking required
12 noon - 3pm	Angling taster day and canal boat rides	Learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided and enjoy free boat rides with the Rochdale Canal Society and Calder navigation Society	By the Rose of Lancaster, North Chadderton, Oldham	No booking required
10am	Environmental task day and canal clean up	Join Sustrans, British Waterways and other volunteers to help improve the canal environment. All welcome. Equipment and refreshments provided	Meet at the Sandbrook Park pub before walking to the Canal	No booking required
10am-3pm	Grassroots Community Allotment activities	Come and get involved at the various activities at Grassroots - Have a go at bird box making and planting and learn about the allotments - see the beehives and the chickens and walk through the orchard	Grassroots Community Allotment, Marlborough Drive, Failsworth - (Grassroots can be accessed via the towpath, south of the district centre)	No booking required

MONDAY 26th JULY

TBC	Walking for Heath Canal walk	Approx 1.5 hr easy canal side walk. No special equipment required. Footwear must be flat and comfortable and clothing appropriate to the weather conditions. Children and dogs welcome. Dogs must wear a lead	Chadderton. Details to be confirmed	For activity details: telephone Gaynor, 07870857972
11am - 3pm	Nature in Focus	Come and see canal creatures up close, see how they breath and what they eat through a video-linked microscope!	Slattocks Top Lock, Rochdale Road, Slattocks, near the Ship Inn	No booking required
11am - 3pm	Angling Taster Day	Hosted by Community Angling Regeneration Project, learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided	Slattocks Top Lock, Rochdale Road, Slattocks, near the Ship Inn	Booking required: telephone 07745130337
TUESDAY 27th JULY				
2pm-4pm	Canal Canoe taster sessions	Delivered by experience instructors from Hollingworth Lake Activity Centre, canoe taster sessions between Smithy Bridge and Littleborough, Sessions available to 7 to 18 year olds.	Smithy Bridge rail station car park, Rochdale	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
9.40am-11.30am and 11.10am to 1pm	Canoe taster sessions	Learn to canoe with experienced instructors from the Castleshaw Centre. Sessions suitable for 10-16 year olds	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (opposite Tesco's)	Booking required: telephone Jenna or Andrew 0161 770 2198 / 4370 or email jenna.simpson@oldham.gov.uk
7.30pm	Underground Tour of Manchester	Underground tour of the Manchester and Salford Junction Canal with the Inland Waterways Association Manchester and Great Northern. Walking boots / wellies and touches required by all participants	Great North Western Goods Warehouse, between Deansgate and Peter Street, Manchester	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
8.30pm	Night bat walk	Come and learn more about the nocturnal canal wildlife with the South Lancashire Bat group	Castlefield Basin Amphitheatre, Manchester	No booking required
WEDNESDAY 28th JULY				
11.30am-2.30pm. Official unveiling at 12 noon	Building Bridges Big Art reveal	Unveiling of the Building Bridges heritage art work supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund. Nature focussed activities and boat rides	Bridge 51, Littleborough / Eales, Rochdale	No booking required
12 noon - 2.30pm	Canoe taster sessions	Supervised canoeing sessions for Fairbridge participants only	Littleborough / Eales, Rochdale	
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11am	Flat Earth Walks	Hosted by Oldham Ramblers, a 4 mile (easy) linear walk from Mills Hill to Failsworth via Oldham Way and the Rochdale Canal, followed by lunch in Failsworth	Meet outside Mills Hill Train Station, Haigh Lane, Chadderton	Booking required: telephone Jenna or Andrew, 0161 770 2198 /4371
10am - 12 noon	Bike repair workshop	Learn some basic bike repairs and get your own bike checked during a cycle workshop. Open to all ages. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tesco's)	Booking required: telephone Beth, 07921174382
10am-11am and 11am-12 noon	U Cycle guided bike ride	Come and take part in a taster cycle ride. For families and beginners this hour long ride will explore the Rochdale canal towpath and surrounding cycle networks. Bikes available if booked in advance. Helmets and suitable clothing must be worn. Available to 12 years and over. Children must be accompanied by an adult.	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tesco's)	Booking required: telephone Beth, 07921174382
2pm-4pm	Canal Canoe taster sessions	Delivered by experience instructors from Hollingworth Lake Activity Centre, canoe taster sessions between Smithy Bridge and Littleborough, sessions available for 7 to 18 year olds.	Smithy Bridge rail station car park, Rochdale	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
6pm	Connect 2 celebration ride	An evening canal and road cycle ride between Smithybridge and Summit. Open to age 9 years and above. All participants must be used to cycling and children accompanied by an adult. Bike loan available for adults, booking essential.	Meet at Smithy Bridge rail station car park, Rochdale	Booking required: telephone Seamus Kelly, 01706 922 055

6pm	Manchester Music Venues	Hosted by Get walking, Keep walking, a 4 mile walking taking in the Rochdale Canal and many famous Manchester music venues from the Bridgewater Hall to the Roadhouse!	Meet at the main entrance to Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
THURSDAY 29th JULY				
12 noon - 2.30pm	Canoe taster sessions	Supervised canoeing sessions for Fairbridge participants only	Littleborough / Ealees, Rochdale	
10am-12pm	Hollingworth Lake kayak taster sessions	Delivered by experience instructors from Hollingworth Lake Activity Centre, kayak taster sessions on Hollingworth Lake. Sessions available for 7 to 18 year olds	Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
1.50pm	Canal side stories and rhymes	Stories and rhymes on the canal, for young children, with Failsworth Library	Meet at Failsworth Library for the walk to the towpath at Wrigley Head, Failsworth, Oldham	No booking required
9.30am-11.30am	Nordic Walk	Come and try something new and learn a skill by taking part in a Nordic walk of the Ashton and Rochdale Canals	Sport City Cafe	Booking required: telephone Beth on 07837097689
8.30pm	Night bat walk	Come and learn more about the nocturnal canal wildlife with the South Lancashire Bat group	Meet at the Grimshaw Lane Canal Bridge, Miles Platting	No booking required
9.00pm	Illuminated boat and lantern parade	Enjoy an illuminated evening towpath walk with the Rochdale Canal Society and Storytellers through Todmorden to Fielden Wharf	Meet on the towpath opposite the Baltimore marina, 3/4 mile from Todmorden	No booking required
FRIDAY 30th JULY				
TBC	Walking for Heath Canal walk	Approx 1.5 hr easy canalside walk. No special equipment required. Footwear must be flat and comfortable and clothing appropriate to the weather conditions. Children and dogs welcome. Dogs must wear a lead	Failsworth. Details to be confirmed	For activity details: telephone Gaynor, 07870857972
10am-12pm	Hollingworth Lake kayak taster sessions	Delivered by experience instructors from Hollingworth Lake Activity Centre, kayak taster sessions on Hollingworth Lake. Sessions available for 7 to 18 year olds.	Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
9.30am-3pm	Towpath tidy and canal bike ride	Join forces with local volunteers to help clean up the Rochdale Canal from Moston Brook to Hollinwood Avenue, New Moston. Lunchtime refreshments provided followed by a guided cycle ride along the canal. All equipment provided and a goodie bag for participants. Volunteers must wear suitable footwear and clothing	Meet at the NEPHRA Residents Association office, 27 Parkfield Road North, New Moston	Booking required: telephone Ann 07801204804 or email ann.bates@oldham.gov.uk
12.30pm	New Islington tour	A tour of the site regenerated over the last 8 years to include a nature reserve and new canal link between the Rochdale and Ashton Canals	Outside the Health Centre, Old Mill Street, Ancoats, Manchester	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
SATURDAY 31st JULY				
11am -3pm	Fishtastic angling taster day	Hosted by the Friends of the Rochdale Canal, Environment Agency and Manchester City Council. Learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided.	The Rochdale Canal adjacent, Old Church Street, Manchester	No booking required
10.30am	Environmental task day and clean up	Led by the Rochdale Canal Society, drop in and join other volunteers to help improve the canal environment. Wear suitable footwear and clothing. All equipment provided.	Summit, between Littleborough and Walsden, Calderdale.	Numbers required. Call Keith to register interest on 07516472600
2.15pm	The Rochdale Canal in Hebden Bridge - heritage walk	Led by the Calderdale Heritage Guides Association join a two hour guided walk to look at the Rochdale Canal and its impact on the development of Hebden Bridge and other historic features of the town	Meet Ed Westbrook at the Old Bridge on Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge	Booking required: telephone 07772603608
1.30pm	Wildlife and Wildflower Walk	Join Portia Fincham, Upper Calderdale Wildlife Network for a up to 1hr / 1 mile exploration of the wildlife and plant life along the Rochdale Canal	Meet at the Canal at Warland Gate End, Calderdale	No booking required

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

11am-4pm	Rochdale Canal Festival Finale	Free boat rides hosted by the Calder Navigation Society and Rochdale Canal Society, 'Nature in Focus' - canal mini beasts through a video-linked microscope, crafts, stalls, music, a Horseboating harness demonstration and much more!	Summit, between Littleborough and Walsden (1/2 mile towards Todmorden from the Summit Inn), Calderdale. Parking available at Bellholme Sports Ground, off the A6033.	No booking required
10am - 4pm	Canalside local food market	Hosted by Incredible Edible Todmorden come and sample local foods at a canalside market event. Todmorden rail and bus stations less than 5 mins walk from the Wharf.	Fielden Wharf, Todmorden, Calderdale	No booking required
10am	Rochdale Canal marathon (or nearly!)	Join U Run and a 21 mile run from Castlefield Basin through Oldham and Rochdale to Summit and the Festival Finale. Experienced runners only.	Outside Dukes 92, Castlefield Basin, Manchester	No booking required. For further information: telephone Alan on 07808770341
11am-3pm	Angling taster day	Hosted by Community Angling Regeneration Project, learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided	Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tesco's)	Booking required: telephone 07745130337
11am-4pm	Country Craft Display Day	Traditional craft displays and demonstrations throughout the day	Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre	No booking required

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

	Calderdale Canal Treasure Hunt	Follow the clues, answer the questions and get your chance to win a family ticket for the Stubbing Wharf Cruise's crocodile cruise. Treasure Hunt sheets available from tourist information or to download from		
	Horseboat journey	Gain an insight into how the towpaths were used in the past as Vixen is towed between Manchester and		

HORESBOATING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 21st July	Castlefield Basin to Dale Street / Piccadilly Basin, Manchester
Friday 23rd July	Piccadilly Basin to Failsworth Basin
Saturday 24th July	Failsworth Basin to Rose of Lancaster, North Chadderton
Monday 26th July	Rose of Lancaster, North Chadderton to Slattocks
Wednesday 28th July	Slattocks to Littleborough
Friday 30th July	Littleborough to Summit
Sunday 1st August	Rochdale Canal Festival Finale at Summit
9th -11th August	Summit to Hebden Bridge