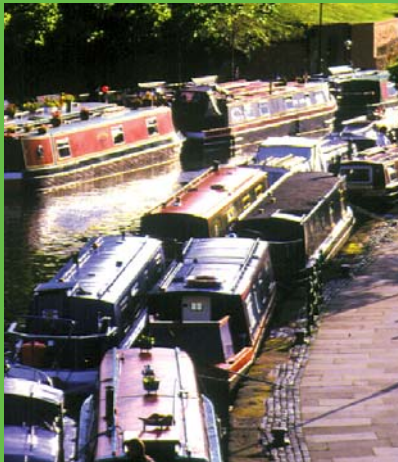




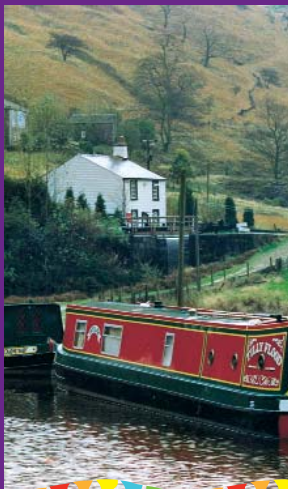
THE ROCHDALE CANAL FESTIVAL 2009

A BUMPER PACKED WEEK OF **FREE** ACTIVITIES
ALONG THE ROCHDALE CANAL
BETWEEN **SAT 11 JULY AND SUN 19 JULY 2009!**



Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester and Calderdale Councils and the Rochdale Canal Society in association with British Waterways and The Waterways Trust are celebrating a week of **FREE** fun packed activities to celebrate the Rochdale Canal and to kick start your summer! Come along to any of the events that are running **FREE OF CHARGE**, just remember to reserve a place if necessary.

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The Rochdale Canal is one of the area's greatest heritage assets. It was completed in 1804 and runs for 33 miles from Manchester to Sowerby Bridge through the boroughs of Oldham and Rochdale.

For many years it was used to transport goods weighing up to 2,000 tons a day (that's the weight of about 500 elephants!) But when the faster Leeds - Manchester railway was completed in 1852, the canal became less attractive for transporting goods across the Pennines.

Today the canal is used for a different purpose, one of leisure and recreation and is popular with boaters, anglers, walkers, cyclists, wildlife and nature enthusiasts and loads more...

SAT 11TH JULY 2009

Rochdale Canal Festival Fun Day

Location: Ealees, Littleborough (by the canal, opposite the railway station)

Time: 11am – 4pm

Activities: Opening of Festival by the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale who will arrive on Canal Boat at 12.00noon, boat rides, bouncy castle, face painting, donkey rides, craft stall, music by Littleborough Public Brass Band and much, much more! Fun for all the family. Booking not required.



Family Pond Dip

Location: Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale

Time: 1pm

Activity: Part of Feel Good Week, join Ranger Judy Alderson on this family fun activity discovering what lurks beneath our pond. Booking required: telephone 01706 373421.

Kayaking Lessons

Location: Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale

Time: 10am – 12noon, 1pm – 3pm

Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216

Angling Taster Sessions

Location: By the Rose of Lancaster, North Chadderton, Oldham

Time: 10am – 4pm

Activity: Hosted by Community Angling Regeneration Project, learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided. Prize for the biggest catch! Booking required: telephone Mike on 07745 130337.

Waterway Walk and Wonder

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham

Time: 12.30 – 2.00pm

Activity: Blue-badge guided canal and river walk, from Rochdale Canal through Moston Brook and the Irk Valley to Queens Park, Manchester, return bus to Failsworth available. Booking required: telephone 0161 655 7850.

Miles Platting Festival

Location: Rochdale Canal adjacent to Victoria Mill, Miles Platting, Manchester

Time: 12noon – 4pm

Activity: Hosted by Adactus Housing, arts and crafts, face painting, fishing, sports, photography workshops and refreshments. No booking required.

SUN 12TH JULY 2009

The Cycle of Life

Location: Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale

Time: 1pm

Activity: Dragonflies and damselflies, mayflies and midges, discover the life cycles of these amazing water creatures. Over 16s only. Booking required: telephone 01706 373421.

Family Fun Day

Location: Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale
Time: 11am – 4pm

Activity: Free activities and entertainment on and off the water celebrating the £300,000 extension of the Centre, plus 'Come and Try it' sessions only £1. Book on the day.

Family Canal Walk and Picnic

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Activity: Hosted by Activ8 Oldham, join us for a lovely family walk (2-3 mile) and picnic along the Rochdale Canal to Brookdale Park. Free snacks, drinks and activity bags provided. Booking required: telephone 0161 621 7152.

Angling Taster Day

Location: Dale Street Car Park, Todmorden (Lock 18-19)

Time: 10am – 4pm

Activity: 20 minute taster sessions with experienced coaches from Todmorden Angling Society. No equipment required, just turn up on the day.

MON 13TH JULY 2009

Heritage and Wildlife Workshops

Location: Littleborough, Rochdale

Time: 10am – 12noon and 1pm – 3pm

Activity: Hosted by Wild Over Waterways a half day school workshop looking at the history of the canal and the wildlife that enjoys it today (pre-booked activity).



Sticklebacks and Pond Dips

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham

Time: 9.30am – 12noon

Activity: Hosted by Oldham Council and the Environment Agency, St Edwards RC Primary School are releasing the fascinating sticklebacks into the Rochdale Canal in Failsworth, followed by a pond dipping (pre-booked activity).

TUES 14TH JULY 2009

Heritage and Wildlife Workshops

Location: Chadderton and Failsworth, Oldham

Time: 9.30 – 11am, 11am – 12.30pm and 1pm – 3pm

Activity: Hosted by Wild over Waterways a half day school workshop looking at the history of the canal and the wildlife that enjoys it today (pre-booked activity).

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The Wild Side of Water

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin in Failsworth, Oldham
Time: 10am – 3pm
Activity: Hosted by Oldham Council, discover for yourself what fascinating wildlife and creatures lurk within the Rochdale Canal through pond dipping and a very special giant microscope! Booking required: telephone 0161 7705163.

Lecture on Legs: A history of the Rochdale Canal in Hebden Bridge

Location: Hebble End Canal Bridge (Off Market Street, Hebden Bridge)
Time: 7pm
Activity: Hosted by Hebden Bridge Local History Society, a 2 mile walk along the Rochdale Canal between Hebden Bridge and Hawksclough.

Manchester Music Venues Walk

Location: Meet at the main entrance to Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square
Time: 11am
Activity: Hosted by Get Walking, Keep Walking and Manchester and Salford Ramblers, a 4 mile walk taking in the Rochdale Canal and many famous Manchester Music venues from the Bridgewater Hall to the Roadhouse! Bring along a packed lunch. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

The Canal under the City Streets

Location: Meet on the steps leading down to Castlefield Basin off Liverpool Road (opposite MOSI)
Time: 6pm
Activity: Hosted by the Blue Badge Guides, a guided heritage walk along the Rochdale Canal between Castlefield and Dale Street Basin. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

WED 15TH JULY 2009

Rochdale Canal Trail

Location: Ealees, (Canal St) Littleborough, Rochdale
Time: 1 – 3pm
Activity: Canal walk from Ealees to Hollingworth Lake and return. Be prepared with drinks and sun block. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

Canal and Country Park Cycle

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham
Time: 10.30am – 12noon
Activity: Hosted by Activ8 Oldham, exciting bike ride along the Rochdale Canal to the scenic Daisy Nook Country Park. Free snacks and drinks provided. Bikes are available on request. Booking required: telephone 0161 621 7152.

The Rochdale Canal: A walk on the wild side

Location: Deansgate Station, Manchester
Time: 12noon – 3pm
Activity: Join an exciting arts and ecology exploration of the city's wildlife. Wear comfortable shoes, waterproofs and layers. Bring refreshments, portable drawing materials, cameras and binoculars. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

History Walk and Treasure Hunt

Location: Trinity Church, Butler Street, Manchester
Time: 11am
Activity: Hosted by the Miles Plodders, Adactus Housing and Get Walking Keep Walking, a 3 mile history walk and treasure hunt around Miles Platting and Ancoats including the Rochdale Canal. Lunch provided. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

THURS 16TH JULY 2009

Rochdale Canal Trail

Location: Hopwood Arms, Rochdale Road, Slattocks
Time: 1 – 3pm
Activity: Canal Walk from Hopwood Arms to Rose of Lancaster and return. Be prepared with drinks and sun block. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

Nature and Nurture

Location: By the Canal, Off Marlborough Drive, Failsworth, Oldham
Time: 10.30am – 12noon and 1.30 – 3pm
Activity: Hosted by Oldham Council, get involved in the new canalside community garden and orchard, with planting, art and bird box making activities.

Evening Canal Walk

Location: Mills Hill Railway Station, Middleton
Time: 6.30pm – 8pm
Activity: Hosted by Get Walking Keep Walking, a 4 – 5 mile walk along the Rochdale Canal circling back to take in Chadderton Hall Park and finishing at the Rose of Lancaster. Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

FRI 17TH JULY 2009

Towpath Tidy

Location: Behind Morrisons, South Chadderton, Oldham
Time: 11am – 3pm
Activity: Led by Rochdale Canal Society, drop in and join other volunteers with hands on experience of improving a section of the Rochdale Canal and learn more about its fascinating history. Wear suitable footwear and clothing. All equipment provided.

SAT 18TH JULY 2009

Angling Taster Sessions

Location: Smithy Bridge, Littleborough
Time: 11am – 3pm
Activity: Hosted by Community Angling Regeneration Project, learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided. Booking required: telephone 07745 130337.

Canal Boat Trips

Location: By the Rose of Lancaster, North Chadderton, Oldham
Time: From Noon
Activity: Hosted by Rochdale Canal Society and the Calder and Hebble Navigation Society, join us to experience a free boat ride along the Rochdale Canal No booking required.

Fishtastic! Rochdale Canal Angling Taster Day

Location: Rochdale Canal off Old Church Street, Newton Heath, Manchester
Time: 10am – 12noon and 1pm – 3pm
Activity: Hosted by Manchester City Council, the Environment Agency and Friends of Rochdale Canal, a Proud Manchester event. Learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided. No booking required.

Dr Bike Workshop

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham
Time: 12noon – 2pm
Activity: Hosted by Try-cycles and Oldham Council, learn about cycling activities around Rochdale Canal and free cycle maintenance workshop and bike check up for children's bikes.

Failsworth Carnival

Location: Failsworth
Time: All Day
Activity: Join the parade and fun fair in Failsworth.

SUN 19TH JULY 2009

Rochdale Canal Festival Finale

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham (by Tescos)
Time: 11am – 4pm
Activity: Free boat rides, bouncy castles, face painting, art and craft stalls, canalside walk and picnic, local music, angling lessons, bike rides, and lots more! Festival finale joined by Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham arriving on Canal Boat at 1pm. Fun for all the family. No booking required.



Family Canalside Walk and Picnic

Location: Meet at the Health Centre adjacent to Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham
Time: 1.30pm – 3pm
Activity: Hosted by Activ8 Oldham. A gentle family walk to the Boat and Horses, in South Chadderton for free refreshments and snacks by the canal. Booking required: telephone 0161 621 7152.

Family Bike Adventure Trail

Location: Rochdale Canal Basin, Failsworth, Oldham
Time: 1 – 3pm
Activity: Gentle family bike ride along the Rochdale Canal, group led by experienced cycle leaders. Children must be accompanied by an adult and remember to bring your bike! No bookings necessary.

Kayaking Lessons

Location: Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre, Littleborough, Rochdale
Time: 1pm – 3pm and 3.30pm – 5.30pm.
Booking required: telephone 0161 242 8216.

REMEMBER! S.A.F.E.!
STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE!
BE CAREFUL WHEN NEAR THE WATER, NEVER SWIM IN THE CANAL REMEMBER THE S.A.F.E. MESSAGE AND HAVE FUN SAFELY

More activities will be added so keep an eye on The Waterways Trust website for the latest news. <http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/events/rochdale.shtml>
Come and see a horse drawn boat journey from Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal and along the length of the Rochdale Canal with horseboat Maria, Britain's oldest surviving wooden narrowboat, built in 1854.

Horseboating itinerary:

- July 7 Ashton Canal, Guidebridge to Dale Street, Manchester,
- July 8 Rochdale Canal, Manchester to Failsworth to The Rose of Lancaster, North Chadderton
- July 9 The Rose of Lancaster to Slattocks
- July 10 Slattocks to Littleborough
- July 11 Rochdale Canal Festival Fun Day, Ealees, Littleborough Littleborough to the Summit
- July 14 Summit to Todmorden
- July 15 Todmorden to Hebden Bridge
- July 16 Hebden Bridge to Sowerby Bridge

For further information visit www.horseboating.org.uk