THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL...

Saturday 27th- Monday 29th of August

CALDERDALE

Paulinus Way opening event

Including a celebratory festival with medieval flavours
Paulinus Way is a new and unique pilgrim and heritage way for the 21st Century! It starts in Todmorden retracing the steps of Paulinus until it reaches the historic city of York. The new route will be officially opened by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield who will lead the first pilgrimage to York
For more information go to www.paulinusway.org.uk

Saturday 13th of August- Sunday 28th of August

CALDERDALE

Crocodile Cruises

'Did anyone see that crocodile?'
Scenic, relaxing, fun and informative 30 minute boat trips hosted by Stubbing Wharf Cruises.Every half hour between 2.00pm-4.00pm, every day throughout the festival
Departing from the Stubbing Wharf pub, Hebden Bridge
No booking required
Adults £5 each, every child goes free with an adult (bring your festival programme to receive this special offer)

August-September 2011

CANAL WIDE

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Artist in Residence

There will be an artist in residence on a canal boat travelling the Northwest waterways. For more information on how to get involved closer to the time go to www.andfestival.org.uk
Calderdale, Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester

The Rochdale Canal is one of the area's greatest historical, environmental and recreational assets. It runs for 32 miles from Sowerby Bridge in Calderdale, through the boroughs of Rochdale and Oldham, to Manchester city centre.

Completed in 1804 it was the first trans-Pennine waterway, transporting loads of up to 2,000 tons per day. Following its decline and closure as a transport route, it was restored and reopened in 2002 and is now used for a wide range of new purposes, such as walking, cycling, boating, nature spotting, angling, arts and cultural activities.

The Rochdale Canal Festival is now in its 4th year and has gone from strength to strength, last year attracting well over 2,000 people. The Festival aims to provide a vibrant celebration of the canal for the communities who live along its length and for visitors to the area. This year we are offering a wide range of activities to suit all interests and hope that everyone has a great fortnight of fun.

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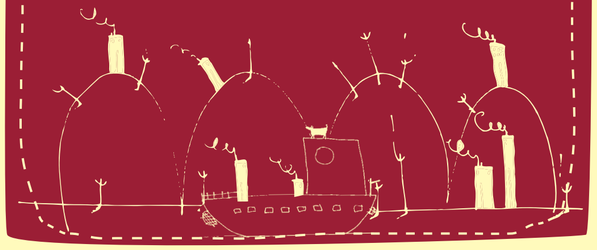

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Tuesday 23rd of August

CALDERDALE

The Rochdale Canal in Hebden Bridge- heritage walk

2.15pm-4.15pm
Led by 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

ROCHDALE

Living in the woods

2.00pm-4.00pm
Meet some woodland wildlife and learn bush craft skills. For children aged 6-11yrs. Parents and guardians always welcome
Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre, Rakewood Road, Littleborough, OL15 0AQ
Booking required (limited places).
Telephone: 01706 373421
£2.50 per child

OLDHAM

Nordic walking (intermediate walk)

11.00am - 1.00pm
Join us on a Nordic Walk by the canal and through Chadderton. This is a form of brisk walking exercise, using poles similar to ski poles. Originating from summer training for cross-country skiers, it gives your body a really good workout and also improves the health of your heart and lungs. Please wear appropriate clothing. We'll be back at the pub in time for lunch!
Meet at the Rose of Lancaster pub car park, Chadderton OL1 2TQ.
No booking required

MANCHESTER

Tai Chi

10.30am-11.30am
Learn more about this graceful martial art, practiced for its health benefits and as an aid to relaxation. With 'Zest'
Newton Heath Library
Booking required. Telephone Laura Cassidy: 0161 655 7883

Wednesday 24th of August

CALDERDALE

Geocaching- A new high tech way of treasure hunting!

11.00am-3.00pm
Learn about the canal and its wildlife in a fun and exciting way with Groundwork. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game. Using GPS (Global Positioning System) participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and attempt to find the geocache (the treasure!). Bring a packed lunch.
Meet at St Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd
Booking Required. Tel. Becky Houlding. 0113 238 0601

ROCHDALE

Bling Your Bike with 'Bike It'

2.00pm-4.00pm
Sustrans Bike It Officer will help you decorate your own bike with materials provided. Prizes for the most outrageous and glorious! Decorations and refreshments provided
Well I'th Lane Bridge, Central Rochdale. On the bank of the canal. Access via Windsor Street
No booking required

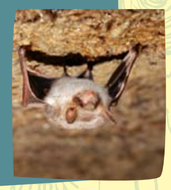
OLDHAM

Moston Brook Bio Blitz

1.00pm-3.00pm
Join us for an afternoon of family fun at Moston Brook. Free activities include bug hunting, wildlife surveys, tree identification. Look at wildlife up close on our TV screen. For further details please contact Ann Bates on 07801 204 804
Moston Brook nr Wrigley Head canal bridge. Site can be accessed via Parkfield Road North, New Moston or via Wrigley Head, Failsworth
No booking required

MANCHESTER

Bat walk



7.45pm
Come and learn more about the nocturnal canal wildlife with the South Lancashire Bat Group. Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing and bring a torch
Meet outside Newton Heath Library
Booking required. Telephone Rhys Wynne: 0161 223 1155

Thursday 25th of August

CALDERDALE

Market Day Horseboat Cruise

10.00am- 6.00pm
Experience how the canals were used in the past on a horse drawn canal boat cruise from Hebden Bridge to Todmorden and back

9.30am- Harness demonstration, Hebden Bridge

10.00am- Hebden Bridge to Todmorden trip

2.30pm- Harness demonstration, Todmorden

3.00pm- Todmorden to Hebden Bridge trip

Single £10 (children £7)
Return £15 (children £10)
Recommended for adults and older children
Departing from the Stubbing Wharf pub, Hebden Bridge
Booking required.
Telephone Phil: 07966 808 717

ROCHDALE

Nature in Focus

2.00pm- 4.00pm
Explore our woods and take a closer look at nature
For children aged 10-14 yrs. Parents and guardians always welcome
Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre, Rakewood Road, Littleborough, OL15 0AQ
Booking required (limited places).
Telephone: 01706 373421
£2.50 per child

OLDHAM

Public meeting on the history of the Rochdale Canal

7.15pm- 8.30pm
Hosted by the Failsworth Historical Society.
Everyone welcome. Light refreshments served
Failsworth Lifelong Learning Centre,
Failsworth Town Hall, Oldham Road, M35 OFJ
No booking required

Friday 26th of August

OLDHAM

Storytelling event

2.30pm- 3.30pm
Storytelling for young children
Failsworth Library (outside on the bank of the canal)
No booking required

Canoeing taster session

9.30am- 11.00am or 11.00am-12.30pm
Come and have a go at canoeing with instructors from Oldham Outdoor Education Centre. For adults and children age 8 and over. Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear and bring a change of clothes- just in case!
Failsworth Canal Basin
Booking required. Telephone Jenna Simpson: 0161 770 2198
or Dan Knight: 0161 770 4169

Saturday 27th of August

OLDHAM

Canoeing taster session

12.30pm-2.00pm or 2.00pm-3.30pm
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MANCHESTER

Wild Food Forage

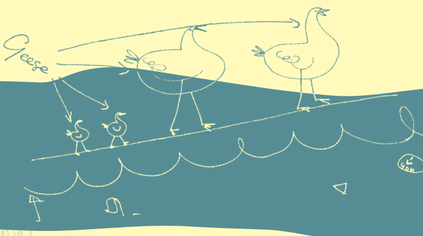
12.00pm
Come and learn more about the wild food bounty along the canal bank with Jasper Launder
Meet outside Newton Heath Library
Booking required (limited places). Rhys Wynne: 0161 223 1155

SUNDAY 28th of August

OLDHAM

Canal Festival Finale event

11.00am- 3.30pm
Come and celebrate and join in a range of fun, free activities including: angling taster sessions, face painting, canal boat making, climbing wall, storytelling, live entertainment and refreshment stalls. And at Grassroots: have a go at gardening, apple pressing, wildlife activities, charity and refreshment stalls and more!
Activities at Failsworth canal basin (next to Tesco car park), in the district centre and at grassroots community allotment, accessed from towpath or Marlborough Drive.



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CALDERDALE, ROCHDALE OLDHAM & MANCHESTER

A WALKING
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FORTNIGHT OF FUN!

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to find out more or to get involved contact : becky.liddell@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk

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13TH–28TH AUGUST

Discover the Rochdale Canal during a fortnight of activities from Sowerby Bridge to Manchester, including guided walks, bike rides, canoeing, angling, boating, wildlife events, a lantern parade and much more.

LOTS OF EVENTS FREE

start here.....

Saturday 13th August

CALDERDALE

Canal Festival Launch!

11.00 am-4.00 pm

Join us in Sowerby Bridge (behind The Moorings car park) for the launch of the Canal Festival 2011. We are offering a range of free, fun, family activities including canoeing taster sessions, giant games, fairground rides, local food & coffee tasting, plant and bird stalls and Rochdale Canal Society narrowboats on the water. See a horseboat on the canal and find out how a lock gate is made at the local Hargreaves factory. The Moorings pub will also be providing a barbeque from 12 noon.

Sowerby Bridge Wharf

ROCHDALE

Connect2 Celebration Bike ride

10.00am

Ride from Heywood to the Canal Festival Launch at Sowerby Bridge and back, following the Connect2 route.
Over 20 miles, experienced cyclists only.
Heywood (Exact location TBC on booking)
Booking required. Telephone Howard Gott or Seamus Kelly: 01706 922019/ 01706 922055

Sunday 14th August

ROCHDALE

Connect2 opening event

11.00am
Official opening at Summit
Summit, Littleborough
No booking required

Connect2 opening event

10.00am-4.00pm
Come along and take part in a guided ride (bikes provided) and other fun activities near the canal
Ealees, Littleborough (opposite Littleborough Station, off Canal Street)
No booking required

OLDHAM

Art Bikes Roadshow

10.30am onwards
Find out more about the upcoming Art Bikes project with artist Noah Rose and his wonderful machines, starting at George St Failsworth, nr Wrigley Head then at various locations along the canal. If you're feeling energetic as well as creative, why not join the bike ride straight after (details below).

Canal Bike Ride

11am - 1pm
A fun, healthy bike ride for all the family from Failsworth to Chadderton along the canal. There are a limited number of bikes and helmets of various sizes, available to borrow for the ride. Booking required. Meet at the end of George St. Failsworth, nr. Wrigley Head, on the canal towpath.
Please call Dan Knight to book a place, and if necessary, a bike and helmet: 0161 770 4169. Also includes The Art Bikes Roadshow, from 10.30am, see above.

MANCHESTER

Miles Platting Festival

12.00pm-4.00pm
The festival promises to be as successful as last year. Music, food and entertainment happening throughout the afternoon, including:

KAYAKING TASTER SESSIONS
12.00pm-3.00pm
Delivered by experienced coaches from the Water Adventure Centre. Available to age group 8 years and over

ANGLING TASTER SESSIONS
12.00pm-4.00pm
Hosted by Community Angling Regeneration Project. Learn how to fish with experienced coaches, all equipment provided
WATER ZORBING
12.00pm-4.00pm
Run, jump, balance and roll on water in giant water balls

All Events at Miles Platting Adjacent to Victoria Mill Hut (corner of Vickers Street and Tideswell Avenue)

Monday 15th August

MANCHESTER

Children's Art Sessions

2.00pm-4.00pm
Arty craft fun for children on a wildlife theme. With 'Zest'
Newton Heath Library
Booking required. Telephone Laura Cassidy: 0161 655 7883

Tuesday 16th August

CALDERDALE

Horse boating from Sowerby Bridge to Hebden Bridge

All Day
For more information contact: enquiries@horseboating.org.uk

OLDHAM

Den Building Workshop

1.45pm- 4.00pm
We will be harvesting natural materials at Moston Brook & learning how to make outdoor shelters. Suitable for all ages. Families welcome. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear
Meet outside the Anglers Arms pub, 95 Wrigley Head, M35 9BH
Booking required. Telephone Ann Bates: 07801 204 804

Rose and Castle painting

2.30pm-3.30pm
Rose and Castle is the style of painting used to decorate canal boats. Kids - come and have a go and see what colourful canal boat designs you can create!
Failsworth Library
No booking required

MANCHESTER

Tai Chi

10.30am-11.30am
Learn more about this graceful martial art, practiced for its health benefits and as an aid to relaxation. With 'Zest'
Newton Heath Library
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Underground Tour (IWA)

7.00pm - 8.30pm
An underground tour of the Manchester and Salford Junction Canal with the Inland Waterways Association. All participants must wear sensible walking boots/clothes, bring a torch and be able to manage stairs Central Manchester.
Great North Western Goods Warehouse, between Deansgate and Peter Street, Meet in the large open space near the water feature.
Booking required (25 people max).
Telephone Becky Liddell: 07795 838 335

Wednesday 17th August

CALDERDALE

Lantern and illuminated boat parade

9.00pm
An illuminated evening towpath walk through Todmorden to Fielden Wharf, with music and lanterns you've made yourself! Lantern making workshops Monday 15 August, 2pm and 6pm at the Hippodrome Theatre. Provided by StoryTailors and the Rochdale Canal Society
Meet outside the Hippodrome Theatre, Todmorden at 8.45pm
No booking required

MANCHESTER & OLDHAM

Health Walk (approx. 2-3 hours)

10.00am
Use the canal to get fit and healthy this summer! A circular walk covering Manchester and Oldham sections of the Rochdale Canal. Guided by Oldham PCT Health Walk Development Officer. Please wear suitable footwear as some paths may be muddy. Children under 16 should be supervised by an adult
Meet at Newton Heath (Lidl Car park), Old Church Street
No booking required

OLDHAM

Dog Training

10 am-11.30 am
A demonstration and talk on dog obedience and agility by Newton Heath Dog Training Club, with a brief discussion on the disciplines and courses that the club runs. Coffee, tea and biscuits provided. Wrigley Head, off Wickentree Lane, Failsworth
Visit www.newtonheathdtc.co.uk for further information

Thursday 18th August

CALDERDALE

Market Day Horseboat Cruise

10.00am- 6.00pm
Experience how the canals were used in the past on a horse drawn canal boat cruise from Hebden Bridge to Todmorden and back

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OLDHAM

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Meet at Failsworth Tesco, main entrance

Friday 19th August

MANCHESTER

Tours of Urban Splash Marina

4.00pm
Guided tour of the new marina in New Islington, which opens this summer, together with a full explanation of the project
New Islington, Ancoats, Manchester.
Booking required. Email richardhattan@urbansplash.co.uk

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FAILSWORTH
NEWTON HEATH
MILES PLATTING
MANCHESTER
Canal boat
Wood lice

Saturday 20th August

CALDERDALE

Opening of canalside improvement scheme

2.00pm
Launch of new landscaped canalside scheme, including official opening ceremony, planting, Incredible Edible activities (bee houses, seed bombs and origami boats), refreshments and many other activities.
Lever St car park, Todmorden
Free. No booking required.

ROCHDALE

Blue Badge Heritage Walk

1.30pm-3.30pm
Two hour walk from Littleborough calling at Little Clegg and Clegg Hall. Led by Anne Thomas. Please dress appropriately
Outside Littleborough Coach House, Lodge Street, Littleborough, OL15 9AE
No booking required

Go wild family pond dip

2.00pm-4.00pm
Discover what wildlife lurks within our pond. Children must be accompanied by an adult
Hollingworth Lake visitor centre, Rakewood Road, Littleborough, OL15 0AQ
Booking required (limited places). Telephone: 01706 373 421
£1 per person

OLDHAM

Taster Tai Chi session

2.45pm- 4.00pm (approx)
Come & enjoy a taster tai chi session at Moston Brook led by local instructor David Murray. Suitable for all ages & abilities. Please wear loose comfortable clothing & trainers
Meet outside Parkfield Dance Centre, 56 Eastwood Road, New Moston, M40 3TF
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Sunday 21st August

CALDERDALE

Mytholmroyd Masquerade

12 noon – 3.30pm Costume making
4pm Canal Creature Carnival
Make your own canal-themed mask and costume with artists from the fabulous Handmade Parade. Then join in with their stilt walkers,giant puppets and street band in an impromptu play about the secret lives of canal creatures!
Mytholmroyd, St Michael's Church
No booking required

Nature in Focus

11.00pm-3.00pm
Come and see canal creatures up close, see how they breathe and what they eat through a video linked microscope!
Mytholmroyd, St Michael's Church
No booking required

ROCHDALE

Wildlife Fete

11.00am-4.00pm
A day of fun and games, stalls and wildlife information
Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre, Rakewood Road, Littleborough, OL15 0AQ
No booking required

MANCHESTER

Fishtastic angling taster session

10.00am-3.00pm
Learn how to fish with experienced coaches. All equipment provided
Outside Newton Heath Library
No booking required

Monday 22nd of August

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