

THE BRIDGEWATER CANAL IN SALFORD SUMMER ACTIVITIES MAY TO AUGUST 2015



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With summer on its way the Bridgewater Canal in Salford is just about to get a whole lot busier. Improvement works are already underway on both Worsley Green and Nasmyth's Steam Hammer in Patricroft – and with the curtain just coming down on our successful opera project with Salford schools, we've no time for an encore as we get ready to offer even more activities to entertain, enthuse and educate! This summer, Salford's Bridgewater Canal is the place to be for doodling, strolling, cruising, volunteering, weekendng, singing, talking, fishing or even hugging a tree. Come along and join in...

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FAMILY FUN

Explore the delights of the Bridgewater Canal together.

Sing-a-long-a-Bridgewater Cruise **Friday 17 July** **10.00am-11.30am**

Join acclaimed musician Claire Mooney as she takes children under 6 (and their parents) on a floating, fun musical trip from Worsley to Boothstown and back. It's a chance to sing about canals, boats and water, and with Claire's expert help (and inspired by what you see on your journey) you'll compose a song and perform it together as you harmonise your way back to dry land. Strictly no musical experience necessary!

Price: £4 per adult and £2 per child (maximum of 3 children per adult) & must be booked in advance. Book online at www.visitsalford.info/walksandwater

Bugtastic! **Friday 14 August,** **10.00am-12.00pm,** **Duke's Drive, Monton**

Come along and search for all kinds of creepy crawlies! Let's hope you're not scared of spiders!

Bring a net if you have one and meet on the meadow just beyond the car park.

Price: FREE

Terrific Trees **Thursday 27 August** **10.00am-12.00pm,** **Duke's Drive, Monton**

Find your favourite tree, give it a hug and make it a fantastical face from clay. Meet on the meadow beyond the car park.

Price: FREE



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Bridgewater Bat Walk	Thursday 7 May	8.00-10.00pm	FREE
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Join us on our night time bat walk along the Bridgewater Canal from Monton to Worsley. Come and discover the fascinating world of bats, and use a bat detector to hear the sounds they make whilst on the hunt for insects.

Please bring a torch. Canal side walk, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Old Fold Pocket Park, next to the entrance to the Bridgewater Canal on Parrin Lane. Parking available at Duke's Drive, Parrin Lane.

Nearest train station: Patricroft. **Nearest bus stop:** Monton Green. **Grading:** easy, approx 2.5 miles. **Booking is essential:** www.est1761.eventbrite.co.uk

Worsley Ramble	Sunday 17 May	10.00am-1.00pm	FREE
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This circular spring walk starts at Blackleach Country Park, taking in canals and reservoirs, alongside wonderful heritage and wildlife. Sadly this route is not wheelchair friendly. Facilities include: toilets, information centre, car parking and bike racks.

Nearest train station: Walkden. **Nearest bus stop:** Bolton Road. **Grading:** medium, approx 7 miles.

For more information please contact Salford Rangers **0161 793 4219** or email rangers@salford.gov.uk

Canal, Camera, Action (beginners)	Sunday 17 May	10.00am	FREE
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Join professional photographer Chris Mattison on a journey along the Bridgewater Canal, capturing urban wildlife in unexpected places. You'll learn how to get the best out of your camera, plus hints and tips to take a great shot. This walk is perfect for beginners, bring your own camera.

Open to adults only. Please note there are no toilet facilities on this walk, and on street parking only.

Meet at Barton Pocket Park, Old Barton Road. The walk finishes at Duke's Drive Country Park, off Parrin Lane.

Nearest train station to start of walk: Patricroft. **Nearest bus stop to start of walk:** Barton Road/Barton Bridge. **Grading:** fairly easy, 1.5 miles. **Booking is essential:** www.est1761.eventbrite.co.uk

More walks are listed on the next page.

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**Canal, Camera, Action
(advanced)****Sunday 17 May****2.00pm****FREE**

Join professional photographer Chris Mattison on a journey along the Bridgewater Canal, capturing urban wildlife in unexpected places. You'll learn how to get the best out of your camera, plus hints and tips to take a great shot. This walk is suitable for the more advanced photographer, bring your own camera. This walk is open to adults only. Please note there are no toilet facilities on this walk. Cafes available in Monton Village. Meet at in the car park at Duke's Drive Country Park, off Parrin Lane, Monton.

Nearest train station to start of walk: Patricroft. **Nearest bus stop to start of walk:** Monton Green. **Grading:** fairly easy, 1.5 miles. **Booking is essential:** www.est1761.eventbrite.co.uk

**Industrial Ingenuity -
iron, coal and canal****Thursday 21 May****10.00am****FREE**

Explore the stories of two men who transformed the industrial world. Visit the site of James Nasmyth's Foundry (including an original steam hammer) and see the foundations of James Brindley's Bridgewater Canal aqueduct and the current Barton Swing Aqueduct. Meet at Winton Library, Old Parrin Lane, Winton M30 8BY where there are toilets, cycle facilities and limited parking.

Nearest train station: Patricroft. **Nearest bus stop:** Worsley Road/Winton Library. **Grading:** medium (includes steps and slight gradient), 4 miles. **Booking is essential:** www.est1761.eventbrite.co.uk

UMBRELLA DOODLE WALKS

Join artist Sarah Marsh on these unique sketching walks. Whatever the weather, you will doodle your way along the Bridgewater Canal using special pens on transparent umbrellas. Take a fresh look at what is around you through this unique perspective, come rain or shine! All umbrellas and paints provided.

Price: FREE. Booking is essential: www.est1761.eventbrite.co.uk

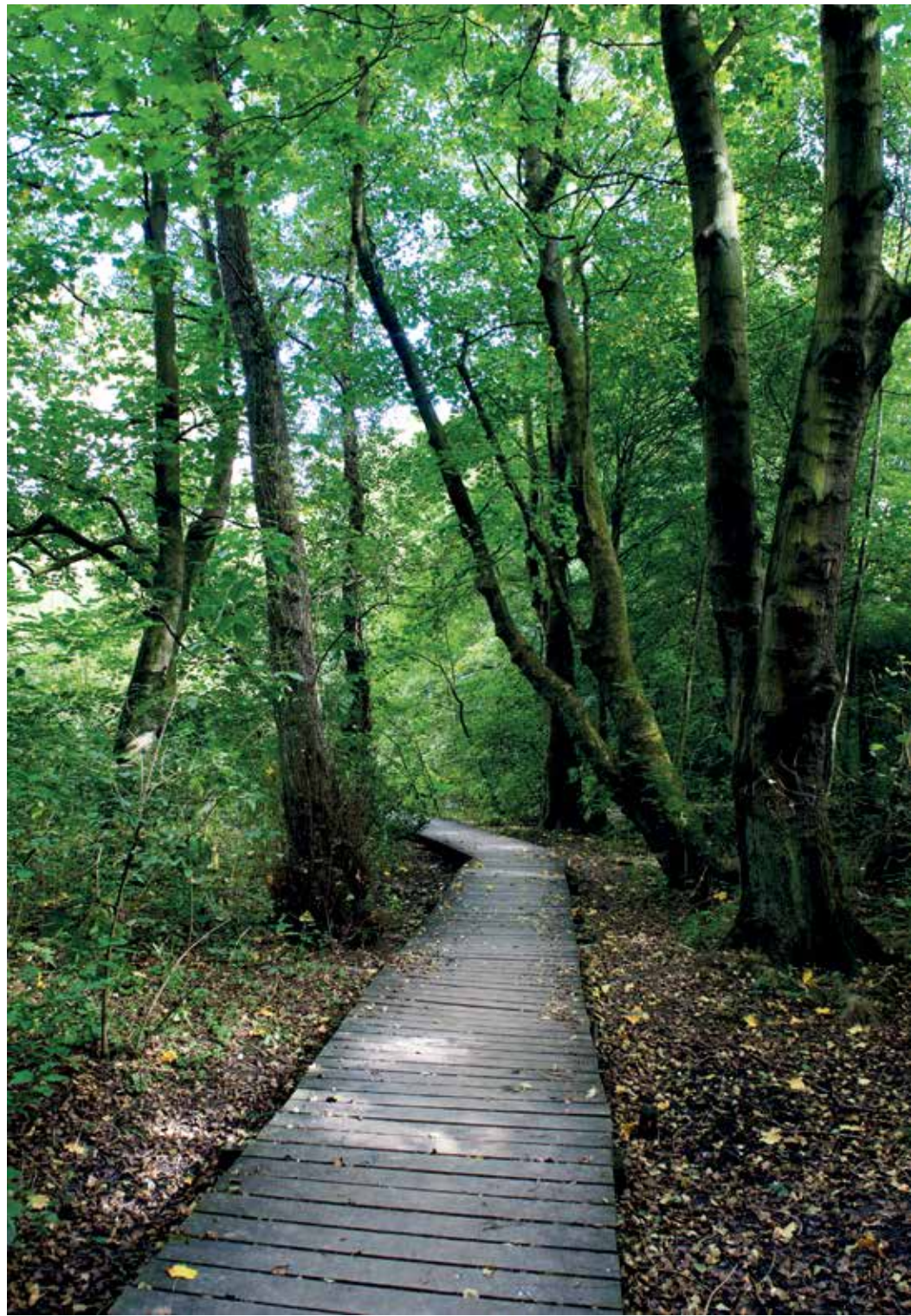

**Industrial Architectural
Umbrella Doodle walk**
Saturday 13 June
10.00am & 1.30pm

Eccles Station to Patricroft
to Monton back to Eccles
Station. Circular 3 mile walk.
2 hours

**Environmental
Architectural Umbrella
Doodle walk**
Saturday 11 July
10.00am & 1.30pm

Duke's Drive, Monton
to Worsley and back via
Worsley Woods (including
Old Warke Dam). Circular
2 mile walk. 2 hours.





BRIDGEWATER WILDLIFE

Price: FREE. Booking is essential:
call Jill on 07872808003 or visit
www.est1761.eventbrite.co.uk

Grassland Flower Identification Course, Wednesday 10 June, 10.00am-3.00pm, Duke's Drive

Come along and learn from an ecologist working with the Grey to Green Project about the grasses and wildflowers at Duke's Drive. Learn how to tell them apart, how to carry out a botanical survey and where to send your records. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments provided. Meet at Monton Unitarian Church community rooms.

Wildlife Walk, Sunday 14 June, 1.00-3.00pm, Bridgewater Park

From bees & butterflies to frogs & fungi, join a local nature expert and enter the wonderful world of wildlife. Includes a walk around Bridgewater Park and along stretches of the canal.

Butterfly Identification Course, Saturday 20 June, 10.00am-3.00pm, Duke's Drive

From the Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell to the stunning Red Admiral and the migrant Painted Lady, come and learn all about these beautiful and fragile insects. This workshop will focus on the top ten species in Greater Manchester and as well as learning how to identify them we will show you how to go about recording your sightings and submitting records to the Greater Manchester Local Records Centre. Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments provided.



Foraging event, Thursday 16 July, 1.00-3.00pm, Bridgewater Park

Join a local foraging expert to look at what to eat and what not to eat from nature's delicious bounty. This will include a walk around Bridgewater Park and along stretches of the canal. Meet at site entrance to Bridgewater Park opposite The Moorings Pub.

Summer Tree ID, Friday 31 July, 10.00am-2.00pm, Duke's Drive

Learn the oak from the ash, the difference between native and introduced species, how they were used in the past, and ways to monitor and safeguard them for future generations. An ecologist from Greater Manchester Ecology Unit will expertly guide us around the trees of Duke's Drive.

Wildlife Walk, Saturday 15 August, 1.00-3.00pm, Duke's Drive

From bees & butterflies to frogs & fungi, join a local nature expert and enter the wonderful world of wildlife. Includes a walk around Duke's Drive, Worsley Woods and along the canal.

Phase 1 Habitat Surveying Course, Wednesday 26 August, 10.00am-3.00pm, Duke's Drive

An Introduction to the Phase 1 Habitat Survey System.

Delve deeper into the world of ecology. An expert from Greater Manchester Ecology Unit will introduce us to the most up to date way to carry out an assessment of a green space. We'll then work together for most of the day to carry out an actual assessment to feed in to a Phase 1 Habitat Survey map of Duke's Drive. Meet at Monton Unitarian Church community rooms.



HEALTH WALKS

Put your best foot forward with a friendly local walking group. Call Jo Bennett on 0161 778 0559 for more information

**Every Monday
2.00-3.00pm
Boothstown**

Meet at Boothstown Community Centre, Stanfield Drive, Boothstown M28 1NB

**Every Tuesday and
Sunday 10.00 -11.00am
Monton**

Meet at Monton Unitarian Church, Monton Green M30 8AP

**Every Friday
10.00-11.00am
Worsley Woods**

Meet at Worsley Court House, Worsley M28 2PB

BUGGY WALKS

Do you want to get active after having a baby? Join us for a brisk walk and meet new friends. Call Amy Prodders, Health Improvement Team 07827 354 232 for more information.

**Every Thursday, 1.00-3.00pm,
Monton**

Meet at Monton Veteran's Shelter, M30 8AP

BIKE RIDES

**Every Friday, 12.30-2.30pm,
Meet at Cleavley Athletics Track.
Blantyre Street Winton Eccles
M30 8HY**

Join us for a cycle ride around the Bridgewater Canal and surrounding areas. Bring your own bike or there are a limited number of bikes available for use on the day. To book contact the Health Improvement Team on 0161 603 4280

HERITAGE WALK

The Wonders of Worsley, Saturday 8 August, 11.00am, £8.00 concessions £7.00

Dukes and delphs, coal and canals, industry and innovation, heritage and heart-warming history. Meet at Worsley Library, Worsley Road, walk finishes at Worsley Old Hall Country House pub. Please wear suitable footwear.

Car parking: 2 minutes walk, Barton Lane.

No need to book, please pay the New Manchester Walks guide on the day.

REVITALISING THE BRIDGEWATER'S RICH HISTORY

Full steam ahead....

One of engineering genius James Nasmyth's steam hammers - nicknamed Thor after the Norse god of thunder because of the noise it made - stands opposite the site of his Victorian workshop in Patricroft. As part of our wider £5.5 million restoration package to the nearby Bridgewater Canal the historic machine has been restored, repainted, set within new landscaping and a new interpretive canopy will now protect it from the weather and explain its significance to visitors.

Nasmyth's Steam Hammer could gently break the top of an egg set in a wine glass without breaking the glass or be set to fall with such force it shook the whole building and could be heard for miles around. Thor was used at Elsecar Colliery in Barnsley for over 100 years before an enthusiastic group of local people brought it to Salford and it was set up at its current site, Nasmyth's Business Park which stands close to another masterpiece of engineering – the Bridgewater Canal.

Over 170 years later, you can now see one of his amazing pieces of machinery, restored to its former glory. If you'd like to

get up close to have a look at Nasmyth's Steam Hammer, and find out more about it - we'll be visiting it as part of our walk - **Industrial Ingenuity – iron, coal and canal** on 21 May (more details on page 5).



Meanwhile at Worsley...

Further along the canal, the Worsley Green Monument was constructed in 1905 from the base of the chimney of Worsley Works Yard. Today, it's difficult to believe that Worsley Green was once a thriving industrial complex – home to a boat building yard, motor mill, timber yard, nail makers and a warehouse and workshops. In April, scaffolding and hoardings went up around the monument to allow us to repair and clean the brick and stone work so that by the end of June the monument will reveal itself anew. A striking reminder of the third Duke of Bridgewater who built Britain's first man-made waterway through the village between 1759 and 1761.



REVEALING BRIDGEWATER CANAL'S HIDDEN STORIES

Are you interested in uncovering and interpreting the past? We are looking for volunteers to contribute to the transformation of Salford's Bridgewater Canal by researching its stories and sharing them with residents and visitors.

Salford's original canal has a long and rich history and has been responsible for bringing industry, goods and people to the area ever since construction in 1761. Now we have a chance to explore the way industrial and urban development has changed the landscape and influenced the people who have lived here.

Our volunteers meet every two weeks to share information, discuss projects and develop resources. We also visit other heritage sites to identify good practice and get inspiration.

In May 2015 volunteers from the group will deliver their first guided trail from Patricroft to Barton and other heritage trails will be developed over the coming months, helping to bring the story of the canal to life.

New volunteers are always welcome, so please contact the Bridgewater Heritage Officer on 07890533642 or email bridgewatercanal@salford.gov.uk

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SOUNDWAVES AND WATERWAYS

This summer we're looking for volunteers to help create a collection of recorded stories and memories from people who have lived and worked along the Bridgewater Canal in Salford. A series of workshops and training courses with a local artist will be on offer to enable local people to record these stories for inclusion in an original audio work. We'd also like to recreate some of the sounds that

made the canal a unique place to work on and live beside. If you'd like to explore the many possibilities of working with sound and speech or if you know someone with a story to tell about life along the canal please contact us on 07890533642 or email bridgewatercanal@salford.gov.uk Or come along, say hello and find out more at our Bridgewater Weekender.





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BRIDGEWATER WEEKENDER SATURDAY 18 & SUNDAY 19 JULY 2015

It's back!

After last year's Bridgewater Weekender brought thousands of you outdoors to explore the delights of Salford's Bridgewater Canal, we're getting ready to make this year's Weekender even better.

We're still finalising the details of what will be on offer but we promise you won't be disappointed as we celebrate the 254th birthday of this much loved local waterway with lots of music, family fun, entertainment, food, crafts and a chance to relax in the amazing spaces that border the canal. This year we'll be starting the celebrations early with several great events in the days leading up to the Weekender including walks, activities and cruises.

The Bridgewater Weekender itself will start on Saturday with **Worsley Summer Fete**

transforming **Worsley Green** from **12.00-4.00pm** into a genteel commotion of crafts stalls, performers, artists, children's activities, a bit of history and of course tea & cakes....

And if you're still clamouring for more, we're back again with **Duke's Drive Summer Sunday** at Monton from **2.00-7.00pm**. Head to the meadow for a chance to listen to live music, be accosted by characters from history, grab a bite to eat and take part in a feast of free family activities. In the beautiful natural setting there'll be opportunities to build dens, hunt for mini-beasts and have fun with knots!

We'll be sharing more details nearer the time so look out for our flyers, or follow us on Twitter **@SalfordCanal** or on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/Est1761**

BETWEEN US, WE KNOW EVERYTHING

Quarantine are bringing 'Between us, we know everything...' to the Bridgewater Canal in Salford

Between us, we know everything.... seeks to capture what we know, everything we know, anything we know. It's about putting faces to the facts, and bringing people into the story - making a huge online map of knowledge.

Visit the mobile video studio to film something you want to share with the world, and we'll upload it to our dedicated website.

What do you know?

Visit us:

Thursday 2 July	Duke's Drive, Monton	10.00am- 2.00pm
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The van will be popping up at various other locations around Salford from Saturday 27 June – Friday 3 July including at

Saturday 27 June	Winton Festival, Winton Park	11.00am- 4.00pm
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For up to date information on where the van will be please contact Fay Flatt on fay.flatt@scll.co.uk or 0161 686 5231

Website:

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www.betweenusweknoweverything.com

Twitter: @QtineMcr

Facebook: www.facebook.com/QtineMcr



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LOCAL COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

As the sunny days arrive, communities along the canal celebrate with a programme of traditional summer fairs that offer lots of family fun.

Winton Festival Saturday 27 June 11.00am Winton Park, Dover Street, Winton, M30 8LW

Family fun day with stalls, entertainment, food, children's rides and lots of exciting activities. For more information contact andrew.meadows@salford.gov.uk



Monton Festival Saturday 4 July 11.00am-5.00pm Monton Village

The popular community festival is back. Nearly 100 stalls will sell everything from jewellery, crafts and toys to fashion and food. It's a great chance to browse a vibrant mix of independent shops, bars and cafes – many of which will have special offers for the day. Monton Green will also be home to a host of activities, stalls, a fun fair, entertainment and music. Organised by Monton Village Community Association (MVCA) more information is available at www.montonvillage.org.uk

Worsley Festival 20 July-30 July Various dates Worsley

The highlight of Worsley's annual calendar with a full programme of activities, culture and canal cruises. Highlights include the popular Concert on the Green on 11 July, festival cruises on 22 and 29 July and an All Day Art Class on 26 July. Organised by Worsley Events Group. For more information or tickets for events contact Beryl – 0161 794 9627 or Karen – 0161 794 1574 or drop in to Worsley Library on any Friday morning.

MINECRAFTING

This spring sees the launch of an ambitious recycling project that will bring the heritage of the Bridgewater Canal to life. In 1761, the Duke of Bridgewater had a major problem with flooding in his coal mines at Worsley. His solution was to create the world's first purpose built canal which also provided a new way of transporting the coal from the mines at Worsley Delph into Manchester. The boats that were used in the coal mines were of a unique design – often called starvationers because of the ribs that can be seen on the inside.

Worsley Delph will be transformed again in the next two years and eventually people will be able access this unique site on foot or by boat once again. As part of these improvement works, a small number of trees have had to be removed from the

Delph and we are now looking to transform these trees into a boat.

We'll be working with Start Creative to support local men to create this amazing vessel. We will also offer accreditation to anyone interested in more than being involved just for fun.

So, if you are male, aged over 18 and would like to get involved we'd love to hear from you. You can contact us by email bridgewatercanal@salford.gov.uk or phone on 07966 316446.

We are also going to be at several events over the coming months for you to have a go at some woodwork, to chat to us and learn more about the project.

Please do come along – we'd love to see you.

Tuesday
16 June

10.00am-3.00pm

The Cross, Church Street, Eccles, M30 0LZ

Sunday
28 June

11.00am-5.00pm

Winton Festival, Winton Park, Dover Street, Winton, M30 8LW

Saturday
18 July

12noon-4.00pm

Worsley Summer Fete, Worsley Green M28 2PA



BRIDGEWATER VOLUNTEERS – BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM

Enjoy working in the great outdoors, learning new skills & meeting new people? To get involved in any of the Bridgewater Volunteer activities or find out more about becoming a volunteer, contact Jill Tyson on 07872808003 or email bridgewatercanal@salford.gov.uk

Adults only. All abilities welcome. All tools provided. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable footwear and outdoor clothing. Tea and coffee provided.

Wednesday 6 May 10.00am-3.00pm King's Meadow, Winton

Joining forces with City West Housing for a Spring Clean along the canal side.

Meet at alley entrance between Verdun and Kingswood Rd, Westwood Park, Winton. Call Joe on 07872808005 for details.

Saturday 16 May 10.00am-3.00pm Duke's Drive, Monton

Help to remove self seeded trees from the canal bank.

Meet at Duke's Drive car park (off Parrin Lane, Monton). Call Joe on 07872808005 for details.

Wednesday 3 June 10.00am-3.00pm Duke's Drive, Monton

Improve the pond habitat by planting wetland plants to attract wildlife & oxygenate the water.

Meet in Duke's Drive car park (off Parrin Lane, Monton).

Wednesday 17 June 10.00am-3.00pm King's Meadow, Winton

Help those muddy feet by building a path to improve access to the canal.

Meet at alley entrance between Verdun and Kingswood Rd, Westwood Park, Winton.

Saturday 11 July 10.00am-3.00pm Duke's Drive, Monton

'Balsam Bash' – tackle the invasive species Himalayan Balsam & encourage native wildflowers to establish in its place.

Meet in Duke's Drive car park (off Parrin Lane, Monton).

Wednesday 22 July 10.00am-3.00pm Duke's Drive, Monton

Help to build a hibernaculum - a shelter for toads, newts, frogs and other wildlife!

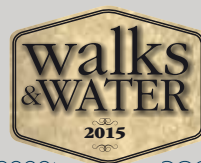
Meet in Duke's Drive car park (off Parrin Lane, Monton).



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CRUISE THE CANAL

All cruises must be booked in advance at
www.visitsalford.info/walksandwater



Afternoon Tea Cruise	Sunday 14 June	2.00pm	£18.00 per person
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Worsley to The Quays one way.

Sit back and enjoy this leisurely cruise from historic Worsley to the ultra-modern Quays whilst enjoying afternoon tea. Sail over the Barton Aqueduct, along the Manchester Ship Canal and disembark at The Quays, home to bars, restaurants, shopping and stunning attractions. Cruise lasts approx. 3 hours.

Departure point: the moorings near the hump-backed bridge, opposite the Bridgewater Hotel, Barton Road, Worsley, M28 2PD.

Arrival point: the left of The Lowry footbridge on The Lowry side of Salford Quays.

Midweek Afternoon Tea cruise	Wednesday 15 July	2.00pm	£15.00 per person
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Worsley-Barton Aqueduct circular.

Enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea as you cruise along the Bridgewater Canal, past the surprising lighthouse of Monton and over the world renowned Barton Aqueduct. Cruise lasts approx. 2 hours.

Departure point: the moorings near the hump-backed bridge, opposite the Bridgewater Hotel, Barton Road, Worsley, M28 2PD.



Cream Tea cruise	Monday 31 August	2.00pm	£15.00 per person
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Worsley-Barton Aqueduct circular.

Cruise along the Bridgewater Canal, past the surprisingly located lighthouse and over the world renowned Barton Aqueduct whilst enjoying a delicious scone with jam and cream. Cruise lasts around 2 hours.

Departure point: the moorings near the hump-backed bridge, opposite the Bridgewater Hotel, Barton Road, Worsley, M28 2PD

Afternoon Tea cruise	Friday 18 September	2.00pm	£15.00 per person
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Worsley-Barton Aqueduct circular.

Salford Food and Drink Festival kicks off with a delicious Afternoon Tea cruise along the Bridgewater Canal, past the unique Monton lighthouse and over the world renowned Barton Aqueduct. Cruise lasts around 2 hours.

Departure point: the moorings near the hump-backed bridge, opposite the Bridgewater Hotel, Barton Road, Worsley, M28 2PD.



EXPLORING THE WIDER BRIDGEWATER CANAL

The Bridgewater Canal developed from its roots in Salford to become a 65km (39 mile) waterway stretching from Runcorn to Leigh in the North West of England. It was originally constructed to transport the Duke of Bridgewater's coal from his mine at Worsley efficiently and cheaply to the rapidly expanding towns and cities nearby. At its peak, over 3 million tonnes of traffic used the Bridgewater Canal. Nowadays it is a leisure waterway popular with many cruising boaters. Walkers and cyclists can now explore many miles of the canal towpath which is being improved as part of the Bridgewater Way regeneration scheme which, when completed, will create a 39 mile leisure route along the whole length of the canal. You can find out more about the canal including the areas of the towpath where cycling is permitted at www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk

Boaters

Boaters are welcome along the Bridgewater Canal route; all craft using the Bridgewater Canal must have a Bridgewater Canal Licence. You can find out everything you need to know about licensing and mooring locations on the Bridgewater Canal Company's website at www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk/boating. You can also find out about hiring a boat (for a day or a short term break) and local boat operators.

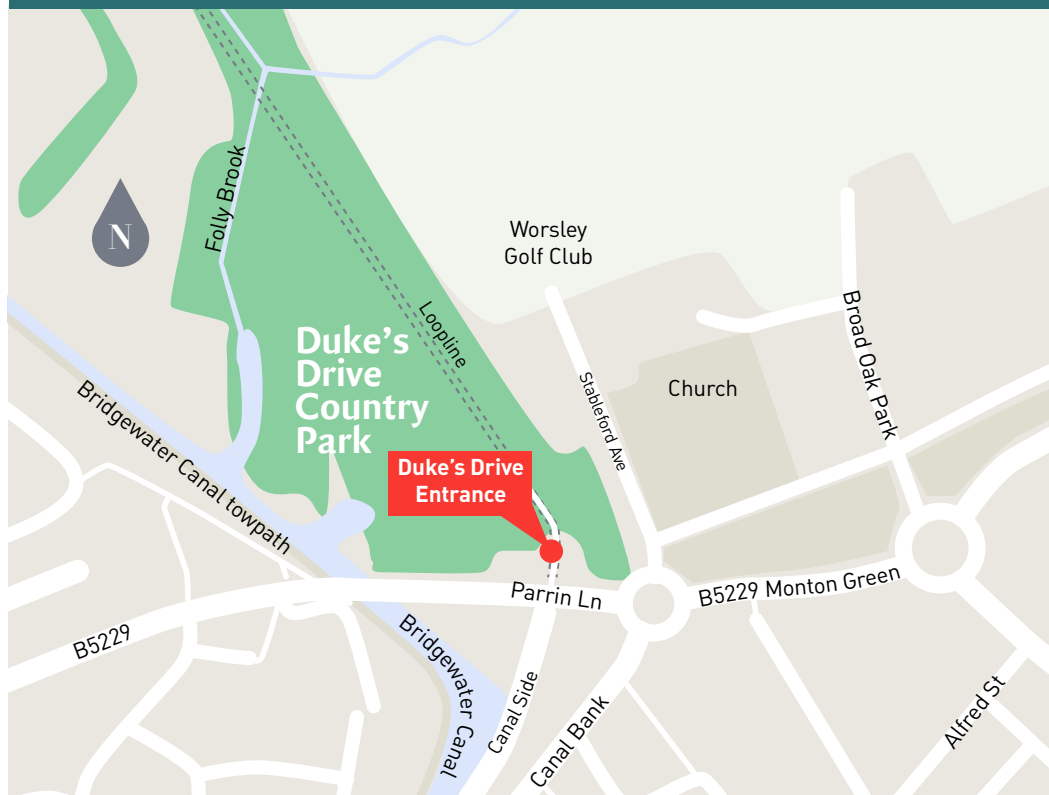
Fishing

Various species of fish can be found along the Bridgewater Canal including rudd, roach, carp, perch, bream, tench and pike. If you would like to fish on the canal, there are a number of fishing clubs which have a licence to fish on various stretches of the Bridgewater. You can find out more about licences and the Fishing Code of Practice at www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk/todo/fishing

The Bridgewater Canal is owned and operated by The Bridgewater Canal Company Limited, part of The Peel Group, in conjunction with the Bridgewater Canal Trust. You can contact the Bridgewater Canal Company directly by email at Bridgewatercanal@peel.co.uk or by telephone on 0161 629 8200 (between 2.00pm and 4.00pm Monday to Friday).

VISITOR INFORMATION

Duke's Drive Country Park is a new visitor hub for the Bridgewater Canal in Salford. There are over 50 new parking spaces conveniently located off Parrin Lane. The area is served by regular bus services (the nearest stop is Monton Green) including service numbers 33, 61, 62 and 68.



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