

BRIDGEWATER WEEKENDER

A free festival of family fun



It's the Bridgewater Canal's 257th birthday – join us from 12 noon to 6pm to celebrate in style!

Step back in time and find out more about what the Duke of Bridgewater's golden canal did for transportation and trade during the industrial revolution! Follow the **Earl's History Trail**, trade your coal for a banana, a steam hammer or an Eccles cake and get rich.... flat caps and clogs optional but actively encouraged!

George Orange is the **Man on the Moon**. Watch in amazement as he navigates a rope across the moon. He needs your help! (Performances at 12.15pm, 3.15pm and 4.30pm).

Planning a trip to Outer Space is **Major Hopalot** the world famous Astro-Bunny looking for a suitable launch site to test his new rocket "Big Carrot 3". Will Duke's Drive prove to be the perfect place?

Curious Things bring their **Coal Carnival** to the Bridgewater Weekender. Drop in and play fairground games inspired by the canal's heritage. Ever wondered what would it be like to boat along the spooky tunnels of the underground canal? Step into their time travelling tent for a soundscape and storytelling experience!

The Whale will take up residence for the day. He will swallow you whole and tell you a story, before spitting you out so you can find some more fun things to do!

Accompany the mysterious **Professor Jigget** on a family-friendly magical madcap journey along the canal towpath and beyond... (Walks start beside the Est.1761 gazebo at 1.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm and 4.15pm approx 30 minutes).

Weave your very own **boat using willow** with artist Cherry Chung.

Have a go at **screen printing** with textile artist Sally Gilford and take home a unique piece of history!

Explore with a **foraging and wildlife walk** with Discover The Wild's Dave Winnard. (Walks start beside the Est.1761 gazebo at 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm approx 30 minutes).

Den building – make yourself a top notch shelter under the trees using branches, twigs and leaves.

The music stage is **Curated By Honeyfeet**, with a great selection of blues, jazz and folk.

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At 3.15pm hear Rowan McCabe the world's first **door-to-door poet** performing poems recently composed on the doorsteps of people living near the canal.

Artist Joe Ford will help you discover the beautiful craft of **'natural Japanese bookbinding'** using birch bark and recycled paper. (Suitable for adults and older children).

Ahoy there! They're a bit far from the sea, but look out for **The Trawlers** on their visit to the canal. They'll be a bit difficult to miss with their barnacle beards, big bouncy boots and bright yellow suits!

Browse an eclectic selection of **craft stalls** from talented local artists and makers.

Super starvationer - help Billy to create a massive boat (like the ones that used to travel through the underground mines) using natural wood.

Apple pressing – find out more about nature's juicy fruit with the friendly experts from City of Trees.

Print-making for all the family with Mitch Robinson – create a Bridgewater heritage-inspired print or have a go at some colourful 'rainbow drawing'.

Bug-hunting - Join Ranger Jess and delve into the wonderful world of creepy crawlies and flying things...some great spiders have been spotted here recently!

PlayTime - Hoola hoops, parachutes and balls, run around and let off some steam.

Enjoy a feast of food and delicious drinks from our carefully selected vendors!

Est1761 - call in to see us in our very own gazebo. Find out about our volunteering programme, pick up information on our events and activities, complete a survey, take away an 'I Spy the Bridgewater' or just say hello!

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