

Rivelin Valley Heritage Open Day

Sunday 19 September 2021 11.00–16.00

Celebrating industrial heritage, wildlife and creativity
in the Rivelin Valley

Rivelin Valley Park, Rivelin Valley Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S6 5GL

COVID-19 Considerations:

This event will run in line with local & national government guidelines at the time.
Please wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before attending, avoid touching
surfaces as much as you can and give others plenty of space.

Rivelin Valley Heritage Open Day 2021 will have exhibits about its industrial heritage and local wildlife, with guided walks to the world famous Mousehole Forge. For the more artistic among you, there will be an ‘open mic’ poetry walk with local poet Fay Musselwhite.

At this event, we will also be celebrating **30 years of the Rivelin Valley Conservation Group** – to mark the occasion the **Lord Mayor, Councillor Gail Smith**, has been invited to unveil a specially-commissioned stone bench at about 1pm.

Meet volunteers from the Rivelin Valley Conservation Group and find out how you can become involved in helping to conserve your valley for future generations.

Find out about the history, industrial heritage and wildlife of the Rivelin Valley which was once the hunting grounds of the Lords of Hallamshire. From the 16th to 20th centuries this three-mile stretch of river valley supported 20 water mills and 21 dams; possibly the most concentrated number over that distance in the country. It supported industries ranging from cutlery grinding workshops and tilt forges to paper mills and corn mills.

The latest (2019) edition of the trail guide **‘Walking the Rivelin’** will be on sale.

Join a guided walk to the remains of Mousehole Forge, which once produced world-famous anvils, or an 'open mic' poetry walk with local poet Fay Musselwhite, where you will have the opportunity to read your own poem or another favourite. Walks need to be booked in advance – see below for booking details and more information.

See artwork by and find out about the Rivelin Valley Artist's Colony based at Rivelin Corn Mill in the 1920's and local 19th century artist and engraver William Lowe.

Watch the video of the old Rivelin valley postcards and share your memories of the Rivelin Valley – bring along stories, photographs and objects that tell the story of the valley.

Visit our nature corner to see and find out about local wildlife. May include activities such as bark/leaf rubbing, nature quiz, drawing, creepy-crawly hunt (depending on Covid and weather).

Access: On street parking only nearby but full disabled access is available. Off street parking, with a short walk, is available at the Havelock Dam (between Rivelin Fire Station and Hollins Lane).

Directions: Event is based around the Rivelin Park Café/Rivelin Valley Water Play area (paddling pools) on Rivelin Valley Road (A6101), near to the junction with Hollins Lane, about 1 km from Malin Bridge. On public transport, take a bus or the Supertram from Sheffield City Centre to Malin Bridge. From the Malin Bridge Supertram terminus it is about a 10 minute walk along Rivelin Valley Road to the Rivelin Park.

Organised by: Rivelin Valley Conservation Group.

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Heritage tours at 11.00 and 15.00.

Join RVCG guides for walks from Rivelin Park café to the world-famous Mousehole Forge, only recently accessible for public visits. See the remains of three mill sites and visit Mousehole Forge Scheduled Ancient Monument, where over 800,000 anvils were made, most of which were exported to America in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The event is free but booking is essential at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rivelin-valley-guided-walks-sunday-19th-sep-2021-tickets-163608249679>

- Max 15 people per tour.
- Contact for the day: 07850-712988
- The walks take approximately 1 hour. The ground can be uneven and slippery particularly if wet and there are a number of hazards around the remains at Mousehole Forge therefore children need to be closely supervised.
- Please meet at the walk start point near Rivelin Park Cafe 10 mins before the start time
- The guided walk will end at Mousehole Forge (near Malin Bridge) and visitors will then make their own way back.

'Open Mic' by the River with Fay Musselwhite at 14.00

Come down to the river and read your favourite poem! Choose a poem on the themes of nature or foraging, written by you or by somebody else; make sure it isn't more than 2 or 3 minutes long, and bring it along. We'll read our chosen poetry to each other, and walk by the river.

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Please also email Fay on resonate@blueyonder.co.uk giving details of the poem that you would like to read so that she can create an appropriate running order.

- The walk will take approximately 1 hour. The ground can be uneven and slippery particularly if wet, and the route includes some steps.
- Max 15 people.
- Please assemble at 13.30 so that the organiser can finalise the order of participants before the start.
- Further information available on request