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CANAL CHARITY HOSTS FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT STANDEGE VISITOR CENTRE

Thursday is family fun day during August at Standedge Visitor Centre, near Marsden, thanks to staff and volunteers from the Canal & River Trust charity.

Crafts, pond dipping, face painting and waterside bingo are just a few of the activities promising to keep children and adults entertained at the popular visitor attraction in West Yorkshire, which celebrates the nation's longest, deepest and highest canal tunnel.

Regular boat trips into Standedge Tunnel, which takes the Huddersfield Narrow Canal deep beneath the Pennines, are also on offer, as well as free interactive displays and a chance to learn about the boatmen and women who once carried cargoes on this amazing waterway.

The free summer holiday activities will take place on Thursday August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 11am to 3pm.

Katie Hutchinson, education coordinator with the Canal & River Trust, said: "Standedge Tunnel and Visitor Centre, on the banks for the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, provide a stunning backdrop for some great holiday adventures.

"The activities are suitable for all primary age children and there's lots to keep mums and dads occupied too. Places don't need to be booked – just come along on the day for a fun-packed way to learn all about our amazing canals."

The Canal & River Trust cares for 2,000 miles of the nation's waterways, including hundreds of aqueducts, bridges and tunnels.

To find out more about the Standedge Visitor Centre and Canal & River Trust, check out www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

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We believe that *living waterways transform places and enrich lives* and our role is to make sure there is always a place on your doorstep where you can escape the pressures of everyday life, stretch your legs and simply feel closer to nature.

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