THE HORSEBOATING SOCIETY 2009

A horsedrawn boat journey on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in April & May

Horseboating Maria, built 1854, from Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal then along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal to Huddersfield, and return.

A journey of a total of 45 miles, 148 lock passages, legging small tunnels and also Britain's longest canal tunnel, Standedge Tunnel (3 ¼ miles).

Legging Standedge Tunnel on two event days -

Saturday April 25, Diggle to Tunnel End, Marsden. In tunnel, approx. 1.00-4.00pm Sunday May 3, Tunnel End, Marsden to Diggle. In tunnel, approx. 1.00 - 4.00pm These event days are linking in with the annual Marsden Cuckoo Day on April 25, and a Teddy Bears Picnic on May 3 at the Standedge Visitors Centre, near Marsden.

Horseboating itinerary -

- Thursday April 23: Guide Bridge to Lock 8w, Heyrod, Huddersfield Narrow Canal
- Friday April 24: Lock 8w Heyrod to Lock 21w Uppermill, Saddleworth Museum
- Saturday April 25: Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill to Diggle then **legging** through Standedge Tunnel to Tunnel End, Marsden, 3 and ¼ miles, 1-4 pm. Also: a guided walk for the public with the boathorse over the tunnel top, 1-3pm.

Sunday April 26: Horseboat Maria moored at Tunnel End, Marsden

- Monday April 27: Tunnel End, Marsden to Slaithwaite
- Tuesday April 28: Slaithwaite to Huddersfield

Wednesday April 29: Horseboat Maria moored at Huddersfield

- Thursday April 30: Huddersfield to Slaithwaite
- Friday May 1: Slaithwaite to Tunnel End, Marsden

Saturday May 2: horseboat moored at Tunnel End, Marsden

- Sunday May 3: **legging** through Standedge Tunnel, 3 and ¼ miles, 1-4 pm. Also: a guided walk for the public with the boathorse over the tunnel top, 2-4pm. Horseboating down Diggle Flight to Uppermill.
- Monday May 4: Uppermill to Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal

NEW HORSEBOATING SOCIETY MEMBERS AND CREW ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Horseboating training is provided on journeys and on occasional training days. FURTHER INFORMATION: www.horseboating.org.uk or SUE DAY, sueday_horse@yahoo.co.uk, 01457-834863, 07711-121-056