

# MOIRA CANAL FESTIVAL

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The 2012 Canal Festival will take place along the restored section of the Ashby Canal at the historic Moira Furnace. This wonderful venue provides the backdrop to an exciting day out with something for everyone.

Many of the regular guests and activities will be there, but this year we have some exciting new additions to help visitors get into the 'swing of things'. Music will be provided by a 10-piece swing band playing sounds old and new, and traditional Morris Dancing will remain a regular favourite.

The festival re-enactments are always popular and this year we have welcomed back the popular Tommy Atkins World War Two Re-enactment Group who will recapture the canal bridge.

This year's headlining act is Zero Gravity, a spectacular mountain bike stunt team who will amaze you with their skill and attempt the first bike jump over the Ashby Canal.

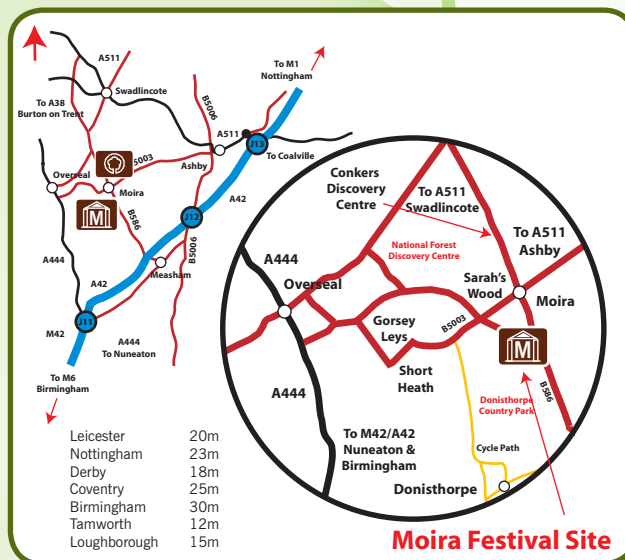
With steam train rides, craft for the children, boats, demonstrations, refreshments and a variety of stalls on offer, it's guaranteed to be the perfect celebratory weekend in the National Forest— one not to be missed!

## The Ashby Canal Project

The Ashby Canal is being restored from its current terminus at Snarestone to Moira. Leicestershire County Council is leading this major project which will reconnect Measham, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Moira to the national waterways network, and provide a green gateway to the Heart of the National Forest. Last year's festival enabled us to continue with assisting the operation and maintenance of the restored length of the Ashby Canal at Moira, and to contribute £5000 to the ongoing restoration at Snarestone.

Many thanks for your support.

## How to get there



The Canal Festival is at Moira Furnace, Moira, near Ashby de la Zouch, DE12 6AT

Follow the AA signs or brown tourist signs to **Moira Furnace Museum**

**Entry: Adults £5, Accompanied children FREE, Weekend Ticket £7.50**

All proceeds will go towards restoration of the Ashby Canal. The festival is organised by a sub committee of the Ashby Canal Trust, with assistance from the Moira Furnace Museum Trust and the Ashby Canal Association.

For trade and charity stall enquiries call 01455 846007 or email [enquiries@moiracanalfestival.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@moiracanalfestival.co.uk)

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Ashby Canal Trust is affiliated with the Inland Waterways Association, the national body which campaigns to ensure that Britain's waterways and their surroundings are conserved and maintained in the best possible condition and developed to meet future needs.

Information on Inland Waterways Association available from [www.waterways.org.uk](http://www.waterways.org.uk) or Tel. **01494 783453**



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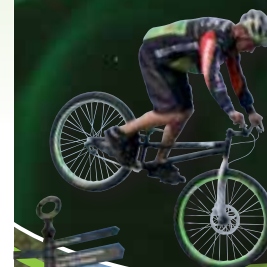
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Ashby Canal Trust invites you to the

# 12th ANNUAL MOIRA CANAL FESTIVAL

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at Moira Furnace

NEW WEEKEND TICKET Available



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