

What is Severn Wonders?

Severn Wonders is a three week festival of events to celebrate the Severn Estuary. On the inside of this leaflet is a list of the events and a map showing where they are taking place. The events range from walks and talks to regattas, open days, boat trips, farmers markets and island visits.

Why is Severn Wonders taking place?

The festival encourages everyone around the estuary to work together, to help ensure our estuary is well managed for future generations. Severn Wonders is about celebrating the estuary and what it means for different people, groups and organisations.

How you can get involved and discover the estuary?

It's simple, just open up the leaflet, find an event which interests you and contact the group running the event. They will tell you about the event and what to bring.

For more events, and information on the festival and the Severn Estuary Partnership, go to www.severnestuary.net/sep

Why is the Severn special?

The Severn Estuary is one of the largest estuaries in the UK, with diverse habitats, ranging from cliffs to sand dunes and marshes to flood plains. The dynamic tide shifts vast quantities of sediment, providing habitat for invertebrates, which in turn offer rich pickings for birds. It is internationally recognised as a special place for nature.

The estuary provides resources for the communities around its shores with recreation, transport, trade and materials. It supports many activities ranging from sailing and fishing to dredging, and has huge potential for renewable energy.

Like all fragile areas, the estuary needs to be well managed and looked after for future generations. This won't happen unless we work together to view the estuary as a whole, and respond in partnership to future threats and opportunities.

The Severn Wonders Festival encourages people to recognise the value of the Severn Estuary and to celebrate its rich natural and cultural heritage. By joining in the festival, you can offer your interest and support to see that the estuary is well managed for the future.

'Whether you are looking for a leisurely cruise or competitive racing, the Severn Estuary has it all in a unique picturesque setting.'

Susanne Newbold, Bristol Channel Yachting Association

'I love to walk along Severn Beach; the estuary light is always changing, and in winter large flocks of birds feed on the mud'

Sandra Blackburn, Severn Beach Resident

'Abundant species, all year round, from both boat and shore'

Don Metcalfe, Bristol Channel Federation of Sea Anglers



Severn Estuary Forum

Thursday 8th June 2006

Changing times and tides: the future of the Severn Estuary

A conference to discuss issues affecting the future of the Severn Estuary.

Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon

Please contact the Severn Estuary Partnership on 029 20 874713 or Email severn@cf.ac.uk to find out more.

Booking essential.

Conference only £12 Conference and Cruise: £25



Severn Wonders Cruise

Thursday 8th June 2006

Reception with speakers and displays on a late afternoon cruise.

Depart Penarth Pier 1400 and arrive Clevedon Pier 1500

Depart Clevedon Pier 1530 and arrive Penarth Pier 1715

Depart Penarth Pier 1730 and arrive Clevedon Pier 1830

All times approximate.

A programme of speakers and displays will run between

1530 on departure from Clevedon Pier

and 1715 on arrival at Penarth Pier.

RNLI Lifeboat demonstration 1630

The Waverley -

the only ocean-going paddle steamer in the world.

Special Severn Wonders Cruise Ticket: £15

Booking essential, please contact

the Waverley Booking line, 01446 721221

Contact details

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The aim of the Severn Estuary Partnership is to bring together people to work in partnership for the future of the Severn Estuary.

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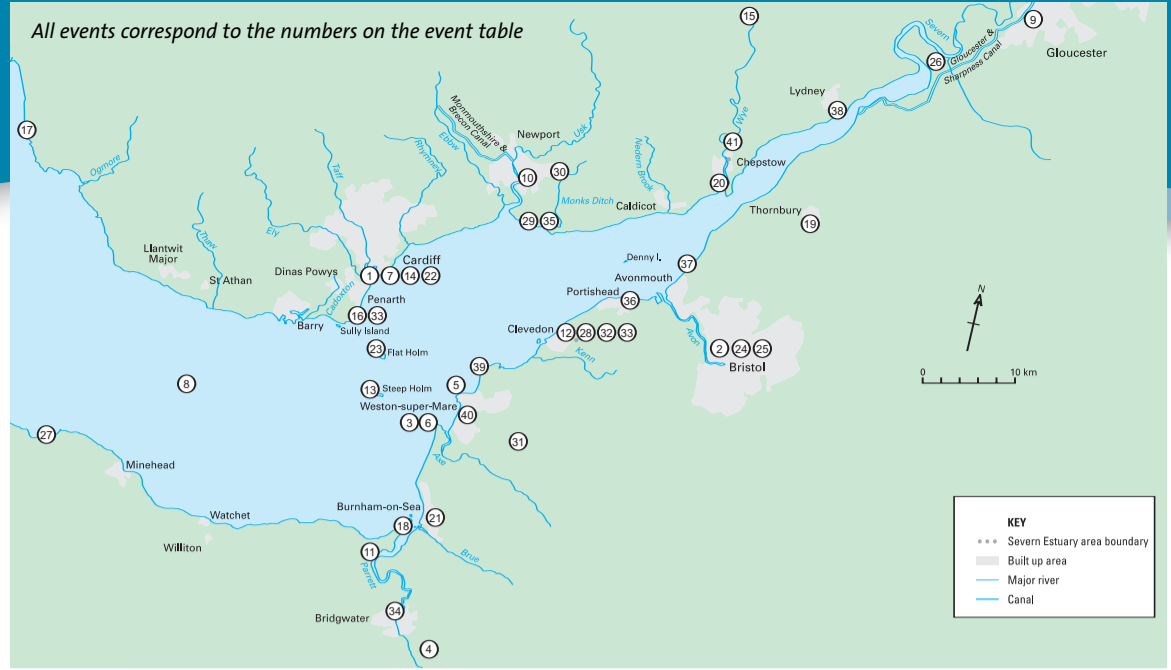
Discover the Severn Wonders

A Festival of Events

May 20th – June 10th 2006



Severn Wonders
Festival 2006



Key

We are promoting the events through seven themes:

Explore the shore - purple

Out on the Water - blue

Fish and Farming - brown

Wildlife and Conservation - green

History and Heritage - yellow

Future of the Severn - events ideal for children marked with a ☺

Working together - white

Event Date	Event Name	Contact Details	Venue and Time	Price and other information
1 Sat 20th, Sun 21st May	British Water Ski Racing and Continental Markets	Cardiff Bay 029 20 877900	Cardiff Bay	www.cardiffharbour.com
2 Sat 20th, Sun 21st May ☺	Boat Trips on the Steam Tug Mayflower	Bristol Industrial Museum 0117 925 1470	Harbourside, Bristol Industrial Museum	Trips on the oldest surviving steam tug. Adults £4 Children £2. Booking essential.
3 Sun 21st May 2006	Brean Down Guided Walk	National Trust 01934 844518	Brean Down Cove Café, 11am-1pm	A guided walk to discover the historical and archaeological points of interest, as well as looking out for the wildlife and conservation aspects. Adults £3 Children £1. Booking advisable.
4 Sun 21st May 2006 ☺	The River Festival	Langport Information Centre 01458 253527	Cockle Moor, Langport, Somerset 10am until 5pm	Entertainment, boat trips, canoeing, guided walks, exhibitions and displays, fishing practices, craft workshops, talks, live music, animals and more. Free entry. www.parrettcatchment.info
5 Mon 22nd May	Ecology of Ancient Woodlands	Wendy Watkins 01934 833723 enquiries@goblincombe.org.uk	Weston Big Wood, 10:00am - 4:30pm	Come on this course and develop skills in identifying ancient woodland - that is woodland over 600 years old. Cost £15 Booking essential. www.goblincombe.org.uk
6 Wed 24th May 06	Minibus trip around Brean Down	National Trust 01934 844518	Brean Down 11.00 am	Minibus trip for people who have difficulty getting out and about. Please book by Thursday 18th May £10
7 Thurs 25th May 06	Hamadryad Reserve Walk	Patricia Wood 029 20 494018	Meet Park entrance, Clarence Embankment Road, Cardiff 7.00-9.00pm	Evening stroll looking at flora and fauna, leading to the Wetland Reserve on Cardiff Bay
8 Fri May 26th - Sat June 10th	Waverley Paddle Ship Trips	Call Sue Koops on 01446 721221	Various venues around the Severn	Sail aboard the only ocean-going paddle steamer in the world. Departing from Penarth, Barry, Clevedon, Weston, Minehead and Newport. www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk
9 Fri 26th May, 2nd June and 9th June	Gloucester Farmer's Market		The Cross and Southgate Street, Gloucester 9am to 3pm	www.fresh-n-local.co.uk
10 Fri 26th May	Newport Farmer's Market		John Frost Square, Newport 10.00am to 2.00pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary.
11 Fri 26th, Sat 27th, Sun 28th May	Combwich Motorboat and Sailing Club Open Days	01275 446914 or 01278 652283	Club house, Nuclear Electric Quay, Combwich	Motorboat and sailing boat experiences on the River Parrett. Ring for more details.
12 Sat 27th May	Clevedon Farmer's Market		Clevedon (off Station Road) 9am - 12.30 pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary.
13 Sat 27th May	Steep Holm Boat Trip	Kenneth Allsop Trust Mrs Joan Rendell on 01934 632307	Leaves from Weston Super Mare	Booking essential.
14 Sat 27th Sun 29th May	Cardiff Harbour Regatta	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club Kerry Douglas 029 20 810590	Cardiff Bay	www.cbyc.co.uk
15 Sat 27th Sun 28th May	Monmouth Regatta	John Hatland 01600 712089	Monmouth 10am-6pm,	Two day rowing regatta. Contact for details.
16 Sun 28th May	Penarth Sea Angling Competition	Contact Penarth Sea Angling Club Robert Galley 029 20 706995	Penarth Pier and Beach 5.30pm to 9.30 pm.	Angling Competition with 4 senior and 2 junior prices. Book at Hut at end of pier. Cost £2 members, £4 non-members. Bring own tackle / bait etc.
17 Sun 28th May	Orchid Walk	Kenfig National Nature Reserve, Bridgend, 01656 743386	Meet at the Red Flag, back of the main car park. 10am-12pm	Enjoy the beauty of the rare orchid flowers, including bee, twayblade, early marsh, southern marsh, pyramidal and fen orchids. 3 miles.
18 Wed May 31st-Sat June 4th	River Parrett Walk source to mouth	River Parrett Trail 01935 845946	Day 5 - Meet Steart Point Car Park. 9.30am - 6pm	Day 5 of a 5 day walk. Follow tidal Parrett to the salt marshes of Bridgewater Bay. 9 miles. £6 Adults, £3 Children and £4 for minibus transport. Booking essential. www.riverparrett-trail.org.uk
19 Thu 1st June	Thornbury Farmer's Market		St Mary's Centre, Thornbury, 9am to 1pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary.
20 Thu 1st June	Black Rock Lave Net Heritage Fishery Season Open Day	Black Rock Lave Net Heritage Fishery	Black Rock Picnic Site, Portskewett, Monmouthshire 4pm	Watch a demonstration of traditional Welsh Salmon Fishing from the Safety of the picnic site. Free. Bring binoculars. www.blackrocklavenets.co.uk
21 Fri 2nd June	Highbridge Farmer's Market		Community Hall, Highbridge 9.00am to 1.00pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary. www.somersetfarmers.co.uk
22 Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd, Sun 4th June	Old Gaffers Association at the Bay in Cardiff. Regatta Weekend.	John Hutchinson hutchinsonjohn@talk21.com	Cardiff Bay	Old wooden sailing vessels come to Cardiff Bay.
23 Sat 3rd to Thu 8th June Daily ☺	Flat Holm Boat Trips	Flat Holm Project 01446 747661	Boat leaves from Barry. Phone for details and times.	3 hour day visit including guided tour of the island. Adults £14 Children £6.75 Family Ticket (2+2) £35 Booking essential. www.cardiff.gov.uk/flatholm
24 Sat 3rd, Sun 4th June ☺	Bristol Festival of Nature		Venues around Bristol	Enjoy the exciting programme of films, talks, walks, boat trips, shop in the marketplace and get stuck into workshops. Go to the website to find out more. www.festivalofnature.org
25 Sat 3rd, Sun 4th June ☺	Boat Trips on the Fireboat, Pyronaut	Bristol Industrial Museum 0117 925 1470	Harbourside, Bristol Industrial Museum	Watch the powerful watercannon at work on Bristol's former fireboat. Adults £4 Children £2 Booking essential.
26 Sat 3rd June	Great Gloucestershire Raft Regatta	To obtain entry forms Vernon Jotcham on 01453 843892 (eve) or 01453 525000 (day)	Saul Junction Gloucester - Sharpness Canal	Raft race on the canal. Go to the website for more details on this exciting event! www.ggr.co.uk
27 Sat 3rd June	Porlock Bay Shifting Shores	The National Trust, Holnicote Estate. 01643 862452	Meet Bossington Village Car Park SS898480. 2pm - 5pm	An exploratory walk to discover how the sea itself has shaped this dramatic coastline into a changing landscape. Stout footwear recommended. No dogs. Adults £4 Children £1
28 Sun 4th June	River Land Yeo Walk	Alan Cotton. Land Yeo Friends 01275 874840	Meet at Strode Road playing fields car park, Clevedon	Walk will start from the car park at 11am.
29 Sun 4th June ☺	Create in the Wetlands	RSPB Wales 02920 353000	Newport Wetlands, Car Park, West Nash Road, near Uskmouth. 1.30 - 3.30pm	Shake your creativity along to the wetlands and enjoy making, creating and writing about your experiences in this family afternoon of fun! Phone RSPB Wales for more details.
30 Sun 4th June	Newport Ship Open Day	Newport Ship 01633 215707	Newport Ship Centre, Maesglas Industrial Estate, Newport NP20 2NN 11.00am- 4.00pm	See this unique 15th century ship. Visitors can view the recording and researching work. Guided by the Friends organisation who helped to save the Ship. www.thenewportship.com
31 Wed 7th June	Wild Plants of the North Somerset Coast Evening Talk	Wendy Watkins 01934 833723 enquiries@goblincombe.org.uk	Goblin Combe Environment Centre, Plunder Street, Clevee	Faith Moulin, wild flower enthusiast and tutor, will share some of the fascinating secrets of coastal plant life in an evening talk. Booking essential £5.00. www.goblincombe.org.uk
32 Thu 8th June	Severn Estuary Forum	Severn Estuary Partnership 029 20 874713	Clevedon	1st Annual Forum of the Severn Estuary Partnership, 'Changing Times and Tides'. Conference £12. Conference and Cruise £25.
33 Thu 8th June	Severn Wonders Cruise on the Waverley	Sue Koops 01446 721221	Depart Penarth 1400 Arrive Clevedon 1530 Arrive Penarth 1730 Arrive Clevedon 1830	Special Cruise for the Severn Estuary Forum. Booking essential £15
34 Fri 9th June	Bridgewater Farmer's Market		High Street, Town Centre 9.00am to 1.00pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary.
35 Fri 9th June	Tiger and Hawk Moth Watch	Newport Wetlands, Countryside Council for Wales 01633 276770	Newport Wetlands, Car Park, West Nash Road, near Uskmouth. 9.00pm to midnight	Trapping and identifying moths near the reserve car park. See some of the hundreds of species of moth that have been discovered at the reserve. Free. Bring along torch and warm clothing
36 Fri 9th, Sat 10th, Sun 11th June	Portishead Docks Rally	Portishead Cruising Club	Pill, North Somerset	www.portisheadcruisingclub.org.uk
37 Sat 10th June	Severn Beach Saltmarsh Walk	Thornbury Group, Avon Wildlife Trust 01454 413528	South End Promenade Severn Beach Grid Ref ST538 848	Come and join local expert Alan Burberry on a rare opportunity to walk to explore the plant community of the salt marsh at Severn Beach. Free. Bring wellies and waterproofs.
38 Sat 10th June	Bristol Channel Pilot Cutters Annual Meet at Lydney Docks	Lydney Yacht Club 01594 563716	Lydney Docks	4 beautiful wooden Bristol Channel Pilot Cutters will be arriving at Lydney Docks. These old boats have a very interesting history, come along to find out more. Free. www.lydneyyachtclub.co.uk
39 Sat 10th June	Wild Plants of the North Somerset Coast Field Day	Wendy Watkins 01934 833723	Meet at Goblin Combe Environment Centre, Plunder Street, Clevee. 10:00am - 4:30am	Learn how to tell your thrift from your samphire on this day visit to Sand Bay. Identify how plants are adapted to life in the sand dunes, saltmarshes and cliffs. Booking essential £35
40 Sat 10th June	Weston Super Mare Farmer's Market		Town Square (rear of Winter Gardens) 9.00am to 1.00pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary.
41 Sat 10th June	Chepstow Farmer's Market		Senior Citizen Hall, Chepstow 9.00am to 1.00pm	Local produce from around the Severn Estuary.