



Manchester Festival of Nature
Heaton Park
Saturday June 29, noon to 4pm

Welcome to #MFoN

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2019 Manchester Festival of Nature.

Firstly, thank you to the Heaton Park team for hosting #MFoN. This iconic, world famous park is the perfect setting to celebrate the nature on your doorstep.

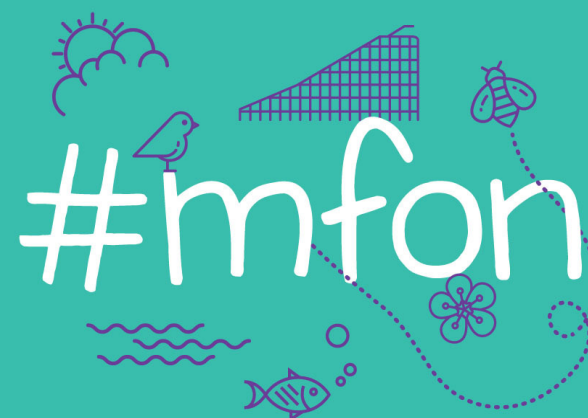
The original idea for the festival was sparked by meetings of the Green Jigsaw partnership, formed by conservation organisations to work together for wildlife and nature in Manchester.

We were keen to tell you what a beautiful and diverse place this is and to help you understand a little more about the plants and creatures that live in and around our towns and cities.

Mobilising other groups has been easy and you will feel the passion for nature of each and every person who will be running activities today. Hopefully they will introduce you to new wildlife and teach you some natural skills which you can use and pass on in the future.

Please, enjoy this year's festival and if you get a chance Tweet at #MFoN @MancNature to tell us about your experience.

The #MFoN Team



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Information point

If you have any queries or problems today please head to the Information Point close to The Stables entrance or the classroom.

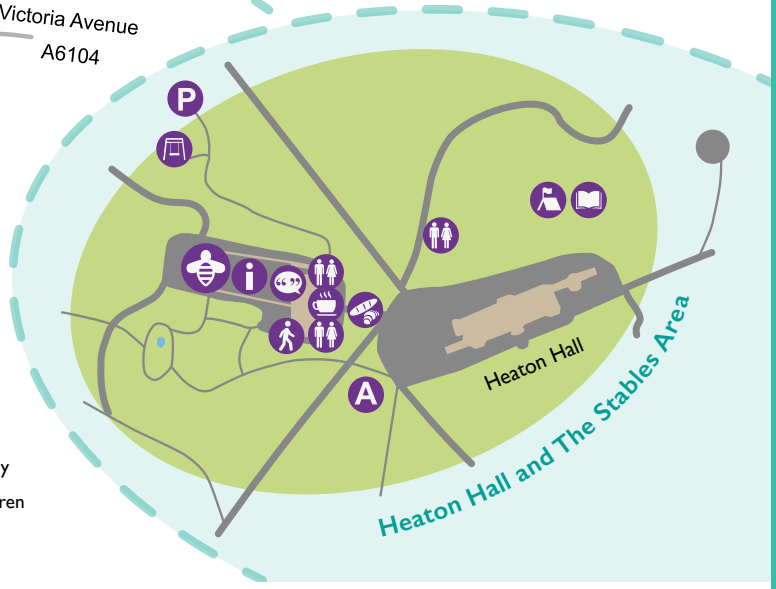
#MFoN is not-for-profit event, run mainly by charities. If you would like to donate, there will be collections around stalls.

In 2020, #MFoN will be bigger and better if we can secure funding. If you are a local business keen on sponsoring all or part of the festival please contact awright@lancswt.org.uk



- Market of Nature: Free Family Fun**
- Beekeepers
 - Children's Play Area
 - Forest School
 - Lost Words
 - Tree Top Trek
 - Market Food and Drink
 - Courtyard Speeches, Spoken Word and Performances
 - Heaton Park Activities - Boating Lake, Land Tain, Tramway, Golf Pitch and Put, Horticultural Centre, Bowls
 - Meadow and Woodlands Nature Stations and Activities
 - Walks Start Point - including self-guided at 12.30pm - 3.30pm. One every 30 mins. Book in at the Info Point.
 - Metrolink Station and Spotter Trail

- Café
- Toilets
- Car Park. Parking Charges Apply
- Info Point, Lost Children and First Aid



Breaking News



Bee World Record

We are attempting to break the World Record for the most people dressed as bees in one place. We will march behind the giant bee at 2pm and have our picture taken to send to the Guinness Book of Records.

The Lost Words

Art Installation and Immersive story trail. Based on the award-winning book by Robert McFarlane and Jackie Morris, this is a leisurely stroll through the woods to seek, find and speak the lost words of nature. Listen to the story, hear the spell songs, find and speak the spells aloud. You can enter the competition to win a family theatre ticket to The Lost Words: Told in Gold coming to Heaton Park in 2020.

Save the Environment

Listen to young people speaking about their concerns for the environment, which they will inherit in decades to come in the Courtyard.

Gordon and the Flying Piano

Author and composer Margit van der Zwan will be reading from her wonderful new children's book Gordon and the Flying Piano in the Courtyard #GATFP @ArtyMargit #GordonandtheFlyingPiano #hedgehog



RSPB

Have a go at the Manchester Nature Trail and start your Wild Challenge with a bug safari adventure around the gardens.

Moors for the Future Partnership

Get that wobbly bog experience in the Bogtastic van, wander in and learn about the wonderful moorland wildlife we have on our doorsteps.

The Wildlife Trust - Education Team

Come to our bee stall where you can make your own bee wings and have your face painted and then join in our World Record attempt.

The Wildlife Trust - Forest Schools

Take part in our Forest School classroom close to the Lost Words woods or help us to make some amazing woodland crafts.

The Conservation Volunteers

Create your own Hapa zome artwork and tie-dye creations. Hapa zome is the fun Japanese art of beating natural pigments into cloth. Learn about local plants whilst making your own natural tie-dye. .

RSPB

Learn more about the history of the RSPB as we celebrate our 130th anniversary, plus find out how you can help give a home to swifts

City of Trees

Join in our family-friendly Tree Trail Scavenger Hunt around the woodland close to The Stables. It is going to lots of fun.

The Wildlife Trust - Wilder Future

Come and visit us at the Wilder Future stand and learn how you can take part in Nature's recovery.

Action for Conservation

Our Youth Ambassadors have an array of fun activities for you to join in. You can add to our art piece: "A vision for a greener Greater Manchester", test your bird song skills with our quiz, and get all glittery by with our eco-glitter bee face paints. Don't forget to check out the talks schedule as our young ambassadors will be making inspirational speeches throughout the day.

Chester Zoo

Come and play the Pollination Game, and hear about the amazing animals we have at the United Kingdom's number one zoo.

The Wildlife Trust - The Carbon Landscape

Visit the bog set and meet the bog species, to learn more about the work we are doing to save the planet and local wildlife on the Manchester mosslands.

Wildlife Trust - Myplace

The groundbreaking scheme to help young people with health issues by getting them out into nature will be holding a mindfulness session.

City of Trees

Take part in our forest art demonstration, where families can use natural, foraged materials to make artwork as well as tree boggarts. You can also taste our elderflower cordial and fizz.

National Trust

The Lost Words Ramble – Ramble, run or walk to three Nature Stations in the Park and join the Rangers and Youth Rangers in activities for all ages or chill out with Tai Chi at the Market of Nature

Manchester Metropolitan University

Peatland restoration, ancient bog oaks, carbon footprints and climate-friendly LEGO gardening. We will be using hand lenses and microscopes to get up close and personal with the environment.

Tree Station

Come along to our tree identification workshop and learn more about the woodland near to where you live.

Canal and River Trust

Meet some of the plants and creatures that live in the canals and rivers of the North West. We will be doing some den-building and well-being sessions.

University of Manchester

Planet Bee-Leaf. We have bee-leaf we can do more to help our planet and so should you. Join us to find out about sustainable fashion and have a go

at using natural dyes. Test your skills at matching plants and animals to their wild habitats, and pot up a seed to grow a plant at home.

Manchester Museum

Our pop-up exhibition will be exploring the changing relationships with nature experienced by children today and their older relatives. Have things changed for your family?

Manchester City Council

Take part in Heaton Park's Tree Top Trek, challenge your fears and meet some high-flying wildlife.

Bolton Mountain Rescue

Meet the amazing team and check out their Land Rover and the essential gear they need to rescue people in peril on our hills and moors.

RHS Bridgewater

We will be potting plug plants so you can take them back to your garden and introducing visitors to the wonderful new gardens which are being built at Worsley

Manchester City Council

Find out more about the Heaton Park Beekeepers and the wonderful insects that provide honey and pollinate our food and flowers.

Friends of Chat Moss

Our volunteers are helping the Great Manchester Wetlands Partnership to restore the wildlife-rich mosslands of Salford. Come along and say hello.

British Cycling

There will be two rides around the park. Anyone can join in to a two-wheeled nature ramble to

some of the wider areas of Heaton Park. These will be prior to the festival opening.

Friends of the Earth

Find out more about our campaigns to help nature flourish in Greater Manchester. How do we look after our pollinators? Why should we plant more trees? And why is our soil so important? There will be chance to make bee-friendly 'seed bombs', tell us why you love nature and ask your council to stop using pollinator-harming pesticides.

Wildlife experts

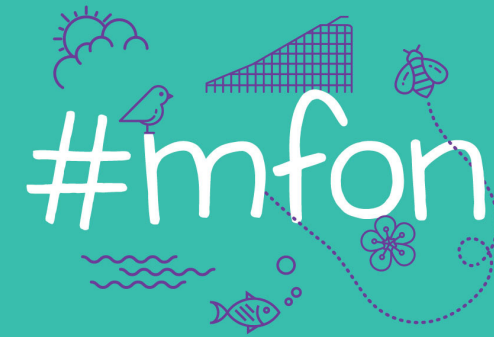
If you have any questions about wildlife in your garden or a local park, do not hesitate to ask at our stalls. Many of the people working at #MFoN have lots of experience of working with many diverse kinds of plants and animals and will be happy to help or advise.

Look out for...

We are delighted that the The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Abid Latif Chohan will be popping in to #MFoN.

As you wander through the Market of Nature you can grab lunch or a snack in the Stables cafe or from food stalls the other side of the courtyard.

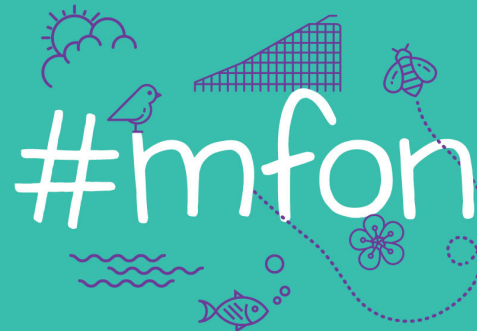
All caterers have agreed to follow #MFoN's ethical catering guidelines.



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We will be taking pictures today for social media and some marketing for #MFoN 2020. If you do not want to be photographed please inform the photographers.

To book on walks or for help please go along the Information Tent or the classroom.



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9.30 British Cycling ride around the park

11.00 Information point opens

12.00 British Cycling ride two

1200 Opening remarks

12.15 The Big Balsam Bash – National Trust, in the woodlands area signposted from the Market of Nature

12.30 Wildlife Walk -RSPB

1.15 The Big Balsam Bash

1.15 Tree Trail Scavenger Hunt - City of Trees

2.00 The Big Balsam Bash

2.00 **Bee procession - Dress up and join in our world record attempt**

2.15 Wildlife Walk- RSPB

3.00 Tree Trail Scavenger Hunt - City of Trees

3.15 The Big Balsam Bash

Noon to 4pm

You can wander into the woods to make spell songs with the Lost Words story trail.

Noon to 4pm

Drop in on a Wildlife Trust Forest School session making natural crafts and teaching some new woodland skills to all our visitors - both young and old.



12.00 Welcome to #MFoN, festival opens

12.30 Margit van der Zwan - storyteller

1.00 National Trust GAP Team

1.15 Helen – Rebels with a Cause - Action for Conservation Youth Ambassdor

1.30 Group discussion

2.00 Margit van der Zwan - storyteller

2.30 Esther - Action for Conservation Youth Ambassador

2.45 James Walsh, The Mancunian Birder

3.00 Group discussion

4.00 Festival closes





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