

What's On in Gloucester?

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Activities

Boat Trip – National Waterways Museum

1 May to 31 May

Explore Gloucester and Sharpness Canal from a new perspective, aboard Queen Boadicea II.

Find out more: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/national-waterways-museum-gloucester/queen-boadicea-ii-boat-trips>

Ghosts & Giggles Haunted Tours – Gloucester

1 May to 31 May

Delve into the history and paranormal surrounding some of the historic buildings on Westgate Street, Southgate Street, and Northgate Street.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/ghosts-and-giggles-haunted-tours-p3089053>

Reggie the Raptor's Trail Through Time – Museum of Gloucester

1 May to 31 May

Explore the Museum of Gloucester with a “roarsome” family-fun trail.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/reggie-the-raptors-trail-through-time-p2967553>

Canal Skills Family Challenge Days – National Waterways Museum

7 May, 14 May, 21 May and 28 May, 10am – 2pm

Learn a new waterway skill, get competitive, go exploring, or discover a new talent with a different activity every Saturday.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/canal-skills-family-challenge-days-p3103953>

May's Wild Weekends – Over Farm

7 May, 8 May, 14 May, 15 May, 21 May, 22 May, 28 May and 29 May, 10am – 4pm

Get up close to a range of fascinating reptiles, admire some beautiful birds of prey, and marvel at the sheer size of the Shire Horse, as well as enjoying all the usual fun, including tractor trailer rides, the animal trail, adventure play, mini golf, quad train rides, and bouncy pillows.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/mays-wild-weekends-p3103993>

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Nature Tots – Robinswood Hill Country Park

25 May, 10am – 11:30am

Pre-school children can have the opportunity to enjoy nature, play in the mud, and participate in creative activities.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/events/2022-05-25-nature-tots-robinswood-hill>

Activity on the Water – National Waterways Museum

21 May, 10am – 4pm

Have a go at canoeing, kayaking, or paddle boarding.

Find out more: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/canal-events-canal-festivals/2022-05-21-activity-on-the-water-event>

Half-Term NatureQuest – Robinswood Hill Country Park

30 May, 11am – 3pm

Explore Robinswood Hill's meadows, ponds and woodlands, and discover the forgotten wildlife native to Gloucester.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/events/2022-05-30-half-term-naturequest>

May Half-Term Activities – Gloucester Cathedral

30 May and 31 May, 12pm – 3:30pm

Join the team at Gloucester Cathedral for crown making, bunting designing, brass rubbing, clay cross creating, badge making, learning about tussie mussies, and more.

Find out more: <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/may-half-term-activities>

Arts and Culture

Royal Photographic Society (RPS) International Photography Exhibition (IPE) 162 – Museum of Gloucester

1 May to 31 May

Explore the world's longest-running photography exhibition, featuring work from 43 international photographers.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/the-rps-international-photography-exhibition-ipe-162-p3042843>

Scintillating Birch Forest – Gloucester Guildhall

1 May to 31 May

Part of Bright Nights, Scintillating Birch Forest combines the forest with a beautiful light display.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/scintillating-birch-forest-p3030713>



The Rainbow Square – St Kilda Parade

1 May to 31 May, 9am – 4:30pm

Watch an entire area of Gloucester's city centre being transformed into a riot of colours.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/the-rainbow-square-p3106093>

Drawing Trees Workshop – Painswick Rococo Garden

18 May, 10am – 4pm

Join Carole Bury for a full day working outdoors gaining experience in drawing trees.

Find out more: <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/drawing-trees-workshop/>

Flower Arranging Workshop – Discover DeCrypt

20 May, 11am – 12:30pm

Learn some tips and tricks for creating memorable floral displays in this informal workshop.

Find out more: <https://discoverdecrypt.org.uk/event/flower-arranging-demonstration/>

Jubilee Frills Workshop – Discover DeCrypt

20 May and 27 May, 6pm – 7:30pm

Learn some basic sewing skills and how to use a sewing machine for simple tasks, and make some lengths of bunting under the guidance of an expert tailor.

Find out more: <https://discoverdecrypt.org.uk/events/>

Jubilee Ship-building Workshop – Discover DeCrypt

21 May and 28 May, 11am – 1pm

Benefit from inspiration and practical help to design and build your own miniature ship to race in Discover DeCrypt's Small Ships Festival.

Find out more: <https://discoverdecrypt.org.uk/events/>

Jubilee Frocks Workshop – Discover DeCrypt

22 May and 29 May, 2pm – 4pm

Create a fantastic original outfit using vintage and recycled materials.

Find out more: <https://discoverdecrypt.org.uk/events/>

Monoprinting Workshop – Painswick Rococo Garden

25 May, 10am – 12:30pm or 1pm – 3:30pm

Through demonstrations and clear instructions, you will create numerous prints, and learn the fun and possibility of monoprinting.

Find out more: <https://www.rococogarden.org.uk/news/monoprinting-workshop/>



Art in the Galleries – Museum of Gloucester

26 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Bring a sketchbook and pencil to join with artist Claire Taylor-Jones, exploring the museum's collection.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/art-in-the-galleries-p3081313>

Slow Stitch Saturday – Museum of Gloucester

28 May, 10am – 12pm

Spend a relaxed couple of hours hand stitching, knitting, crocheting, and working on your own projects.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/slow-stitch-saturday-p3081253>

Craft Workshop (Design a simple soft toy) – Museum of Gloucester

28 May, 1pm – 4pm

Aimed at adults and older children (14+), spend a fun afternoon with the museum's artist in residence, learning a new skill.

Find out more: <https://www.museumofgloucester.co.uk/events/museum-craft-workshops-280522>

Events

Matt Forde: Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right – Gloucester Guildhall

6 May, 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Matt Forde lashes out right, left and centre, and chucks in some funny voices.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2021/11/2/matt-forde-clowns-to-the-left-of-me-jokers-to-the-right>

ME/CFS Friendship Group Cake Sale – Quedgeley Community Centre

7 May, 12pm – 2pm

Enjoy a cake sale and coffee morning, with all money raised going to the ME Association.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/cake-sale-p3098363>

Your Cathedral at Night – Gloucester Cathedral

14 May, 7pm – 10pm

Explore Gloucester Cathedral after dark and experience this remarkable medieval building like never before.

Find out more: <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/your-cathedral-at-night>

Roundhouse Poetry Slam - Gloucester Heat – Gloucester Guildhall

15 May, 7pm – 9:30pm

This competition offers young poets from across the UK the chance to compete for the coveted Roundhouse Poetry Slam champion title.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022/5/15/roundhouse-poetry-slam-gloucester-heat>



Wedding Experience Day – Blackfriars Priory

22 May, 11am – 3pm

Featuring a range of top local suppliers, enjoy a day full of atmosphere, excitement, ideas, possibilities, and love!

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/wedding-experience-day-p3104023>

Outdoor Cinema: The Goonies – Llanthony Secunda Priory

26 May, 9:30pm – 11:20pm

Enjoy this classic 80s comedy-action-adventure in the historic, beautiful Llanthony Secunda Priory.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/outdoor-cinema-the-goonies-12a-p3104033>

Comedy Night – Kingsholm Stadium

27 May, 8:15pm

Enjoy the latest ‘Shed Loads of Laughs’ comedy night.

Find out more: <https://tickets.gloucesterrugby.co.uk/selection/event/date?productId=101492767201>

Outdoor Cinema: Mamma Mia! – Llanthony Secunda Priory

27 May, 9:30pm – 11:20pm

Spend a summer night with a smile on your face and a song in your heart with the ultimate feel-good movie, Mamma Mia, in the open-air, canalside at the beautiful Llanthony Secunda Priory.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/outdoor-cinema-mamma-mia-pg-p3104133>

SWW Wrestleversary II – Gloucester Guildhall

28 May, 6pm – 9:30pm

SWW returns to Gloucester Guildhall!

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022/5/28/sww-wrestleversary-ii>

History

Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Gloucester – online

7 May, 10am – 3:45pm

Learn more about recent archaeological discoveries in Gloucester in this free online event.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/recent-archaeological-discoveries-in-gloucester-online-p3076233>

Civic Trust Tours: Eastgate Chamber – Museum of Gloucester

13 May and 27 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

With a Civic Trust guide, discover the Eastgate Chamber Roman walls, a medieval gate tower, and a 16th century horsepool.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/civic-trust-tours-eastgate-chamber-p3081323>



Behind the Scenes Tour – Museum of Gloucester

14 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Enjoy an insightful and unique tour of the museum galleries and storage areas.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/behind-the-scenes-tour-p3081213>

Latin for Beginners – Gloucester Cathedral

14 May, 10am – 4pm

Spend a day on classical Latin; see how the language works, enjoy some ancient gossip, learn more about ancient writers, and hear their work read aloud.

Find out more: <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/latin-for-beginners>

Discovery Session – Museum of Gloucester

28 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Enjoy a friendly chat with experts on a range of fascinating historical topics relevant to the collections at the Museum of Gloucester.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/discovery-sessions-p3080993>

Roman Soldier Tour of the Eastgate Chamber – Museum of Gloucester

31 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Join the museum's Medieval Mercenary Sir Miles for a fascinating visit underground to the Eastgate Chamber.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/roman-soldier-tour-of-the-eastgate-chamber-p3081303>

Music

Glos Rocks - The Rills, BILK, Second Thoughts, The Motive and Cigarette Social Club – Gloucester Guildhall

5 May, 6:30pm – 11pm

Discover an eclectic mix of bands coming together to make up one of the best indie/alternative rock lineups.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022/5/5/glos-rocks-the-rills-the-motive-more-tba>

Robyn Hitchcock – Gloucester Guildhall

7 May, 6:30pm – 11pm

Robyn Hitchcock is truly one-of-a-kind artist –surrealist rock 'n' roller, iconic troubadour, guitarist, poet, painter, performer.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022/5/7/robyn-hitchcock>



The Grahams – Gloucester Guildhall

10 May, 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022/5/10/the-grahams>

Evening Organ Recital with Johan Hammarström – Gloucester Cathedral

11 May, 7:30pm

Enjoy a performance commemorating the bicentenary of the birth of César Franck, performed by Johan Hammarström, the organist of Stockholm Cathedral.

Find out more: <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/evening-organ-recital-with-johan-hammarstroem>

Vivaldi's Four Seasons by Candlelight – Gloucester Cathedral

14 May, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Enjoy a romantic candlelit experience in a gorgeous setting, with some classical music greats from the baroque period.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/vivaldis-four-seasons-by-candlelight-p3067723>

Limelight Sessions: Jacob & Drinkwater, Joe Buck, Robbie Cavanagh – Gloucester Guildhall

20 May, 7:30pm – 11pm

Limelight Sessions are back for 2022, showcasing the best singer-songwriters and bands from around the UK.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022-limelight-jacob-and-drinkwater>

Live/Wire - The AC / DC Show – Gloucester Guildhall

21 May, 7pm – 11pm

AC/DC are brought to life by Live/Wire.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2022/4/13/livewire-the-ac-dc-show>

Dr Feelgood plus special guests John Otway & Wild Willy Barrett – Gloucester Guildhall

27 May, 7pm – 11pm

Dr Feelgood is a popular and exciting live rhythm and blues act.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucesterguildhall.co.uk/live-events/2021/5/27/dr-feelgood-plus-spcial-guests-john-otway-amp-wild-willy-barrett>

Shopping

Summer Fair – Llanthony Secunda Priory

1 May to 2 May

Discover great local gifts, crafts and artisan treats from some of Gloucestershire's best artists and producers.

Find out more: <https://llanthysecunda.org/summer-fair-2/>



Gloucester Farmers' Market – The Cross

6 May, 13 May, 20 May and 27 May, 9am – 3pm

Sample a wide range of seasonal local produce, including vegetable, fruits, meats, cheeses, baked goods, and more.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/shopping/gloucester-farmers-market-p641963>

Orchard Street Food & Craft Market – Gloucester Quays

7 May and 8 May, 10am – 5pm

Enjoy a great mix of locally-sourced food and drink, artisan arts and crafts, jewellery, homeware, plants, and seasonal goods, plus amazing street food.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/orchard-street-food-and-craft-market-p3066773>

Sports and Leisure

Gloucester Rugby vs Saracens – Kingsholm Stadium

6 May, 8pm

Find out more: <https://tickets.gloucesterrugby.co.uk/selection/event/seat?perfid=101646579987&ot=0>

Gloucester City AFC vs Blyth Spartans – TigerTurf Stadium

7 May, 1pm – 6pm

Find out more: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/gloucestercityafc/634281>

Jubilee Dance Workshop – Discover DeCrypt

7 May, 22 May and 29 May, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Learn some dance steps or polish up your skills with a free dance workshop led by the talented dance instructors of Gloster Swing Dance.

Find out more: <https://discoverdecrypt.org.uk/events/>

Older Person's Walking Group – Robinswood Hill Country Park

9 May, 11am – 12:30pm

Come together to spot wildlife, perfect for boosting your physical and mental wellbeing.

Find out more: <https://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/events/2022-05-09-older-persons-walking-group>

Walk for Longfield – Minchinhampton

15 May, 10:30am – 2:30pm

Take part in a fun outdoor event with 5 and 10K walks across Rodborough and Minchinhampton Commons, taking in the beautiful views and raising money for Longfield Hospice.

Find out more: <https://www.visitgloucester.co.uk/whats-on/walk-for-longfield-p3098373>



Theatre

Sherlock's Excellent Adventure – The Kings Theatre

7 May, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Follow Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr John Watson on this riveting, until now, unpublished case in this hilarious spoof.

Find out more: <https://kingstheatregloucester.co.uk/events/sherlocks-excellent-adventure/>

A Night at the Musicals – The Kings Theatre

11 May to 14 May, 7:30pm – 10pm, and 14 May, 2:30pm – 5pm

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of The Forest Musical Society in style by celebrating songs from a variety of musicals.

Find out more: <https://kingstheatregloucester.co.uk/events/a-night-at-the-musicals/>

A Midsummer Night's Dream – The Kings Theatre

18 May to 21 May, 7:30pm – 10pm

Join University of Gloucestershire's drama students in a fantastic evening of fun, frolic, and delights.

Find out more: <https://kingstheatregloucester.co.uk/events/a-midsummer-nights-dream-by-william-shakespeare/>

Antigone – The Kings Theatre

26 May to 28 May, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

University of Gloucestershire's drama students present their own compelling version of one of the best-known and most-performed of all Greek Tragedies.

Find out more: <https://kingstheatregloucester.co.uk/events/antigone/>

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