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Organised by the Ironbridge Coracle Trust & Ironbridge Lions, with proceeds to local charities.

We are grateful for the support of Ironbridge Gorge Parish Council, Small Woods Association, Ironbridge Rowing Club and the Ironbridge Lions.



Save money! Why not walk to the event and save £2 parking fee?

Ironbridge Coracle Trust

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Ironbridge Coracle Trust supports the culture and heritage of coracles and coracle making in the Ironbridge Gorge and now owns the last coracle making shed in England situated next to the Iron Bridge. The Trust would like to hear your ideas for the shed's future, and any stories you have about the Ironbridge coraclemen. Any donations will go towards conserving the shed.



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IRONBRIDGE CORACLE REGATTA

Mon 27th August 12-4pm



Duck Race



Stalls, fun, refreshments
Coracle racing, demos
Dale End Park
Parking £2²⁰⁰⁺ spaces
Ironbridge Coracle Trust

FREE ENTRY!

Programme of Events

Coracle Races

- 11.30 Have a Go : Your chance to have a go in a coracle. No competition, just enjoy yourself
- 12.30pm Coracle Races
To enter a coracle event just turn up on the day and register your name at the entry stand or see our website for an entry form
- Novice: A race for real beginners
- Intermediate: For those who may have dared before
- Expert: For those who know what to do!
- The Fussler Potts challenge race for teams (2-4) from the Gorge:
NEW for 2018 - enter your team online by
20th August - max 10 teams
- Fish Kebabs: An intriguing race!
- 360 degrees: Dizzy Stuff
- Polo: A team event - fast & furious!
- 3.30pm approx Duck Race from the Albert Edward Bridge to the Rowing Club jetty.
Get your ticket at the registration stand.
All proceeds to the Shed conservation fund
- 4.00pm Finish

We take your health and safety very seriously.
Lifeguards will be on the water throughout the coracle events
in case of any accident

Plus various stalls for shopping & refreshments!

The importance of coracles



Ironbridge Coracle makers have used the river for generations. Photo IGMT

A coracle is a flat-bottomed boat made from an interwoven wooden frame, covered with calico and tar. In earlier times animal skins were used as the waterproof covering.

Coracles were used for fishing (and sometimes poaching!) on the River Severn and as ferry boats. In Ironbridge coracles were made and used on the Severn for generations.

The coracle project in Ironbridge

Ironbridge Coracle Trust has been set up to preserve the old coracle shed next to the Iron Bridge, it is the last one in England. The Trust will tell the story of coracles and their important role in the social history of the Gorge after the Industrial Revolution had moved on to the big cities.

In the years after 1900 coracles were a crucial, affordable method of transport, fishing and even the illegal practice of poaching. People were poor and poaching was often the only way to get food.

The Trust is planning to preserve the original shed as a 'virtual' museum. It will also create a Coracle Trail in the Gorge and a Coracle Centre at the Green Wood Centre where coracle making still thrives.