

# 'Virtual' Discover Dudley

## Virtual world of Dudley borough

Whilst we are all staying at home more you might want to learn a new skill, delve into Dudley borough's history or need something to keep the kids entertained and educated.

Here are just some of the items available:

- **The Black Country Museum:** learn about the Black Country's history and explore its 80,000 item collection
- **Canal & River Trust:** take virtual trips along our canals, enjoy photographs and take part in quizzes
- **Dudley Canal & River Boat Trust:** find out about canal geology, local history and micro ecology
- **Dudley Zoo & Castle:** download animal and castle themed activities and enjoy a wordsearch
- **Lace Guild:** learn how to make simple lace creations
- **Dudley Council:** find out about the Dudley Collection and heritage, local fossils, glass & geology, and the Castle Dig finds

Why not see this time as an opportunity to find out more about the borough and its proud heritage.

**This document lists many of the activities and facilities available across the wonderful world of Dudley's attractions. It is worth visiting the sites regularly as items are continuously added.**

# Black Country Living Museum

**Black Country History from Home:** learn all about Black Country history right from the comfort of your own home. Visit [www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/history-at-home/1.htm](http://www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/history-at-home/1.htm)

Subjects include:

- **The Dangers of Mining in the Black Country:** Discover what it was like to work as a miner in the Black Country and find out what led to one of the worst mining disasters in the region. [www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/dangers-of-mining-in-the-black-country/33.htm](http://www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/dangers-of-mining-in-the-black-country/33.htm)
- **Black Country Canals and Life 'on the cut':** Explore what it was like to live and work on the canals at their height, and find out why the way we use them has changed over the years. [www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/life-on-the-cut/58.htm](http://www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/life-on-the-cut/58.htm)
- **Lives of Black Country Children in the 19th Century:** Learn all about the realities of being a child in the 19th century and delve deeper into the life of 10-year-old Sam Webb who once lived in our back-to-backs. [www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/the-lives-of-black-country-children-in-the-1900s/67.htm](http://www.bclm.co.uk/history-at-home/the-lives-of-black-country-children-in-the-1900s/67.htm)

**Explore their collections:** Explore some of the museum's collection, which contains approximately 80,000 items. Collections featured include: Boat BCN, Cast Iron Buildings, Charcoal Iron, Household Enamel Items, Judgeware Catalogue, N Hingley & Sons Works, Palethorpe's Box, Penfold Pillar Box and Trolley Bus. [www.bclm.co.uk/collections.htm#.XqmEsndFzuh](http://www.bclm.co.uk/collections.htm#.XqmEsndFzuh)



# Canal & River Trust

- **Canals at home:** Our best bits - Sit back, relax and enjoy a trip to the canal without opening your front door.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/our-campaigns/canals-at-home-our-best-bits>

## Canals on film

- Enjoy a virtual tour from the sky
- Canals on stream
- Canals speeded up
- Trips with Stan Cullimore
- 360 adventures on our canals
- Escape to the canal in 60 seconds

## Nature from your sofa:

- Quiz: how's your ear for wildlife?
- An unexpected guest
- Cities in bloom
- Meet our odd ecologists

## Take a history lesson:

- Dogs on boats
- Canals then and now
- Unsung heroes of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

## For the culture vultures:

- Visit a museum from your sofa (National Waterways Museum)
- Photographer in residence
- Poetry time
- Our marvellous museum quiz
- Meet Nancy Campbell

## Angling at home:

- Quiz: bite size baits
- Quiz: guess the weight
- All time angling heroes

## For the boaters

- Space saving afloat

## People

- Meet Becky Peacock (looks after the collections)

## Just for fun

- Enjoy a virtual stroll
- Canals on Zoom
- Pictures: Canals under lockdown
- Pictures: from dusk till dawn

## For kids:

- All about rivers
- Making chocolate spiders
- Step back in time



# Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust

Range of downloadable digital resources [www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk/digital-learning](http://www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk/digital-learning)

## Home GeoLab

- Restless Earth
- Tropical Dudley
- Design-a-Trilobite
- Geology pudding
- Igneous kitchen

## Canal explorer

- Exploring buoyancy
- Exploring habitats
- Exploring adaptations
- Exploring mini-beasts
- Signwriting

## Get active

- Animal actions
- Canal colour hunt
- Garden scavenger hunt

## Wonderful water

- Changing state
- Weather watching



# Dudley Zoo & Castle

Downloadable animal and castle themed activities: [www.dudleyzoo.org.uk/discovery-learning/](http://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk/discovery-learning/)

- Make your own fire-shooting dragon!
- Mrs Sherwood's Recipes - Lardy cake
- St George's Day Finger puppets
- Marionette Dragon puppet
- Make your own Dragon Clip
- Animal Alphabet
- Egg carton animals
- Black Country Colouring In Print
- Finger puppets
- Lion Mask
- Butterfly Spinner
- Cone Giraffe
- Crafty countryside
- Famished Frog
- Make your own Mini-Zoo!
- Penny the Penguin
- Creature your own bug hotel - "Btingham Palace"
- Make a "Loo Roll Model" of our baby Giraffe, Kira
- Take part in a DZC "Word Challenge"
- Write a "Rhythmic Poem" about one of our Bornean Orangutans
- Make a "Recycled Bird Feeder"
- Spot the Difference with our "Papier Mache Gecko"
- Show your artistic side with our "Scribble Drawings"
- Build your own "Hogley Castle" - an ideal home for any hedgehog!
- Zoomed in.....can you tell what they are?
- Books don't bite - but these bookmarks might!
- Kidzone word search:  
<https://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk/discovery-learning/kidzone/>



# The Lace Guild

- Getting started - how to create lace  
[www.laceguild.org/getting-started-how-to-make-lace](http://www.laceguild.org/getting-started-how-to-make-lace)
  - Winding bobbins
  - Basic stitches
  - A beginners pattern
  - Adding a bead
  - Bracelet pattern
  - Beaded earrings



# Dudley Council

## Downloadable fun facts

- Fossils: Discover fun facts about the Dudley Bug and other fossils, have a go at our worksheets or look through our virtual collection.  
<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/museums/learning/avin-a-loff/>
  - Counting Trilobites
  - Trilobite symmetry
  - Trilobite eyes
- Glass: discover facts about glass
  - Counting marbles
  - Materials hunt
  - Glass symmetry
  - Glass word search



Trilobite - *calymene blumenbachii*

**The Dudley Collection:** The people of Dudley Metropolitan Borough possess an impressive collection of heritage material.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/museums/collections/>

- Black Country History
- Geology Matters
- We Love Art
- Gorgeous Glass
- Partner Collections

**Dudley Castle Finds:** Dudley Museums Service are the custodian of the collection of finds that were uncovered during the 'Dudley Castle Archaeological Project' which commenced in 1983 until 1993.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/museums/dudley-museum-at-the-archives/dudley-castle-finds/>



**Dudley's Historic Environment:** The historic environment is all around us and forms the physical backdrop to our everyday lives. Dudley, in particular, has a rich and diverse character which has been shaped by the activities of people in the area over a long period of time. As a result, the individual townships of Dudley have their own distinctive character that make Dudley a very special place in which to live and work.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/planning/historic-environment/>

- Historic sources
- Historic buildings and structures
- Historic areas
- Archaeological remains