

A short history of pleasure boating on British canals by Maarja Karisto.

Even though the British canals were built for carrying cargo during the Industrial Revolution, the transport of passengers was a feature of many of them, most notably in North West England and Scotland. The canals' potential for leisure use was acknowledged very early on, even if it was not always immediately realised. This talk gives an overview of the British canals' use for transport, day trips and longer holidays from the end of 18th century to the present, tracing how the canals have transformed from industrial thoroughfares to a modern waterscape with a variety of uses.

Our speaker: Maarja recently completed her PhD thesis on the tourist experience and contemporary canal leisure and she now works as a Research Associate at the Manchester Metropolitan University. She is a member of the Branch Committee.

We hope you will be able to join us.

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