

Irish Traveller stopping places



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Irish Travellers are an ethnic group and originate in Ireland, with distinct culture, language and ancestry.

Irish Traveller people work in many different jobs, from construction to law and they have been part of Britain for many centuries – Irish Traveller communities were essential in helping to rebuild the country after World War 2.

Irish Traveller families often travel and camp together, sometimes naming camps so others would know where to meet up. Sadly, many of these safe stopping places no longer exist...

? Is there somewhere you'd like to visit?



? What would you name your camp?



Romany Gypsy stopping places



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Originally migrating from Northern India, Romany Gypsies arrived in the UK just before the 16th century and are part of the wider group of Romani people.

Traditionally, Romany Gypsy people live nomadically in wooden horse-drawn wagons called Vardos. Not long ago, Romany Gypsy people would help out on farms, work as 'rag-n-bone' men or sell flowers.

Now, Romany people frequently work across all types of sectors, from care, to self employment, to the legal system!



If you lived
nomadically, what
would you do for work?
Where would you like
to work?



New Traveller stopping places



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New Travellers are people who have chosen to live nomadically, regardless of ethnicity, culture or background.

Born through the free festival movement in the 1960s and 70s, some families have now been on the road for 3 or even 4 generations!

New Travellers are not characterised by a single identity, as everyone is invited to bring something new and authentic to this way of life.



The horse-drawn festival happens in 'almost' secret, and no one knows its location until a month before.

Where would you have a horse-drawn festival? Remember, you need to have lots of water and land to graze!

Showmen stopping places



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If you've ever been to a funfair or circus, it's likely that Showmen have been running it!

'Showmen' refers to men and women, and can be anyone who travels around to work at funfairs, circuses or carnivals.

Spanning across generations, many Showmen families have worked in this line of work for decades - the Showmen culture can be traced all the way back to the Frost Fairs in the 17th century!



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If you were running a fair, where would you have it?
What attractions would you have?



Boater stopping places



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Boaters have lived on canals since the Industrial Revolution, and today many families choose to live on permanently moored boats, or travel along inland and coastal waterways.

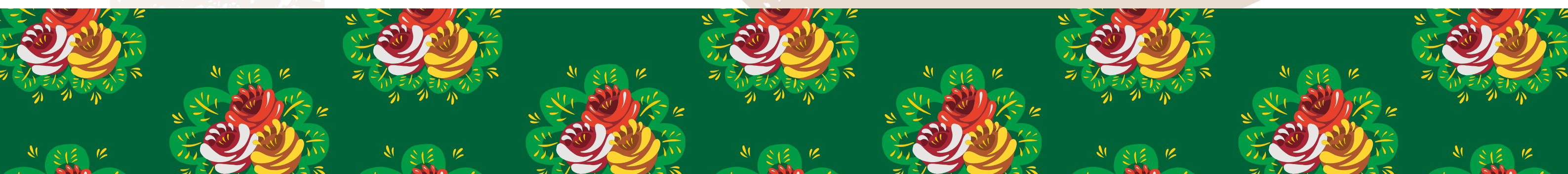
In many cases, Boaters use 'family' to describe the boating community.

People often paint bargeware patterns on the side of boats to bring people together or signal that they are selling something, like fresh fruit.



Have you ever travelled
by boat or walked along
a canal?

Did you see any painted
patterns?



Roma stopping places



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The word "Roma" means "people" in Romanes (the language Roma people speak!), and refers to lots of different ethnic sub-groups across Europe, including Sinti and Kalé.

Historians think that Roma people left Northern India from the 9th century onwards and migrated through Asia and into Europe. So, Roma people often speak Romanes, and the indigenous language of the country they reside in.

Roma used to travel in groups of caravans pulled by horses, known as 'tabor', but following enforced settlement in the 1960s in Central and Eastern Europe, many Roma now stay in one place and live in 'bricks and mortar'.



Where would you like
to travel to?
How would you get
there?

