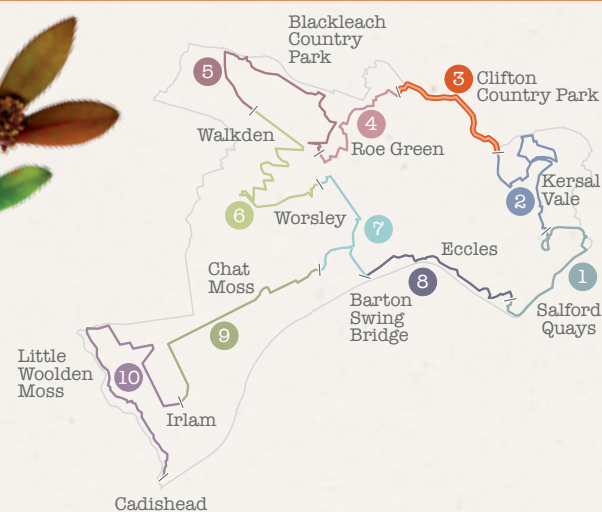


The Salford Trail is a new, long distance walk of about 50 miles/80 kilometres and entirely within the boundaries of the City of Salford. The route is varied, going through rural areas and green spaces, with a little road walking in between. Starting from the cityscape of Salford Quays, the Trail passes beside rivers and canals, through country parks, fields, woods and moss lands. It uses footpaths, tracks and disused railway lines known as 'loop lines'. The Trail circles around to pass through Kersal, Agecroft, Walkden, Boothstown and Worsley before heading off to Chat Moss. The Trail returns to Salford Quays from the historic Barton swing bridge and aqueduct.



The map above shows the full Salford Trail route in relation to Salford's boundary. The route highlighted and marked as number three refers to the route from Kersal to Clifton.

The Trail has been divided into sections, each accessible by public transport. There is a leaflet for each section describing the route and giving the transport options. These leaflets are available from your local Gateway Centre or you can download them from the website visitsalford.info/thesalfordtrail

LOOK OUT FOR THE SALFORD TRAIL WAYMARKER.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The new way to find direct bus services to where you want to go is the Route Explorer.

 **Route Explorer** | tfgm.com/route-explorer
Access it wherever you are.

Start of walk

Bus Number 92, 93, 95

Bus stop location Littleton Road Post Office

During the walk

Bus Number 484

Bus stop location Agecroft Road

End of walk

Bus Number 8, 22

Bus stop location Manchester Road, St Annes's church

MORE INFORMATION

For information on any changes in the route please go to visitsalford.info/thesalfordtrail

For background on the local history that you will come across on the trail or for information on wildlife please go to thesalfordtrail.btck.co.uk

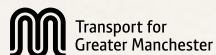
WALK 3



5 miles/8 km, about 2.5 hours

KERSAL TO CLIFTON

This walk follows the River Irwell upstream as it meanders through woodland and open spaces to a large country park.



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MAP AND DIRECTIONS

From St. Aidan's Church on Littleton Road, cross the main road, turn right, continue to the end of the shops and turn left.

Follow this path alongside the playing fields till you come to the river. Turn left and cross the river over a large iron footbridge, Jubilee Bridge. Now turn right. Follow the path all the way alongside the river.

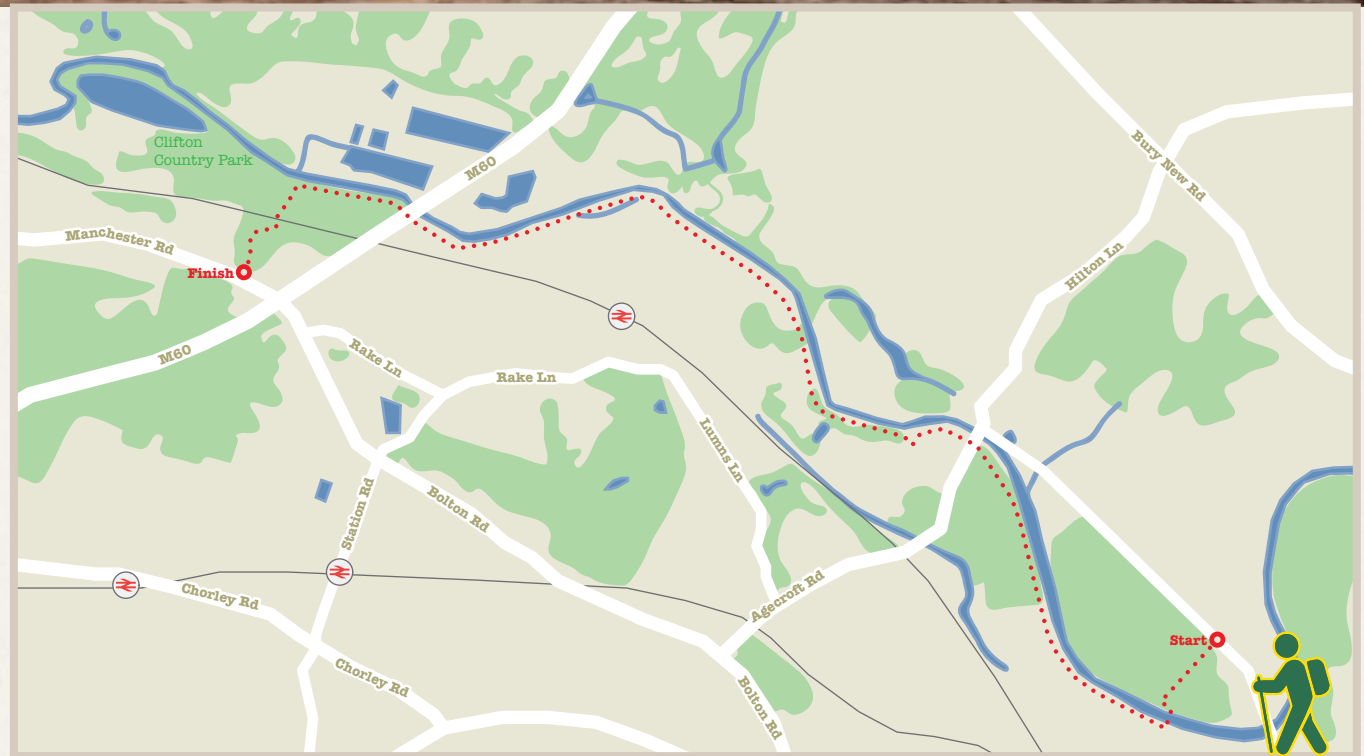
Continue past the cemetery until you reach Agecroft Road. On the other side of the road you will see the continuation of the path. Cross the road carefully, it is a very busy road, and follow the path, down the steps to the river bank again.

The riverside path is in a shady woodland area. The path follows the river more or less, sometimes a bit closer, sometimes a bit further away. By a footbridge you will come to City Forest Park.

Continue straight ahead on the path keeping the river on your right. You can't always see the river but you can hear it. You come to a part of the path which is heavily rutted and muddy with deep tyre tracks from bikes.

After a while you pass under Clifton Viaduct with its 13 arches which used to carry the East Lancashire Railway over the river. Continue along the path, keeping the river on your right to a dried out canal bed. Keep straight ahead. This is the former Fletcher Canal, which brought coal from the Wet Earth Colliery, now the site of the Clifton Country Park, to link up with the main canal to Salford.

Continue straight ahead following the river and towards the motorway. Despite the industrial dereliction and the motorway, in summer the air is full of the sound of birds and swallows gather on the telegraph wires.



Continue along the path under the motorway and follow the river bank path. After a short distance you come to a path off to the left (do not take this path) and ahead you can see a large gate with a kissing gate next to it. Go through this gate and continue along the path which follows the river.

Go over two small wooden bridges which cross dips in the bank. They do not cross the river. Continue along this path until it ends where you turn left and cross another wooden bridge (not over the river). Go through a gate and come out onto a sandy path with a pond opposite.

You are now coming to Clifton Country Park. If you wish to continue the trail then please use leaflet no. 4 for map and directions. If you want to leave the walk here turn right onto the path then immediately left around the end of the pond. Continue along this path till you come

to a "cross roads of paths" and you go straight ahead towards some steps leading up to the railway line. Cross the line carefully because there is no bridge. (Proposed construction of new rail bridge). Go through the gate and turn right up the steps. At the top you will see an open field with a church at the end, keep to the left hand path which will lead you out onto the main road where you can get an 8 or 22 bus to Bolton, Manchester or Eccles.

