

Salford Ranger Team

Salford City Council

SALFORD WALKING FESTIVAL 2026



exciting
walks
for all
abilities



Over
40 autumn
walks inside

WELCOME TO OUR SALFORD WALKING FESTIVAL



Packed full of exciting walks for everyone.

This leaflet highlights the various walks that will be taking place around in Salford. There are long, short and differently themed walks to suit all abilities.

Scan the QR code below for our Eventbrite pages for most walks or email rangers@salford.gov.uk

eventbrite.co.uk/o/salford-ranger-team-16476416181



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TINY TOTS RAMBLE

Every Friday throughout the year. Meet at 9.45am, Walk 10.00am to 11am
Clifton Country Park,
Clifton House Road, M27 6NG



A one hour ramble around the country park, for small children and their parents / carers. Spot the wildlife, jump in puddles, play racing sticks down the river. Buggie friendly.



GREAT FOR KIDS



IRWELL VALLEY WALKS

Adventurous walks from Clifton Country Park around the Irwell Valley area, and beyond. Sometimes the walk is an hour and a half, sometimes longer, walks can be 3 to 8 miles in length. Bring water and suitable clothing for the weather.

Clifton Country Park,
Clifton House Road, M27 6NG



email: rangers@salford.gov.uk

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

**Temples of Kearsley,
10am to 12.00pm**

Visiting the Buddhist temple and Schoenstatt shrine.

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

**Hurst Wood,
10am to 1pm**

A viewpoint across the valley from which there are sweeping views across Manchester. Bring snack and drink.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

**Prestolee Locks,
10am to 12.00pm**

via the high road, then back along Manchester Bolton and Bury Canal.

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

**Blackleach Country Park,
10am to 2pm**

Bring a snack and drink for this longer walk between our two countryside sites.

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

**Down the River Irwell!
10am to 1 or 2pm**

This is a one way walk starting from Clifton Country Park and finishing at Salford Museum and Art Gallery, where we can have lunch. Please contact rangers@salford.gov.uk if you want to attend this walk.

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

**Nob End,
10am to 12.00pm**

Taking a path through Clammerclough Woods, to the place where the Croal and the Irwell Rivers join. Return along the canal.

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

**Phillips Park and Drinkwater Park,
10am to 1pm**

Bring snack and drink for this longer walk across the Irwell Valley.



RANGER/ GENERAL WALKS



SOCIAL WALK

Every Thursday throughout
September and October,
10am to 12.00pm

Blackleach Country Park,
John St, Walkden M28 3TD



Join Blackleach Walking Group. Come along to the weekly walk and talk held at Blackleach every Thursday. Take a short stroll around the reservoir at your own pace whilst chatting with new people before returning to the visitor centre for a coffee. <https://blackleachsocialwalk.eventbrite.co.uk>



BUGGY WALK

Monday 14 September,
10.30am to 12.00pm

Buile Hill Park
Eccles Old Rd,
Salford M6 8GL



Come along to this chilled out September stroll around the park, for parents or carers with small children. Check out the seeds and leaves of the autumnal trees. All welcome. Meet outside the Mansion. No booking required.



EASY
ABILITY
WALKS



PEEL PARK TO SALFORD QUAYS

Wednesday 16 September,
10am to 1pm

Peel Park Ranger Base
(Inside the park at the side of
Maxwell Building), M5 4WT



A walk to the Quays via Ordsall Hall, discovering some hidden gems along the way, and back along the Ship Canal. Meet outside the ranger base in Peel Park. Approximately 6 miles. <https://peelparktosalfordquayssept26.eventbrite.co.uk>

MINDFUL PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Thursday 17 September,
1pm to 2.30pm

Blackleach Country Park,
John St, Walkden M28 3TD



A relaxed wander around the reservoir and nature reserve. We'll focus on appreciating local nature and the beauty of the country park and share photos we take along the way. Complimentary coffee! <https://blackleachphotographywalk1.eventbrite.co.uk>



BUILE HILL RAMBLE

Thursday 17 September,
10.30am to 12.30pm

Buile Hill Park
Eccles Old Rd, Salford M6 8GL



A slow social walk around the park, appreciating the beauty of the autumn trees. Meet outside the Mansion. No booking required

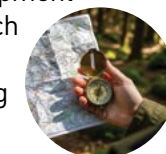
NAVIGATION FOR BEGINNERS

Sunday 27 September,
10am to 2pm

Clifton Country Park, Clifton
House Road, M27 6NG



Learn the basics of navigation with map and compass from one of our rangers. The route has some challenging sections so isn't suitable for young children. All equipment provided. Please bring lunch and a drink, waterproofs and boots or sturdy walking shoes. <https://beginnersnavigation.eventbrite.co.uk>



MODERATE
TO HARD
WALK



DUKES DRIVE TO OLD WARKE DAM

**Wednesday 30 September,
1pm to 2.30pm**

Dukes Drive Car Park,
Parrin Lane, M30 8AP



Join the rangers for a relaxed guided walk amongst beautiful and varied scenery, with snippets of local history and ecology along the way! Family friendly.
<https://dukesdriveguidedwalk.eventbrite.co.uk>



AUTUMN STROLL

**Saturday 17 October,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

Meet end of South Radford Street
by Lamorna Close M7 3GT



Autumn Stroll from Kersal Dale to Kersal Wetlands. A moderate walk of a few miles. Look out for wildfowl on the wetlands and woodland birds through the Dale
<https://KersalAutmnstroll.eventbrite.co.uk>



NAVIGATION FOR BEGINNERS

**Sunday 18 October,
10am to 1pm**

Blackleach Country Park Visitor
Centre, John St, Walkden M28 3TD



Learn the basics of navigation with map and compass from one of our rangers. The route has some challenging sections and isn't suitable for young children. All equipment provided. Please bring lunch and a drink, waterproofs and boots or sturdy walking shoes.



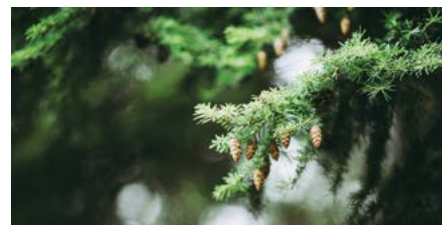
IRLAM CIRCULAR

**Wednesday 21 October,
10am to 1pm**

Meet at Princes Park,
Leisure Centre Car Park,
M44 6BR



An easy walk of approximately 3 miles, starting at Prince's Park, taking in some of the woodlands and part of the old course of the River Irwell along the way, with the option of taking in the Irlam Locks if you wish. No booking required.



NEW MOSS WOOD

**Sunday 25 October,
10am to 11.30am**

New Moss Wood Car
Park, New Moss Road,
Cadishead, M44 5JT



A walk and talk learning about the wildlife, history and management of New Moss Wood led by the Woodland Trust.

<https://NewMossWoodOct.eventbrite.co.uk>



MINDFUL PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

**Thursday 29 October,
1pm to 2.30pm**

Blackleach Country Park
Visitor Centre, John St,
Walkden M28 3TD



A relaxed wander around Blackleach reservoir and nature reserve. We'll focus on appreciating local nature and the beauty of the country park and share photos we take along the way.

<https://blackleachphotographywalk2.eventbrite.co.uk>



EVENING WALK

**Saturday 31 October,
7.30pm to 9.30pm**

Beesley Green Community Centre,
M28 2QW



Stroll through the woods by torchlight. We may still see some bats out. <https://NightwalkWorsleyWoods.eventbrite.co.uk>



Walk
and talk

MINDFUL WALKS

WALK AND JOURNALLING SESSION

Saturday 17 October, 10.00pm to 12.00pm
and
Saturday 24 October, 2pm to 4pm

Blackleach Country Park,
John St, Walkden M28 3TD



Slow down and step into the present moment with a relaxing mindful walk through the autumn trees, followed by a guided journaling session to improve wellbeing. Led by counsellor and forest bathing guide Natalie, you'll be supported in soothing mindful walking practices to help you engage your senses and release stress. Journaling promotes self-awareness, helps process emotions and deepens our connection to nature. Suitable for beginners and all abilities. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring a journal/notebook and pen. Writing materials will be provided if you don't have one.

Booking essential
www.natalierossiterwellbeing.co.uk



SALFORD WELLBEING WALKS

Salford Community Leisure

Salford Wellbeing Walks aim to help people get active locally. They are easy walks led by trained volunteer walk leaders. Please arrive 15 mins before walk begins. Wear flat grippy shoes or trainers, suitable clothing for the weather. Bring some water. No booking required.

For further information contact
Jo.bennett@scll.co.uk

ORDSALL HEALTH SURGERY WELLBEING WALK

Friday 11 September,
10.15am to 11.15am

Meet at 10am outside the surgery, Phoebe St, M5 3PH



A Slower paced, easy walk.



MONTON WELLBEING WALK OF HOPE, SUICIDE PREVENTION

Monday 14 September,
10am to 11am

Meet at: 9.45am,
Monton Green, near
the bench on the
green, M30 8AP



ORDSALL HEALTH SURGERY WELLBEING WALK

Friday 18 September,
10.15am to 11.15am

Meet at 10am
outside the surgery,
Phoebe St, M5 3PH



RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER WELLBEING WALK

Tuesday 13 October,
12.00 to 12.30pm

Meet at: 11.45pm,
outside the Welcome
Building, RHS Garden
Bridgewater. M28
2LJ. A 30min walk, slower paced.
For Salford Residents only.



RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER WELLBEING WALK - STRENGTH AND BALANCE AWARENESS

Monday 19 October,
1.30pm to 2.30pm

Meet at 1.15pm,
outside the Welcome
Building, RHS Garden
Bridgewater, M28 2LJ



A 30min walk and 30min exercises/
guidance. For Salford Residents only.



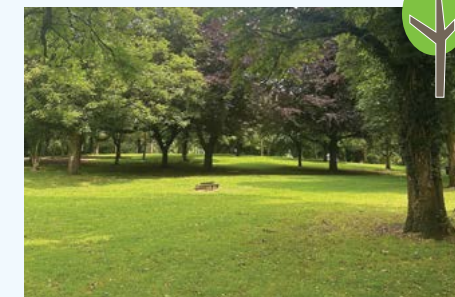
PEEL PARK WELLBEING WALK

Thursday 29 October,
10am to 11am

Meet at 9.45am.
Salford Museum and
Art Gallery, M5 4WU



Explore the Art Gallery/
Museum post walk.



HERITAGE WALKS



BRIDGEWATER WOMEN

**Friday 18 September,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

Meet Beesley Green Community Centre, Greenleach Lane, M28 2QW



Learn about the women who shaped the history of the Bridgewater Canal in Salford, as we walk from Beesley Green to Dukes Drive in Monton, via Worsley Woods and the Bridgewater Canal. One way – buses available back to the start.
<https://bridgewaterwomenswf26.eventbrite.co.uk>

HOBSON'S CHOICE

**Friday 25 September,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

Peel Park, Crescent Meadows, M5 4WU



As part of Peel Park's 180th Birthday Celebrations, join Green Badge guide Mark Charnley for this Hobsons Choice history walk. Learn about Hobsons Choice and see the filming locations around the park and surrounding areas.
Salford Ranger Team Eventbrite



IN QUEEN VICTORIA'S FOOTSTEPS

**Saturday 26 September,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

St Mark's Church Lychgate, Worsley Brow, opposite John Gilbert pub. M28 2WH



175 years ago, Queen Victoria made her first visit to Worsley, staying at Worsley New Hall (now RHS Bridgewater). She embarked on a walk around Worsley Woods, which we will follow as best we can, using the notes she made in her diary at the time. We finish back at St Mark's Church for a cuppa and some cake – refreshments are free but donations to the church will be welcomed. Parking available at St Mark's Church car park, signposted 'Bishop's Lodge' off Walkden Road.
<https://queenvicfootstepsswf26.eventbrite.co.uk>



TREE TRAIL FOLKLORE

**Wednesday 30 September,
1pm to 3pm**

Peel Park, Crescent Meadows, M5 4WU



A short walk around Peel Park looking at some of the myths, legends and folklores around some of the trees within the park.



PLANTS OF BUILE HILL AND SEEDLEY PARK

**Friday 9 October,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

Buile Hill Park, Eccles Old Rd, Salford M6 8GL



A walk with the ranger, learning about the flowers and plants found here.

rangers@salford.gov.uk



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JAMES BRINDLEY



**Sunday 11 October,
10.30am to 12.30pm**

Clifton Country Park
Clifton House Road, M27 6NG



A walk around Clifton Country Park, learning about how this great engineer shaped the development of the Wet Earth Colliery, once the deepest mine in the Irwell Valley, and see the remains of the industrial heritage, buried in the woods.
<https://jamesbrindleyswf26.eventbrite.co.uk>

ROYALTY AROUND PEEL PARK

**180th
Birthday
Celebrations**

**Wednesday 14 October,
1.30pm to 3.30pm**

Peel Park, Crescent Meadows, M5 4WU



As part of Peel Park's 180th Birthday celebrations, join us on this guided walk led by Green Badge guide Mark Charnley as he tells us all about the Royal visitors in the park and surrounding area.
Salford Ranger Team Eventbrite



BAT WALKS



VARIOUS
LOCATIONS
IN SALFORD

Learn some fun bat facts and use a with bat detector with the Ranger looking for these creatures of the night. Wrap up well and bring a torch. Subject to weather. £2 adults, free 16's and under.



BLACKLEACH BAT WALK

Friday 11 September,
7.30pm to 8.45pm

Blackleach Country Park,
off John St, Walkden, M28 3EN



Gentle walks looking out for bats. Meet by the Visitors Centre.
<https://BlackleachBatWalkSept.eventbrite.co.uk>



BUILE HILL PARK, BAT WALK

Friday 18 September,
7pm to 8.30pm

Buile Hill Park, Eccles Old
Road, Salford M6 8GL



Rangers@salford.gov.uk



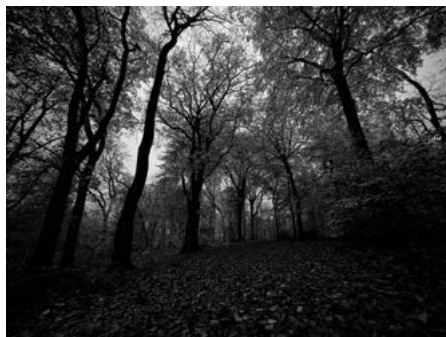
WORSLEY WOODS BAT WALK

Tuesday 22 September,
7pm to 8.15pm

Beesley Green
Community Centre,
Greenleach Lane,
Worsley M28 2QW



Stroll through the woods in the dark. Bring a torch. Moderate ability walks looking out for bats. Meet by Beesley Green Community Centre.
<https://BatWalkWorsleySept.eventbrite.co.uk>



MODERATE
ABILITY
WALKS



PEEL PARK BAT WALK

Wednesday 23 September,
7pm to 8.30pm

Peel Park, M5 4PD



Meet outside the
Ranger Base.

<https://peelparkbatwalk2026.eventbrite.co.uk>



KERSAL DALE BAT WALK

Monday 5 October,
7.30pm to 8.30pm

Kersal Dale. Meet at end of
South Radford Street, M7 3GT



<https://BatWalkKersal.eventbrite.co.uk>



CLIFTON BAT WALK

Thursday 8 October,
7.30pm to 8.30pm

Clifton Country Park
Clifton House
Road, M27 6NG



Meet by the Visitors Centre.
<https://BatWalkCliftonEasyRoute.eventbrite.co.uk>



BLACKLEACH BAT WALK

Tuesday 20 October,
7.30pm to 8.45pm

Blackleach Country Park,
John St, Walkden, M28 3TD



Gentle walks looking out for bats. Meet by the Visitors Centre.
<https://BatWalkBlackleachOct.eventbrite.co.uk>

Don't forget
your
torch

WILDLIFE WALKS

NUTS, SEEDS AND BERRIES

Saturday 5 September
10am to 12pm
Buile Hill Park, M6 8G



Booking: rangers@salford.gov.uk

FUNGI WALK

Saturday 12 September,
10am to 12.00pm
Worsley Woods, Beesley
Green Community Centre



In search of the great autumnal woodland invaders, with expert Dave Winnard. Find out about the amazing diversity of our fungal network.
<https://FungiWorsleyWoods.eventbrite.co.uk>



AMAZING TREES OF CLIFTON

Saturday 19 September,
10am to 11am
Clifton Country Park, Clifton
House Road, M27 6NG



What secrets do our trees hold, from the valley's industrial past? A look at some of the oldest trees in the park, both living and dying. Bring binoculars if you have them.
<https://amazingtreesswf26.eventbrite.co.uk>

BIRDS OF THE MOSSLANDS

Saturday 26 September,
9am to circa 1pm
Meet New Moss Wood Car Park



Join local bird expert Dave Steel for a walk on the Mosslands. We may see some passage migrant birds and uncommon species, such as Marsh Harrier and Yellowhammer. Please note, walk is approx 6 miles, bring appropriate footwear and binoculars if you have them.
<https://BirdsMosslandsWalk.eventbrite.co.uk>



ULTRA VIOLET FUNGI WALK

Saturday 3 October
7pm to 9pm
Meet Beesley Green
Community Centre
Off Greenleach Lane, M28 2QW



Booking: <https://UVFungiBatsWorsley.eventbrite.co.uk>

PEEL PARK TO KERSAL WETLANDS

Wednesday 7 October,
10am to 1pm
Peel Park, M5 4PD. Meet
outside the Ranger Base



A moderate walk of about 4 miles with the Ranger, exploring from Peel Park upstream along the Irwell, to Kersal Wetlands, looking for flora and fauna that flourishes there. Bring binoculars if you have them. No booking required.

FUNGAL FORAY



Friday 30 October,
Morning session
10am to 12.00pm
<https://fungiwalkamswf26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Afternoon session
1pm to 3pm
<https://fungiwalkpmswf26.eventbrite.co.uk>
Clifton Country Park
Clifton House Road, M27 6NG



A wander around the park, in search of fungi. Led by expert Dave Winnard.

FUNGI WALK

Saturday 31 October,
10am to 12.30pm
Buile Hill Park, Eccles
Old Rd, Salford M6 8GL



A wander around the park, in search of fungi, led by expert Dave Winnard.
rangers@salford.gov.uk



Don't forget your binoculars



HALLOWEEN TRAILS

GREAT
FOR
KIDS



EASY ABILITY
HALLOWEEN
WALKS



BLACKLEACH HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Monday 26 October,

11am to 1pm

Blackleach Country Park,
John St, Walkden, M28 3TD



Booking not required.

DUKES DRIVE HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Wednesday 28 October,

11am to 1pm

Dukes Drive Car Park,
Parrin Lane, M30 8AP



Booking not required.

PEEL PARK HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Tuesday 27 October,

1pm to 3pm

Peel Park, M5 4WU



A Halloween trail around
the park for the children
Meet at Peel Park Base.
Booking not required.



CLIFTON HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Thursday 29 October,

1pm to 3pm

Clifton Country Park
Clifton House Road, M27 6NG



A Halloween trail around
the park for children.
Booking not required.

Spooky
walks



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Salford Ranger Team.
Email rangers@salford.gov.uk
Clifton Country Park Visitor Centre,
Clifton House Road, Swinton, M27 6NG