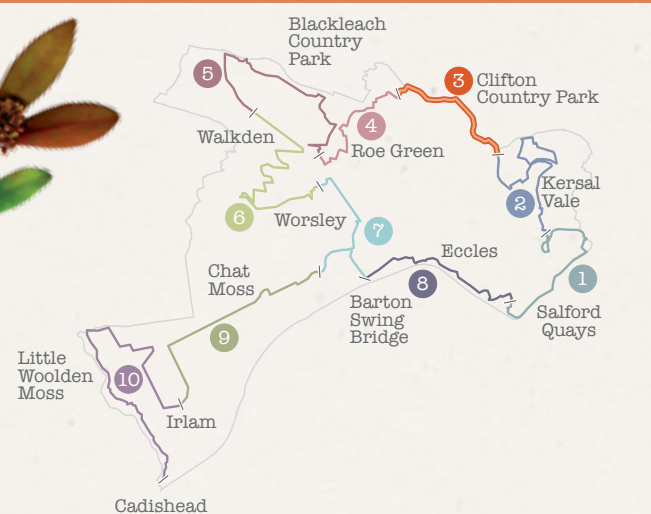


The Salford Trail is a new, long distance walk of about 50 miles/80 kilometres and entirely within the boundaries of the City of Salford. The route is varied, going through rural areas and green spaces, with a little road walking in between. Starting from the cityscape of Salford Quays, the Trail passes 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.

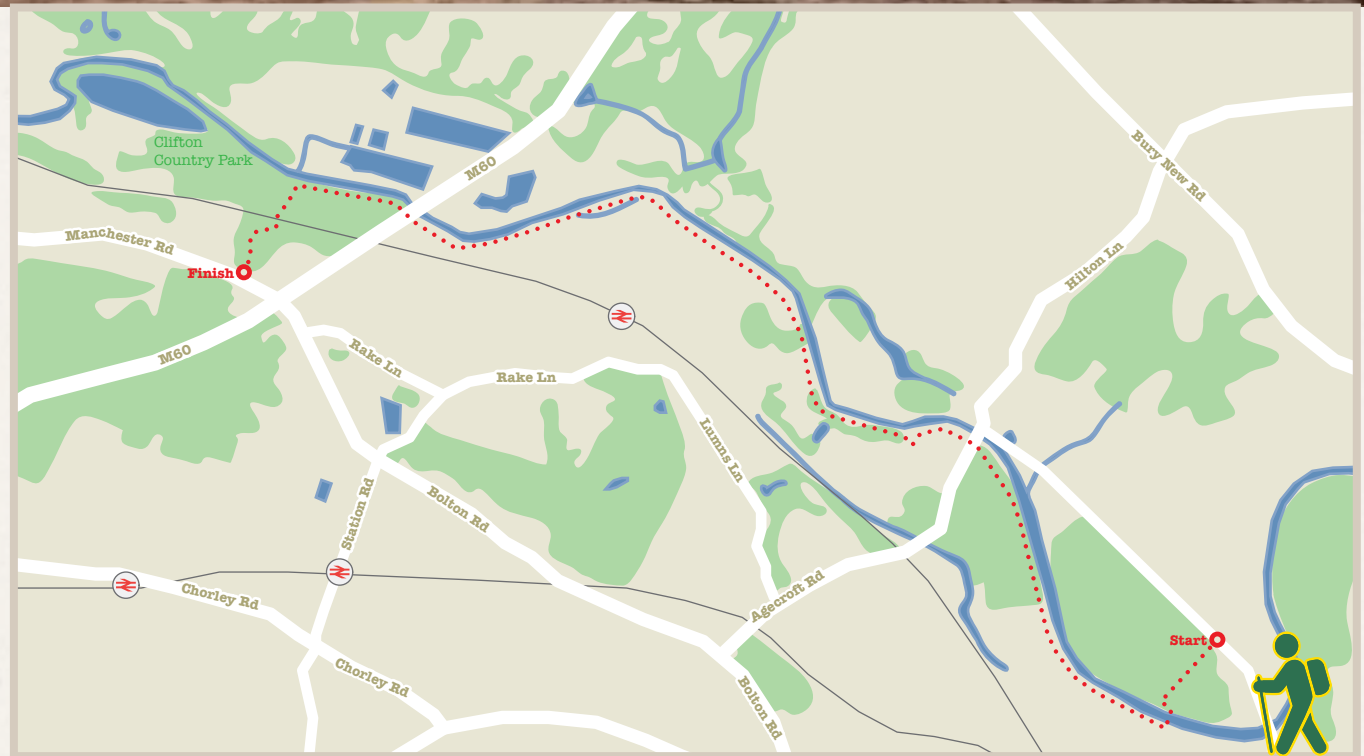
Continue past the cemetery until you reach Agecroft Road. On the other side of the road you will see the continuation of the path. Cross the road carefully, it is a very busy road, and follow the path, down the steps to the river bank again.

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 and continue along this path until it ends where you turn left and cross over another wooden bridge. Go through a gate and turn right onto a broad path with a pond opposite

You can leave Walk 3 here and continue along the path to Clifton Country Park.
If you wish to continue to the end of Walk 3 turn next left and walk up the path till you come to a cross roads of paths. Turn right and continue along the path for 400m.

Then turn 1st left up a path (hill) towards the railway bridge which is Dixons Fold Bridge. Cross this bridge and continue uphill keeping to the left hand path. Turn left at the top onto to Solway Close, heading towards Manley Avenue where you turn right leading on to Manchester Road. Here you can finish the walk and get the 8 or 22 bus to Bolton, Manchester or Eccles or continue on the Salford Trail - Walk 4 - Clifton to Roe Green.

