

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 five refers to the route from Roe Green to Walkden.

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 Route Explorer.

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

Start of walk

Bus Number	35, 68
Bus stop location	Roe Green Post Office

During the walk

Bus Number	37
Bus stop location	Worsley Road

End of walk

Bus Number	35, 68	29, X39
Bus stop location	Walkden Road/ Salford College	Birch Road/ Lime Grove
Tram/metro	Walkden Station	

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 5



6.5 miles/10.5 km, about 3.5 hours

ROE GREEN TO WALKDEN

A walk from the village of Roe Green going through woods, passing fishing lakes, old lanes and a garden centre to arrive at Blackleach Country Park. Then the walk goes along loop lines to Walkden railway station.



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MAP AND DIRECTIONS

From Roe Green keep to the right hand side of the Green to where the children's playground stands. Turn left and walk along to Old Clough Lane then right onto the A580 (East Lancashire Road) and cross over to the opposite side via the crossing point.

Turn right and walk along past Ellesmere Golf Course. At the side of the golf course a footpath runs between it and the motorway access road. Follow the footpath, with the motorway on your right for about 800m. Go through a wooded area to where the path crosses a railway via a concrete footbridge with raised metal sides. Immediately after crossing the railway, pass down a small slope, then turn sharp left along a path that runs at the side of the railway for a short distance before it comes out into a lane.

Go right for a few metres (Ignore the sign which says Blackleach Country Park). Then take the footpath immediately on the left. This is a narrow path, with fields on the left and the local fishing club premises on the right. At the end of the path, cross the A6 and continue on the path opposite.

Follow the path through the middle of the field where old stone setts are in evidence underfoot. This once led towards Linnyslaw Colliery. When you reach the wood on the right walk alongside it, then take the path that turns to the left, passing over the stile. You now head towards a short row of white bungalows or cottages. Turn left through the gate and walk to the end of the lane past the Linnyslaw Garden Centre.

Just after the Garden Centre there is a choice of three paths to the right, take the second path. (Not the first which is over a stile and into a field.)

The second wide path leads straight into Blackleach Country Park where the large lake is home to a wide



variety of bird species. The Trail passes close to the lake and it's worth deviating slightly to have a look.

Carry on, passing the lake on your left, carefully crossing the A575, Worsley Road North, to Grosvenor Road. Immediately drop down back on to the loop line path.

(This path is liable to flooding. An alternative is to carry on along Grosvenor Road, then turn right along Windmill Road to get into Ashton Fields.)

Walk on until an open area is reached with bright coloured pathways in green and red tarmac. This is called Ashton Fields, a former colliery.

Take either of the two main paths - green or red - which meander across the open fields heading towards the overhead power lines, both finishing at the the same spot at the opposite end of the open space.

Pass through the gate onto Cleggs Lane and cross immediately over the road, bearing left for less than 100m to the small black and white traffic roundabout. Turn right into the entrance of a large open area of football pitches, bordered on the right by trees. A footpath passes alongside the left of the fields for about 700m before bearing left onto a loop line.

Follow the loop line passing under a number of bridges until you come to the Walkden Road bridge. Pass under the bridge and turn left up the steps. At the top there is a bus stop or you can turn right for Walkden railway station.

