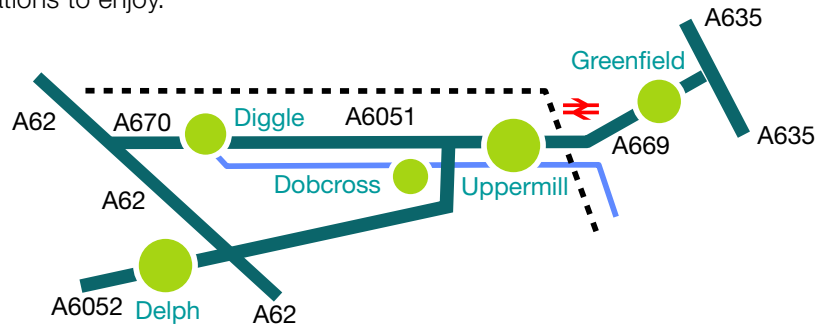


Go exploring with Saddleworth Village Trails

These trails are a great way to explore the historic villages of Saddleworth and learn more about the history of the area. Please enjoy your visit responsibly and respect village life so that we can keep Saddleworth a special place for future generations to enjoy.



Keeping Saddleworth Special

Never drop litter. Take it home with you or use one of the bins provided.

Follow the Countryside Code

Guard against fires, respect plants and animals. Keep your dogs under close control, stick to public paths across farmland and consider other people.

Step on to public transport

Walking, cycling, riding and canal trips are a great way to explore the area. Help to reduce congestion, protect the environment and support the local community.

Stay, eat and buy local

Enjoy all that Saddleworth has to offer by staying overnight in one of our hotels, guest houses or self-catering accommodation.

Sample local produce at the farmers market or pop in to one of our great pubs, cafes or restaurants.

Useful information

Oldham Tourist Information Centre

Gallery Oldham, Greaves Street,
Oldham OL1 1AL
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E: tourist@oldham.gov.uk
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Delph Trail

A great way to explore the
historic villages of Saddleworth



Delph Village from Hill End Road



Oldham

Delph Trail

Delph – The name of Delph derives from the Old English word ‘Delf’ meaning ‘quarry’. This was in particular reference to the bakestone pits to the north of the village, which were renowned for providing stone that locals would cook food on.

1 The Mechanics Institute
Built on the site of this car park, it served the educational and social needs of the local residents. For a short period in the early 20th century, the building was also used as the Star Picture Palace showing early moving pictures.

2 Millgate Arts Centre – Home to a thriving local arts community, this charming centre provides a base for theatre, film, art exhibitions and concerts. Built by the village’s Co-Operative Society in the 19th century, it is now run by Saddleworth Players.



12 The Old Bell Inn – Built in 1797 as the ‘New Inn’, in 1805 it became the ‘Bell Inn’ named after the tenant William Bell. No longer a post house on the harsh trans Pennine route, the Old Bell Inn is now a restaurant and hotel.

13 The Sound – Named to commemorate the Battle of Copenhagen Sound in 1801 this road is the main southern approach into Delph village.

11 Harrop Edge – Known locally as Lark Hill, Harrop Edge forms part of many enjoyable Saddleworth walking, cycling and horse riding trails.

3 Shore Mill – Originally constructed as a water powered mill in the 1780s, you can still see the channel or ‘goit’ that was used to supply water to the mill wheel. This private residence is a three storey building, which looks like a typical weaver’s house.

4 Delph Bridge – Located in the heart of Delph Village this central feature crosses the 25 mile River Tame as it merges with Hull Brook.

5 Hull Mill – Built in the 1780s as a cotton mill it later became a woollen mill in 1820. The mill dam is a wonderful retreat for wildlife.

6 Grange – In approximately 1250, Cistercian Monks of Roche Abbey established a grange on the grassy slopes of Castleshaw Valley. The land was used for farming to provide the monks with produce to live on and a reliable income.

9 Castleshaw Roman Road and Forts
Built on a Roman military road from Chester to York, this site offers a historical story of the forts with a chance to see its reconstructed banks and ditches.

10 Castleshaw School – built in 1819 to serve the local community. It closed in 1894 following the demolition of the houses due to construction of the reservoirs.

7 Castleshaw Reservoirs – Set in the splendid Pennine hills above Delph, the reservoirs were opened in September 1891 to serve the needs of the developing town of Oldham. Take a walk around the reservoirs and you may see birds such as geese, herons, dippers and hawks.

8 Castleshaw Outdoor Activity Centre
The centre is used by schools and organised groups throughout the year for residential courses, camping, team building, canoeing, kayaking, hill-walking, rock climbing, abseiling, ghyll scrambling, mountain biking and environmental activities.

