

WALKDEN



DID YOU KNOW?

Roe Green Loopline was once a colliery railway to Bolton, via Little Hulton, which opened in 1870.



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Once upon a time Roe Green was common land, where animals were kept for grazing. Roe Green was connected to Beesley Green before the railways were built.

HIDDEN WALKING GEMS

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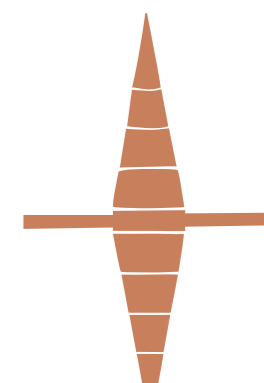
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Tyldesley Loopline was once a railway line from Eccles to Wigan via Tyldesley, this opened in 1864, for transporting coal between the many collieries in the area and their markets. Like so many other railway lines it closed following the Beeching cuts in 1969. The section of railway trackbed from Leigh to Ellenbrook is now used for a guided busway, and that which lies within the Salford boundary is used as a recreational foot / cycle path.



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Gingerbread House, dating back to around 1790 (pre-modernisation)



HIDDEN WALKING GEMS in Salford

APPROX 6m/10k CIRCULAR WALK



WALK 1 FREE ROUTE MAP

Worsley to Walkden

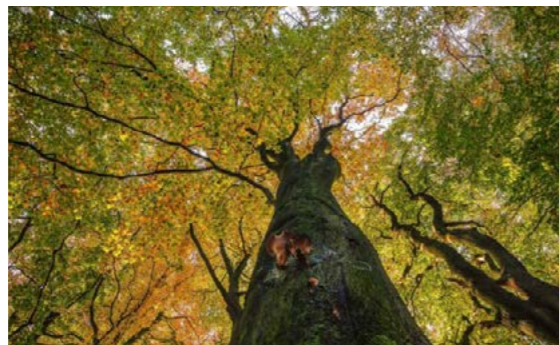


# WORSLEY TO WALKDEN HIDDEN GEMS TO EXPLORE

## START

Start at Worsley Delph, facing the edge of the sandstone rock face at the end of the Bridgewater Canal. This place can be considered the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, as this is where coal was mined underground and connected with the canal via the tunnels you see in the rock face.

## BIRTHPLACE OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION



## 1.

Walk up School Brow and into Worsley Woods. Keep straight on until you reach two huge beech trees with gnarly roots. At the second tree bear right, go through the fence, keep right, go down steps to boardwalk, walk along with the stream on your right. Go up the steps and over the tunnel, and then turn left onto the main path. You'll soon see the lake come into view on your left.

## 2.



Across the lake is the Aviary, once a hunting and fishing lodge for the 1st Earl of Ellesmere, now a private house. Keep going along the path through Worsley Woods, with its great old beech trees rising to your right, and the wet alder and willow woodland to your left. Go underneath the motorway, and straight on through the woods, following Kempnough Brook on your left. In spring this is full of wild garlic flowers.



## 3.

Eventually you should come out from the woods at Beesley Green. Turn left onto Greenleach Lane, cross over and go right onto Lumber Lane. A few steps on and take a right down the footpath between the houses, turn left onto the Tyldesley Loopline.

## 4.

Walk along for a while, under the East Lancs Bridge, another stone bridge, and then turn right where it is signposted for Bedford Fields. Take this path through the fields and when you get to the end, turn right onto the road. Look for the little ginnel between the houses on your left.



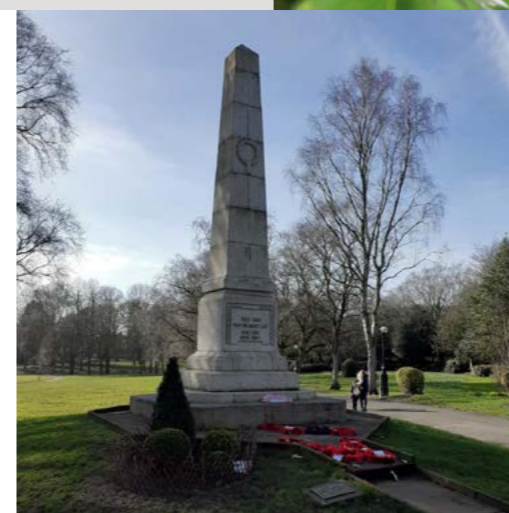
## 5.

Walk through this ginnel and you should come out onto another road. Turn left, and pass the amazing ancient Parr Fold houses, with the mullioned windows, huge chimneys and timber porches, dated 1722.

## AMAZING ANCIENT HOUSES

## 6.

Cross the road and turn right up the footpath which takes you into Parr Fold Park. Here you may be able to get a brew from the Pavilion building, or continue northwards towards the War Memorial at the far end of the park, a pale obelisk made from Portland Stone. Pause here, have a look at the information board to take in some of the historic buildings around you. You are now in Walkden, not far from the train station. From here, either follow signs down onto Roe Green Loopline, turning right onto the loopline, or cross Walkden



Road and access the loopline from the steps on the other side, turning left down the loopline. Walk along for a while, going under the East Lancs Road bridge, then just before the green bridge take the steps up on your left, back onto Greenleach Lane.

## 7.

Here you can do a little detour around little Roe Green. Take the tarmac path which leads between the green, follow this to a small road which winds back towards Greenleach Lane. The old Co-operative building, now a hairdressers, is in front of you. Go left and turn right down Starkie Street. At the end of the street drop back down onto the loopline, turning left and pass the underground water storage tank.

## 8.

Continue along for a while, go underneath the motorway bridge, under the pylon lines, and then take the footpath leading to your right, go up the steps, straight ahead and pass the black and white house on your right (fondly known as the Gingerbread House, dating back to the 1790s, but recently extensively modernised). You should be facing Old Warke Dam again. Turn sharp left, pass the play area, and continue through the woods until you reach Sefton Drive. Walk down Sefton Drive, turn right onto Worsley Road, and back to where you started.



Gingerbread House, image © Nick Harrison

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