



DID YOU KNOW?

Prestolee Locks once lifted boats to the level of the canal where it then splits into two parts, one going towards Bolton, the other to Bury.

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The old Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal linked Bolton and Bury with Manchester. It opened in 1808 but fell into disrepair after a major breach occurred in the 1930s.

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St Saviour's Church was replaced in 1826 but then demolished in 1850-54 and only the tower remains, the rest of the new church was built further back from the road.



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DID YOU KNOW?

In Ringley there are village stocks and Ringley Bridge, which dates from the 17th century, once an important crossing point on the packhorse route from Bolton.

HIDDEN WALKING GEMS

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HIDDEN WALKING GEMS in Salford



APPROX
6.5m/10.5k
CIRCULAR WALK

Clifton to Farnworth

WALK **2** FREE ROUTE MAP

CLIFTON TO FARNWORTH HIDDEN GEMS TO EXPLORE

START



From Clifton Country Park car park, take the path through the main gate towards the lake. Turn left at the lake and follow the path around until you see a left turning down to the river. Take this path, cross the bridge and continue until you reach the road.

PEACEFUL RIVER IRWELL



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1.

Turn left and follow the road, past the water treatment works, continuing to the little village of Ringley.

Here you will find St Saviour's Church, first built in 1625. From the church, continue along the road until you reach the main Stoneclough road.



ST SAVIOUR'S REMAINING TOWER BUILT IN 1826 ♡

2.

Cross over, walk downhill a little, look for the turning on your right which follows the line of the old Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal.

Follow the canal towpath for about a mile, skirting the little village of Prestolee.

The canal crosses the River Irwell, then shortly after you reach Prestolee Locks. Go through the gate on your left, and out onto a large field, which is the confluence (meeting point) of two rivers, the Croal and the Irwell.



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3.

You are now at Nob End. This field was once famous for marsh and heath orchids, which thrived in the alkaline soil of soda waste from a former mill site.

Walk across the field, cross the River Croal on the large suspended bridge, and up the steep path which joins onto Cemetery Road, where you turn left and walk



up past the allotments, under St Peters Way bypass, and reach the end of the road. On your right is Farnworth Train station, but you can take a left, continue along Bridge St and Clammerclough Road.

4.

Turn left again onto Church Road and follow to the end. Pause to admire the fabulous views that these end houses have, then descend the path straight ahead, into the wooded valley, and continue until you reach the bridge over the railway. Cross this here, turn right and follow the line of the railway to Kearsley Station, where you then descend through the woods and pop out onto Stoneclough Road again.



FABULOUS VIEWS OVER THE VALLEY

Cross over the road here and walk through the Europa trading estate, keeping right. Look for the path on the right, just before the Bethels Civils Utilities building. Turn right up the steep slope, and where it forks, take the left at the back of the Bethel building. Within 50 metres you take a right at another fork. Follow this path through woodland, until you come out into the housing estate.

5.

Cross Hulme Road and follow the footpath along the edge of Kearsley Power Station. After passing the station, take the left fork along the path and drop down through woodland and follow it along the river's edge,

now heading downstream. Cross the farmer's field and up the steps. Take a right turning through woodland and through the farmyard, and then back along the farm approach road, into Clifton Car Park.



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