



DID YOU KNOW?

Wardley Hall is one of the oldest sites in Salford. The moat around it dates from 1292 although the current house dates from around 1500. In 1666 it was the largest residence in the area, with 19 hearths (fireplaces).

Clifton Country Park



HIDDEN WALKING GEMS

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DID YOU KNOW?

At the top of the main staircase of Wardley Hall is a skull said to be that of St Ambrose Barlow, a Catholic Priest who was hung, drawn and quartered at Lancaster Castle in 1641, for refusing to give up his faith.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wardley Hall is the official residence of the Bishop of Salford.



HIDDEN WALKING GEMS in Salford

APPROX
4m/6.4k
CIRCULAR WALK



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WALK ③ FREE ROUTE MAP

Clifton to Wardley

CLIFTON TO WARDLEY HIDDEN GEMS TO EXPLORE

START



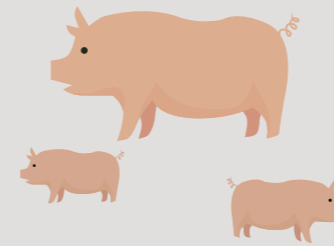
From Clifton Country Park car park, walk back up Clifton House Road. Cross back over the A666 with care and take the footpath entrance more or less opposite, between the houses. Continue walking along this footpath, leaving the houses behind as you make your way between the fields.

WET EARTH WAS ONCE THE DEEPEST MINE IN THE IRWELL VALLEY



1.

Look out for the unusual farm animals – the pig roaming freely in the field, the llama perched on top of a rise in the ground. If you do this trip early enough, sometimes you will see deer browsing in the unkempt parts of the fields, close to the forest edge.



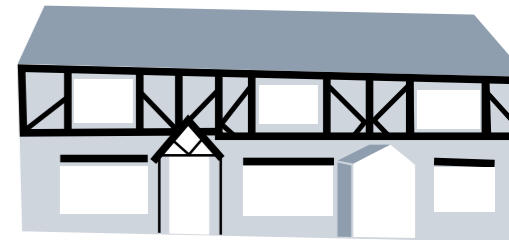
You are walking across Clifton Moss, a boggy area on top of the Manchester Coalfield. You may see what is left of Little Mine Coal Pit, old slag heaps, brick remains and workings in the ground, along this path.



CLIFTON MOSS, A BOGGY AREA ON TOP OF THE MANCHESTER COALFIELD

2.

Pass the wood to your left and continue until you reach the fork in the path. Take the left turning here. The wood here is the site of the Clifton Moss Coal mine, which was open between 1840 and 1891, and sank two deep shafts to mine the Trencherbone seam of coal, 473 yards underground.



After a few yards turn right and then left to go up over the motorway bridge.



CLIFTON MOSS COAL MINE, WAS OPEN BETWEEN 1840 AND 1891

3.

On the other side of the bridge, take the path straight ahead towards the houses in the parish of Wardley. When you come out into the housing estate, continue straight on down the little cut through onto Moss Lane. Carry on till you reach the A6 main road. Turn right and walk along the A6. You'll cross the Sindsley Brook, an historic boundary between Swinton and Worsley, Tesco express, some pretty old cottages, and behind this, Wardley Park, with its small play area.

4.

Continue on past St Ambrose Barlow High School. If you want to have a look at Wardley Hall, you have the option of crossing over and turning down Wardley Hall Road, just before going under the M60 bridge.



5.

If you want to return back to Clifton, take the turning up towards Wardley Grange Farm, a livery stable with caravan storage. As you get to the farm entrance where the caravans are, look out for the tiny entrance to the footpath skirting the fields of the farm on the left, close to the motorway. Continue along this path for some distance, under the huge pylon lines, until you find yourself back at the motorway bridge.



Cross back over, turn right at the bottom and, keeping the wood on your left hand side, continue along the path until you reach Moss Colliery Road.



6.

Carefully cross back over the A666, turn left, and you can either walk back towards Clifton House Road, or after a short distance take the footpath on your right down Dixon Drive, which disappears behind the houses and into the woods, down a steep and narrow path, crossing a wooded gorge and coming out just by the bridge crossing the railway line. Cross the railway bridge, turn left and walk along past Fletchers Folly, the chimney which once took away the fumes from the boiler house at the Wet Earth Colliery. Follow the path down to the bottom, turn left and walk back to the car park, observing the wheelchamber and circular Gal Pit structure of the colliery, once the deepest coal mine in the Irwell Valley.



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