

Clifton Country Park

DID YOU KNOW?

When a new coal shaft was sunk at Wet Earth Colliery in 1804, Ellis Fletcher, the mine's manager, decided to use steam power instead of horses, to heave coal out of Wet Earth Colliery. Fletcher's Folly chimney was built to allow steam to escape from the furnace below.

HIDDEN WALKING GEMS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Recent folklore suggests that some ponds in this area were the results of craters left by World War Two bombing, but the pond you see here on the Moss is marked on a map pre-dating that by a hundred years. It was probably a watering hole for livestock; these old maps show several ponds straddling field boundaries.



DID YOU KNOW?

Number 117 Station Road is the house where JS Lowry once lived, looking after his mother and painting pictures which later became famous.



HIDDEN WALKING GEMS in Salford



APPROX
5m/8k
CIRCULAR WALK



WALK **4** FREE ROUTE MAP

Clifton to Swinton

CLIFTON TO SWINTON HIDDEN GEMS TO EXPLORE



START

From Clifton Country Park car park, walk back up Clifton House Road, cross the main road at the top, take the footpath between the houses opposite. Walk along this path, through the fields, pass a woodland on your left. Where the path splits turn left, then after a short distance, bear right to cross over the motorway. When you get to the other side walk down to the signpost and take the path to your left.

LOOK OUT FOR THE REMAINS OF THE OLD MANCHESTER COLLIERIES RAILWAY

1.

Keep going along here, the motorway is on your left about 100 metres away. In a couple of places there are path forks, but keep straight on for about 500m, until you reach a clump of trees where the path crosses a ditch and embankment at right angles. Go straight through the trees. The path then divides, to your left you can see the remains of the old Manchester colliery railway, however bear right, and after a short distance you should come to the pond. Pass this on your right. Cross a ditch and continue until you reach the end of Mossfield Drive, with its turning circle.

2.

Turn left and walk towards the Lowry Regus Mill in the distance. Once a cotton mill, this has been refurbished into office space. Pass Mossfield Primary School and turn right down the footpath between the playing fields and the allotments. At the end turn left onto Sefton Road, which brings you out onto Station Road. If you turn right, you can visit the train station, shops, and civic centre of Swinton. To follow the walk though, turn left and walk up Station Road.



3.

Number 117 Station Road is the house where JS Lowry once lived. Just before this, take the right turning down Townsend Road (or pause to get a bite to eat at the lovely Greens Café), follow to the end and turn left onto Pendlebury Road.



4.

Cross through the disused grounds of Christ Church, past the stone war memorial and out via the path under larch trees. This church was built for Pendlebury's expanding population in Gothic Revival style in the 1850s, the tower a couple of years after that. It closed in 1987. Directly opposite is Vale Avenue. Cross at the traffic lights to walk down here and enter the Livia Silverdale site.



CHRIST CHURCH WAS BUILT IN GOTHIC REVIVAL STYLE IN THE 1850'S ♡

5.

This is a large area of open land, once a site of industry, now reclaimed by Nature. After the five large boulders, turn sharp right and then enjoy the woodland wander as the path winds through meadow and woods. When you arrive at the curved stone wall, bear left.



This path is joined by several others but continue in the same direction, houses to your right, school behind the green rails to your left. Pass through the open meadow, leave the Livia site at the large boulders, step out onto Clifton Green.



6.

Walk across this with the play area on your left. Cross the road at the lights and walk straight down Martin Road. At the end, cross over through the gate onto Robin Hood Sidings – an open green space, named after railway sidings where coal from Clifton was once sorted, before it was transported onto rail. When you get to the trees, turn left, proceed along the edge of the hill with houses to your left, tree line on your right, until you get to the gate re-entering the housing estate. Go straight on,



LOVELY OPEN VIEWS ACROSS THE VALLEY

don't go into the estate and ignore the path on your right downhill. Soon you will get that lovely open view across the valley to the hills beyond.

7.

At the end of the open field, you should be able to see one of the big office blocks ahead. When the path divides, leave the defined path and go straight ahead through the woods. It's a big rough but most direct and saves you from going downhill to come back up again. When you come out onto the tarmac path turn left, follow this to the corner of the second office block, then turn right and drop down the steep and winding path – take care here – through the woods, down to the railway line. Go under the motorway, cross over the railway bridge. You are now back in Clifton Country Park. Turn left and walk along the path by the side of the railway until you reach Fletcher's Folly Chimney. Bear right and drop down onto the main path, then turn left, carry on for another 200 yards till you reach the car park.



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