

HIDDEN WALKING GEMS

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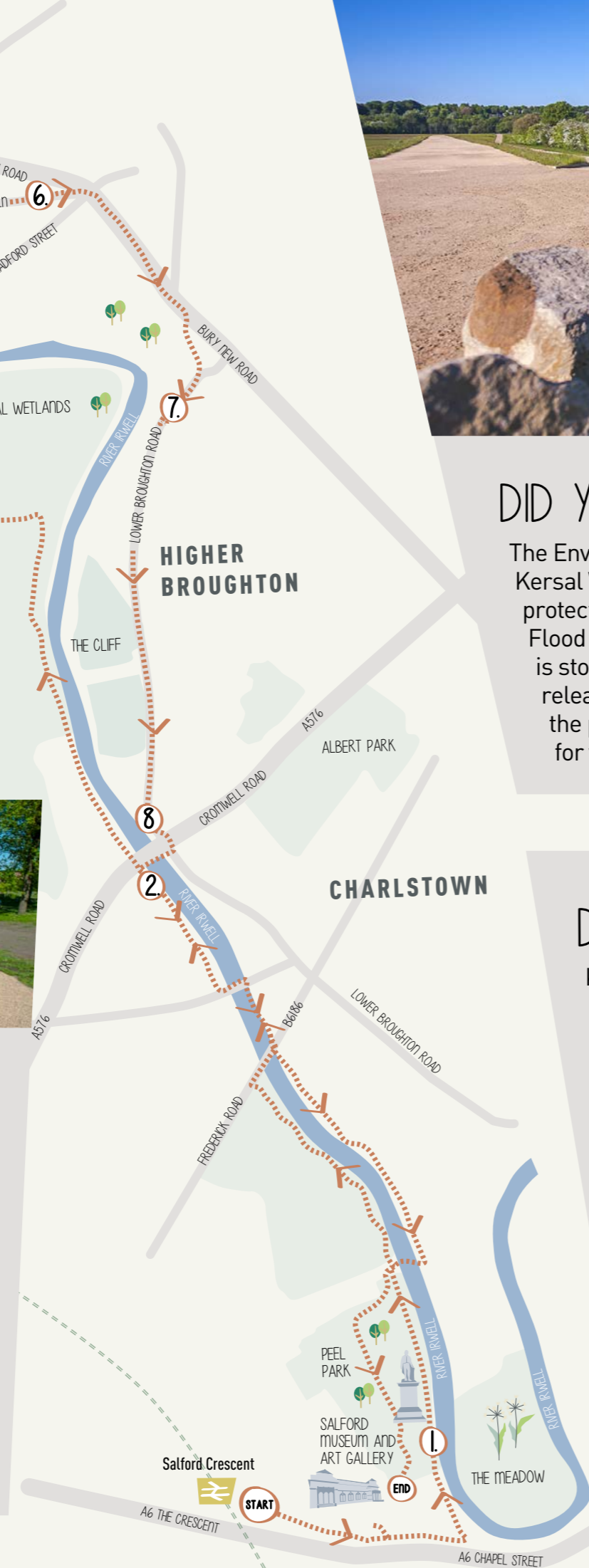


DID YOU KNOW?

The Environment Agency recently turned Kersal Wetlands into a giant flood basin, to protect the rest of Salford and Manchester. Flood water from upstream comes in and is stored temporarily until it can be safely released. The far end of this basin, with the ponds and islands, has been designed for wetland birds and wildlife to use.

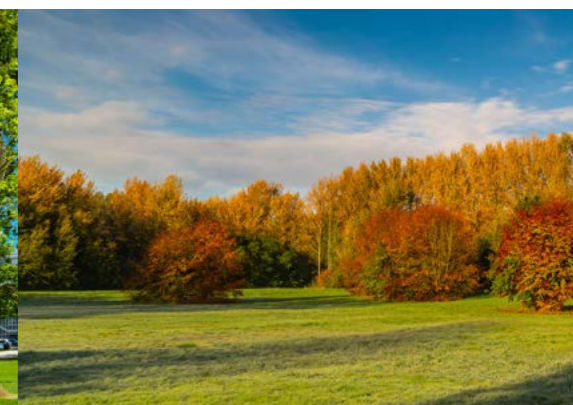
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Kersal Moor is a special place, a local nature reserve and the highest point in Salford. Once this open land extended further down to the river, and many gatherings such as fairs, horse racing, cock fighting, public hangings, and nude male racing! took place here. It also has a tradition of being a place where people pursuing social justice would meet - the Chartists held a large assembly here in 1838.



DID YOU KNOW?

Peel Park was the world's first Public Park, named after Robert Peel, a former Prime Minister who founded the police force in Britain. It was created from the former Lark Hill Estate - the Lark Hill Mansion now houses the Museum and Art Gallery. The granite obelisk in the centre of the park marks where river flood waters have reached in the past.



HIDDEN WALKING GEMS in Salford

APPROX
6m/9.5k
 CIRCULAR WALK

WALK **6** FREE ROUTE MAP

Salford Crescent to Higher Broughton

SALFORD CRESCENT TO HIGHER BROUGHTON HIDDEN GEMS TO EXPLORE



START

From Salford Crescent Train Station, turn left and walk down the A6 / Crescent main road. Pass the university buildings on your left, and the big red letters 'Ambition'. Immediately after, take the path left and walk down between the Maxwell Building and the River Irwell, with a large wooded drop on your right.



1.

You now come into Peel Park, continue along the edge of the river, to the end of the park and then along the edge of the University playing fields. Cross over Frederick Road and then the bridge. Take the path left and walk upstream. Cross the next bridge, then turn right, continue upstream.

2.

At Cromwell Road, cross with care then take the path almost opposite. After around 300 metres, you will find yourself in open space. Take the steps up to the top of the mound and look around you. Kersal Wetlands is a large green space within the bend of the River Irwell. Continue along the top of the mound, keeping the river on your right, then bear left down into the flood basin, which you should cross just beside the wetland area. Walk across here, and up the steps at the far side. Ahead is a bridge crossing the Irwell. Cross this then turn right.



3.

After a couple of hundred yards the path bears left between the trees and crosses an open meadow. This is Kersal Dale, or what is also known as the Old Manchester Golf Course, or the Lanny (short for landslide, which occurred in the 1950s on the steep slope in the woodland next to the river).

Cross the meadow on the path, and you should find yourself under trees again, on a wide track. Turn right, proceed through the metal gate on the track, and go a little way along, but look out for the path on your left. This leads to a steep climb with steps, through wild woodland. At the top you should reach a gate and step onto Vine Street.



4.

Proceed right along Vine Street, until the junction with Blackfield Lane. Turn left, soon cross a road and keep going up Moorside Road, and eventually come out onto Moor Lane. Cross over by the church of St Paul's with its two distinct spires. Here you can take a wander at your own leisure around Kersal Moor.

5.

Cross back over Moor Lane, return down Moorfield Road, then straight down long and narrow Blackfield Lane. Many of the residences in this part of town go back to Victorian days, when wealthy merchants and bankers built themselves large residences away from the smog of the city.



In 1927 there was a landslip which caused this road to fall away, and the houses below, including Kersal Lodge, were abandoned. The road became closed to traffic, although you can still see remains of the tramlines.

7.

Bear right at the fork and walk down Lower Broughton Road through the conservation area. As you descend and the road levels out, you pass the Cliff Training Ground, once used by Manchester United Football Club.

8.

Shortly after this, you get to Cromwell Road. Cross at the lights, then turn right, cross the bridge, and then retrace your steps, crossing the bridge back over the river, then back to Frederick Road bridge. Cross the road, and you can now choose which side of the river to walk on, keeping close to the water. You can cross the bridge to return into Peel Park. As a final treat, walk up the steps from the park towards the Museum and look around to see the magnificent quatrefoil flower beds.

KERSAL MOOR, A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE AND THE HIGHEST POINT IN SALFORD



6.

At the end of the road, cross the top of Radford Street, turn right, walk down Bury New Road, passing the fire station on your right. Take the first turning to your right. Here you will see what remains of the top of Great Clowes Street.

