

HIDDEN WALKING GEMS

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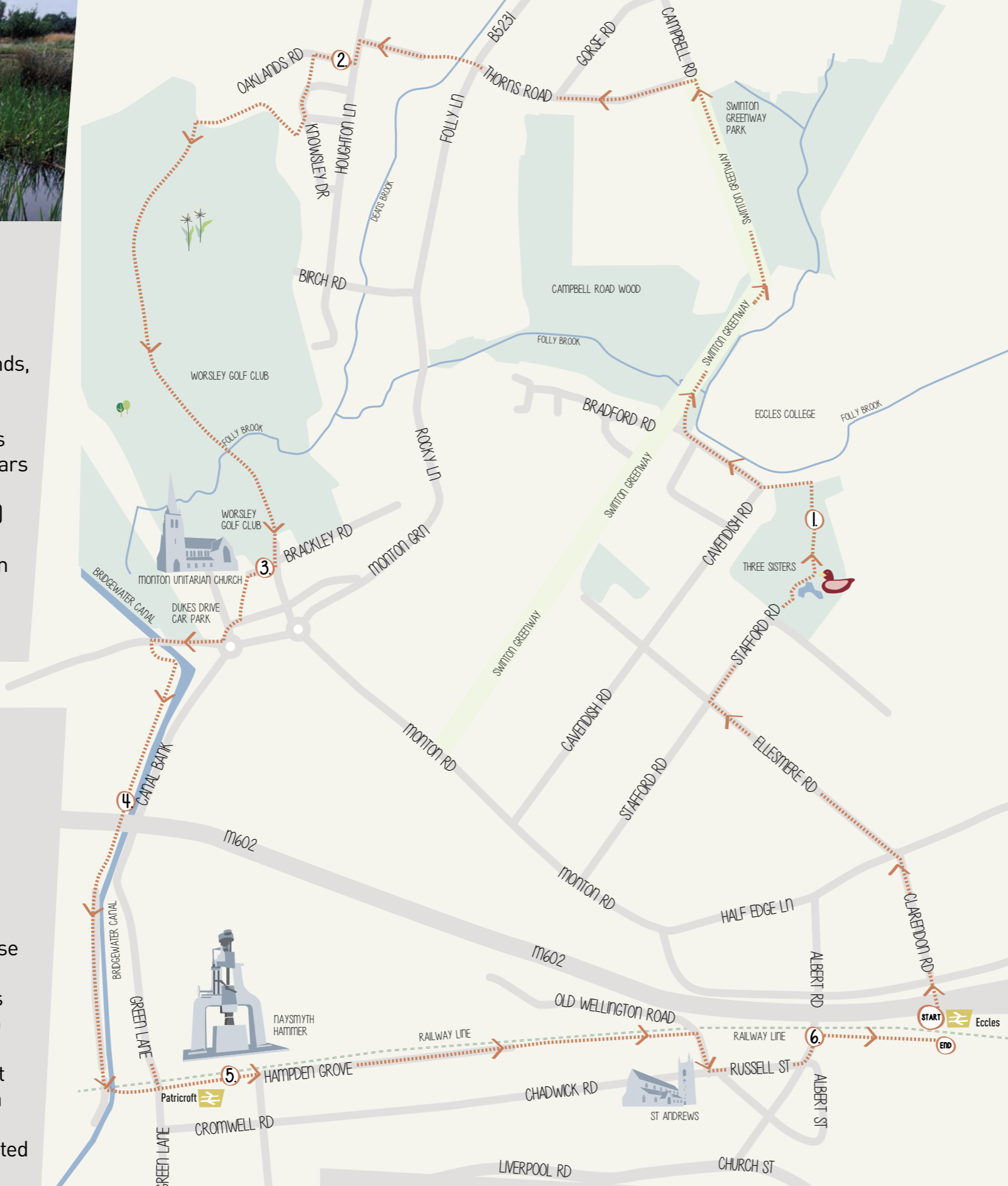
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Three Sisters is a site of Biological Importance, once farmland with ditches and ponds, and an area of school playing field. A Roman road crosses the corner of the Three Sisters Nature Reserve. Over 2000 years old, it once linked the Roman fort at Castlefield (Mamucium) with Wigan (Coccium) and it was 17 miles long. This section was excavated in 2013 with the help of local schools.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Nasmyth was a 19th century industrialist who invented a variety of steam powered machines and locomotives. He built his foundry at Patricroft, close to the Bridgewater Canal, because it was useful for transporting goods. His great invention was the steam hammer in 1839, so precise that it could crack an egg inside a wineglass without breaking the glass! This was a great breakthrough which cut production costs and accelerated the Industrial Revolution.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Swinton Greenway follows the line of the old Clifton to Patricroft Railway, which was a branch of the East Lancashire Railway. It carried goods and also passengers in its heyday. Now it is a walking and cycling path, popular for travelling between Monton and Swinton.



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APPROX
4.5m/7.2k
 CIRCULAR WALK

WALK **9** FREE ROUTE MAP

Eccles to Monton

ECCLES TO MONTON HIDDEN GEMS TO EXPLORE



START

From the train station at Eccles, turn right and walk over the motorway in the glass bridge, then cross over and walk straight up Clarendon Road. At the end, cross over and follow the alleyway left of Clarendon Garden, marked Cycle Route 55. Follow this route, across the next road and through the houses, along Ellesmere Road to the junction with Stafford Road. Turn right, walk to the end and at the corner bear left along the path through the Three Sisters Nature Reserve. This is a lovely spot for a break and picnic, overlooking the ponds.



Three Sisters image © Nick Harrison



1.

Continue along the path, until the end where you reach the railings around Eccles College. Turn left here and continue to Bradford Road, turn right, and you'll soon see the green walkway bridge above the road. Go up to here and turn right. Now you are on the Swinton Greenway.

Keep going, passing the back of the college on your right, and once you reach Campbell Road, walk straight for a few yards before turning left down Thorns Road. Walk to the end, cross over Folly Lane with care, and take the footpath opposite, turning left down into the woodland glade.



2.

Continue through here with the stream to your left. Follow the path to Haughton Lane, cross over and walk up Oaklands Road. After the fifth house, turn left down the footpath, emerge onto Knowsley Drive and turn right. After ten houses, take the footpath right, and when you come to the back of the houses, take the right turning, follow this path around the edge of the golf course, keep to your left, and eventually turn left down through the golf course.

3.

When you finally come out onto Brackley Road, turn right and cross through Monton Unitarian Church graveyard, leaving at the stone gate onto Monton Green. Turn right, walk past the roundabouts and the looline entrance,

past the car park at Dukes Drive, and up and over the bridge on Parrin Lane, which crosses the Bridgewater Canal. Turn right down here, then right again to go back under the bridge.



Bridge image © Nick Harrison



4.

Keep walking along the canal for about a kilometre. Go under the motorway, then the next bridge is the railway. Turn right, up the steps and right to cross over the bridge, back across the canal. Follow the narrow walkway down the steps onto Green Lane. Here, take a short detour, turn left to go under the railway bridge, walk to the end of the wall, cross with care to look at the famous Nasmyth Steam Hammer, then return back under the railway bridge.

JAMES NASMYTH WAS A 19TH CENTURY INDUSTRIALIST

5.

Pass Patricroft Train Station and take the grim looking path just after it on your left. Continue up here to Hampden Grove, follow this road alongside the railway line until it turns into a footpath again. Continue along the side of the railway line, under the high brick wall of the old Co-operative building, until the path finally ends onto Old Wellington Road.



Co-Operative image © Nick Harrison

6.

Turn right, pass the church, then left onto Russell Street. At the end, bear left onto Albert Road, then cross with care just below the brow of the hill where it crosses the railway. Take the ginnel which passes between the high rise office blocks and the railway line. Follow this course, until you arrive back at Eccles Train Station.



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