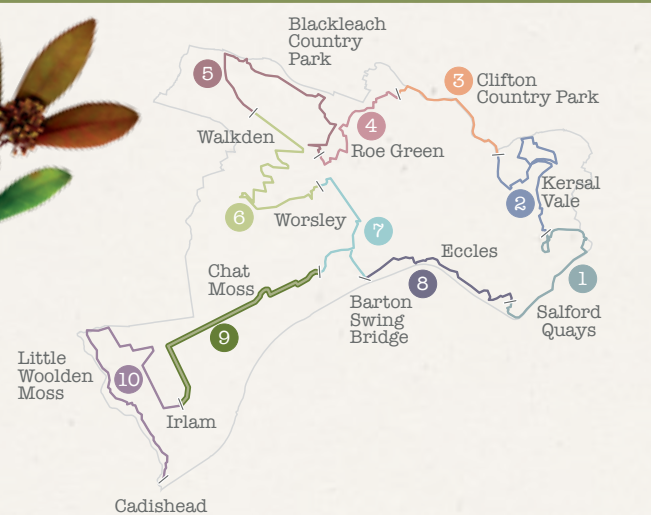


The Salford Trail is a new, long distance walk of about 50 miles/80 kilometres and entirely within the boundaries of the City of Salford. The route is varied, going through rural areas and green spaces, with a little road walking in between. Starting from the cityscape of Salford Quays, the Trail passes beside rivers and canals, through country parks, fields, woods and moss lands. It uses footpaths, tracks and disused railway lines known as 'loop lines'. The Trail circles around to pass through Kersal, Agecroft, Walkden, Boothstown and Worsley before heading off to Chat Moss. The Trail returns to Salford Quays from the historic Barton swing bridge and aqueduct.



The map above shows the full Salford Trail route in relation to Salford's boundary. The route highlighted and marked as number nine refers to the route from Brookhouse to Irlam.

The Trail has been divided into sections, each accessible by public transport. There is a leaflet for each section describing the route and giving the transport options. These leaflets are available from your local Gateway Centre or you can download them from the website visitsalford.info/thesalfordtrail

LOOK OUT FOR THE SALFORD TRAIL WAYMARKER.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The new way to find direct bus services to where you want to go is Route Explorer.

 **Route Explorer** | tfgm.com/route-explorer
Access it wherever you are.

Start of walk

Bus Number	10, 63
Bus stop location	Verdant Lane

During the walk

Bus Number	67, 100
Bus stop location	Merlin Road (about 1 km off the route)

End of walk

Bus Number	67, 100
Bus stop location	Liverpool Road
Train	Irlam Station

MORE INFORMATION

For information on any changes in the route please go to visitsalford.info/thesalfordtrail

For background on the local history that you will come across on the trail or for information on wildlife please go to thesalfordtrail.btck.co.uk

WALK 9



5 miles/8 km, about 2.5 hours

BROOKHOUSE TO IRLAM

This walk crosses the wide open spaces of Chat Moss, with an option to visit a fishermen's cafe, ending on the main road and bus route in Irlam. It can be combined with walk 10 to reach Cadishead.



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MAP AND DIRECTIONS

The walk begins at Peel Green cemetery. Go down Verdant Lane, keeping the cemetery on your left. As the road curves to the right a high fence appears to block access to a track straight ahead. It doesn't! Go through the gap and onto the path, still keeping the cemetery on your left.

Soon you reach the beginning of the Moss and Barton Airport. At the first T junction turn right; after about 200 m cross a small stream and immediately turn left into a large field. Keeping the airport on your left walk along this path until you reach a group of trees. The path continues ahead through another field to reach Tunnel Farm. Turn right here onto a quiet road which soon crosses over the M62 motorway. After crossing the bridge turn left and drop down alongside the motorway.

The road soon bears right to become a peaceful tree-lined lane with open moss on either side away from the noise of the motorway. This is Twelve Yards Road - over 3 km long and dead straight!

Refreshment Diversion. After about 1.5 km at the second set of footpath signs (at the end of a small wood) you can turn left for a short detour to Moss Farm Fisheries and Lakeside café.

Continue ahead to reach Astley Road. (The road straight ahead at this crossroad is private.) Turn left and after about 800 m cross over the motorway and take the next right hand fork.

To continue onto Walk 10 to Cadishead take the footpath on the right at the bend just after the fork and refer to the Walk 10 leaflet.

To complete Walk 9 to Irlam follow Astley Road, which leads directly to Liverpool Road in Irlam and bus stops. Irlam railway station is 400m to the right - the station cafe and museum is well worth a visit.

