SALFORD QUAYS TO PEEL PARK
WALK 1 5M/8KM about 2.5 hrs

This first section of the Salford Trail passes through a rapidly changing urban landscape. The general direction of the walk is as described but diversions will be inevitable. There is a lot of building taking place!

Begin at the Salford Quays Metrolink stop. Walk to the edge of the St. Peter Basin and turn left, passing the Salford Trail plaque. Turn left along Merchants Quay and turn first right through office buildings and left passing at the back of The Copthorne Hotel. Carry on walking along the water's edge passing a new apartment complex bringing you out at the passageway (look out for a gate) under Trafford Road Bridge. After passing under the bridge carry on along the tow path. After going under the second of 2 iron colonnades, The Foundry is about 100m ahead. Just before The Foundry, to see Ordsall Hall, take the small path on the left which zig zags up to a car park. Enter the car park and the Hall is ahead. *If you wish to visit Ordsall Hall, a grade 1 listed Manor House over 750 years old, (which is well worth a visit) walk up through the car park and cross the road. Their cafe is open Mon. to Thurs. and Sun.*

Returning, carry on along the Manchester Ship Canal tow path. The next bridge you come to is the Woden Street footbridge, known locally as Mark Addy's Bridge. This is where the canal meets the River Irwell. Just after this, looking across the water, you can see where the River Medlock enters the Irwell, by the far end of some railway arches.

Continue ahead till you reach a bridge. George Stevenson's stone railway bridge *(grade 1 listed).* Go under this to the viewing area. *(You could divert here to cross the new bridge which links Salford to Manchester and visit the Aviva building where there are toilets and refreshments.)*

Otherwise, leave the viewing area by the little wooden bridge and bear right under the concrete bridge keeping to the main path to the right of the buildings. Pass the buildings and go left to pass the NCP car park then left emerging onto Stanley Street. Continue along Stanley Street until you meet Irwell Street. Cross at the crossing, turn left and immediately right (Passing Sainsbury's) and walk through New Bailey. *(some cafes etc. here)*

Cross New Bailey Street, walk straight ahead with the river on your right, continue under Trinity Bridge and pass the Lowry Hotel on your left. Turn left at a signpost to come out on Chapel Street opposite Caxton Hall, which has a terracotta façade. Cross the road carefully here and turn right along Gravel Lane with Sacred Trinity Church on your right. Cross the main road here, under the railway bridge and continue on Gravel Lane turning second left up King Street. Shortly, on the right hand side, there is a narrow gap in the wall. Go through this and the gate to enter Greengate Park, part of the new Collier's Yard development. Exit the park at the top left and go ahead, turning right then left back onto Gravel Lane. Carry on to the junction with Greengate.

Turn left at Greengate and turn right down the passage with steps turning left through an underpass to come out with the River Irwell on your right. Continue along this riverside path towards Broughton Bridge.

Go up the steps, cross the road and continue on the path ahead, on the same side of the river. Eventually you will arrive at Adelphi Footbridge, which you cross over and go immediately left on a path behind some houses. At the end of the path you will meet a fence. Turn right and then left on to Meadow Road. Head towards The Meadows, which is a beautiful area of open space almost entirely enclosed by the river Irwell. You can either follow the river walk around the Meadows or turn right and right again heading towards a white bridge to cross the River. Turn left over the Bridge to reach Peel Park. Turn left and walk up to the main road, where you will see the University of Salford and Salford Museum and Art Gallery.

If you want to continue on The Salford Trail turn right after the bridge and follow the path keeping the river on your right. See Leaflet 2.

Comments, feedback and reports of problems are welcome!