

Section 8 Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw to Bardsley Bridge car park,
Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne.

Distance 4.5 miles (7.2 km)

Time 2 hours.

- 1 If parking in the Audenshaw, Lumb Lane area, turn right onto Audenshaw Road and up the slight incline to traffic lights at King's Road.

If continuing on after completion of Section 7 of the Tameside Trail, turn left at end of King's Road onto Audenshaw Road and cross over main road.

- 2 Continue on over railway bridge. After approximately 50 metres, turn right down pathway on to Aldwyn Park Road. Turn left to top of road, then right on to Kershaw Lane and continue to canal bridge. Before crossing canal bridge, turn right down to canal towpath and walk on to next bridge (no.21).
- 3 Leave canal towpath, via footpath to the right of the canal bridge (no. 21), leading to Lumb Lane. Turn left on Lumb Lane, walk over canal bridge and turn next right onto Slate Lane.
- 4 Continue along Slate Lane until rough track appears, marked 'No Through Road'. Turn left onto Park Road and proceed past Ryecroft Hall to Main Road.
- 5 After carefully crossing main roads and tram tracks, turn right, passing row of shops. After approx. 30 metres, turn left onto cycle track (SJ 915 979).
- 6 Follow cycle track for just over a mile (2 km) until you reach the main road, Moorside Street, Droylsden.
- 7 Cross over Moorside Street to cycle track opposite. Continue along until track turns uphill to green, wooden railway bridge. Turn right across railway bridge and continue along path to Lumm Farm and adjacent factory units.
- 8 Cross access road to Lumm Farm, through gate to towpath of the disused Hollinwood Branch Canal. Continue along towpath for approx 1.5 miles (2.5km), crossing the footbridge over the M60 motorway until path end at Stannybrook Road.
- 9 Carefully cross road and enter car park of Daisy Nook Country Park.(SD 920 004)
- 10 Go past the visitor centre, under the bridge following the main path along the line of the former canal and soon over the aqueduct across the River Medlock.

11 Immediately before the canal basin, where the canal swings left go right across the canal and go up the flight of steps to the towpath of the Fairbottom Branch Canal.

12 Turn right and follow the towpath all the way to the A627 Oldham - Ashton Road.

For Bardsley Bridge car park go right for 50 yards down the road.