

Places to GO...

Dunham Massey

Canal paths, parkland and hall

Walk route and public transport information



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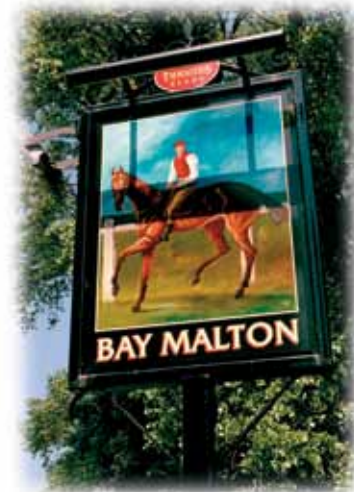
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Canal paths and parklands, country pubs and a glorious Georgian hall

Stroll along canal paths, pop into a pretty country pub and explore a delightful Georgian hall and deer park - all with easy access by public transport.

Explore a fascinating area of Trafford, walking along the historic Bridgewater Canal to discover the delights of Dunham Massey Hall and Deer Park... move from town to country and step into a world of Georgian and Edwardian elegance.

It's easy to get to this destination by bus, train or tram and excellent transport connections from several points on this walk make it a great choice for a fascinating and varied day out.



Make it an even better day out

Start your day by stepping onto a bus, train or tram.

You don't need a car to get out there and enjoy yourself! Simply step onto a bus, train or tram and you're on your way to a great day out, by yourself or with friends or family. The adventure begins from the moment you step out of the door.

Greater Manchester has an excellent public transport system that'll take you where you want to go quickly and easily. It's a fun way to get out and about, no-one has to drive so you can all enjoy the journey - and you don't have to worry about traffic jams, getting directions or parking problems. Better still, at the end of the day everyone is free to relax in the pub!

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Dunham Massey

A five mile walk with the option of another couple of miles, all on easy going terrain

Start: Navigation Road tram stop or rail station, or bus stops on Manchester Road near the Cheshire Cheese pub.

Finish: Altrincham Interchange.

Distance: 5 miles (6¾ miles if you walk back to Altrincham).

Time: 2½ - 3 hours, plus visiting time for the hall and park.

Terrain: Easy, mostly footpaths and towpaths.

Family friendly: Yes, but remember to take care near water and supervise children at all times.

Accessibility: Fair to good.

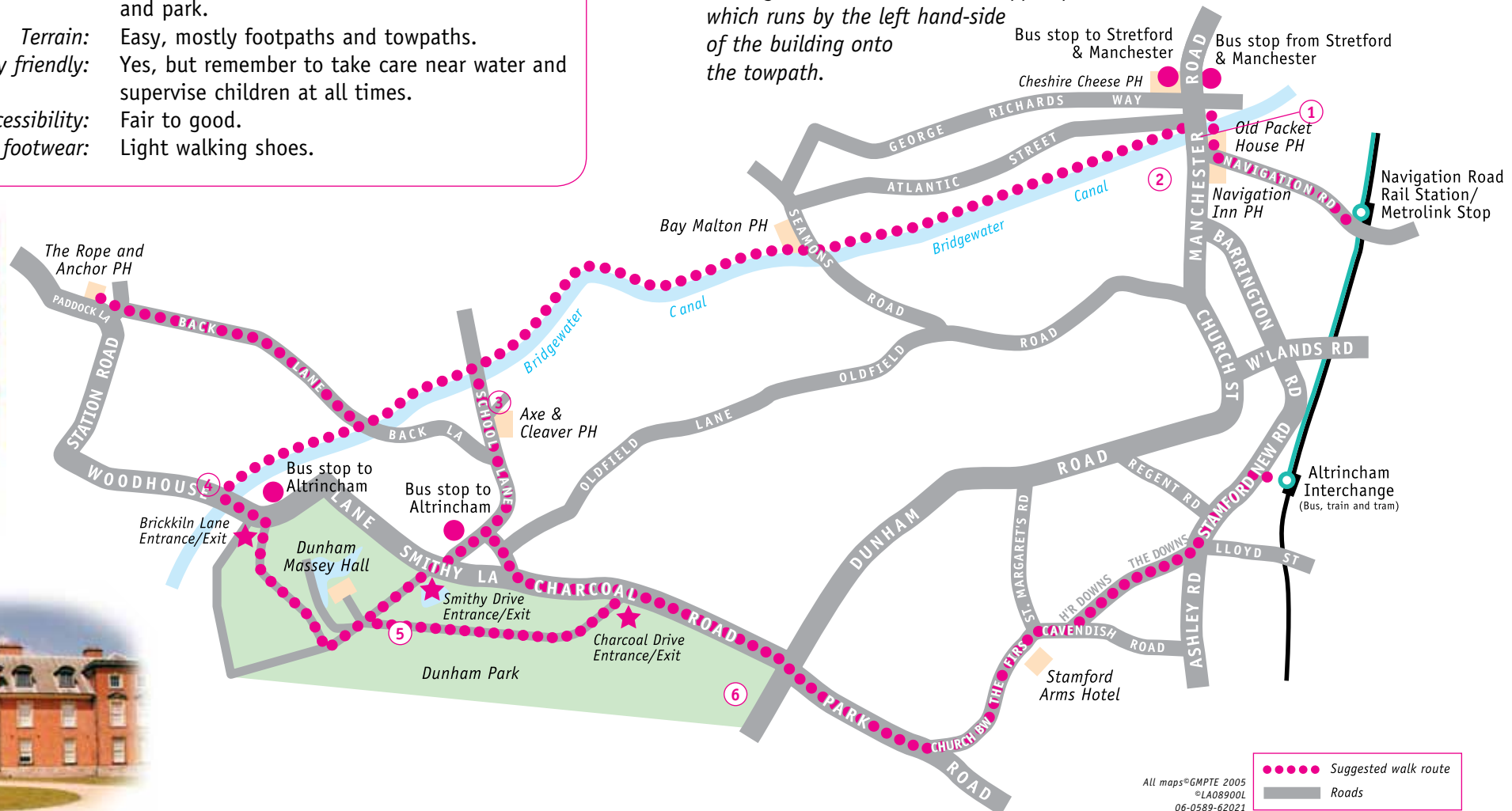
Recommended footwear: Light walking shoes.

Start of walk

If you're arriving by tram or train, get off at Navigation Road tram stop or rail station and walk down Navigation Road for about a third of a mile to Manchester Road. There are two pubs here, the Navigation on your left and the Old Packet House on your right. Turn right, cross over the bridge and turn right again, by the Halfords store car park.

If you're arriving by bus, alight at the Cheshire Cheese pub by Altrincham Retail Park and walk down the main road towards the Halfords store and turn left into the car park.

- 1 Walk in front of the Sea Cadet building (T S Talisman), turn right and walk down the stepped path which runs by the left hand-side of the building onto the towpath.



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- Suggested walk route
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The Bridgewater Canal

This famous old canal is a fine example of the work of James Brindley, one of the most prominent canal designers of his time. Constructed in the 1770's by the Duke of Bridgewater to transport coal from his mines at Worsley, it was one of the country's first major canals and is often considered to have started the canal age. About forty miles long, it was built to link Manchester with the Mersey at Runcorn. This section is part of the 'Cheshire Ring' - a hundred mile long circular route of canals that extends from rural Cheshire to the very heart of Manchester and other industrial towns.



- ② Turn right and walk under the road bridge. Continue along the canal towpath for about a mile until you reach a bridge where Seamon's Road crosses the canal. If you fancy some refreshment, you can leave the towpath here and visit the **Bay Malton pub** - rejoining the path after you've slaked your thirst. Continue along the towpath for a further three quarters of a mile. You now leave the built-up area behind and the countryside starts to open out ahead of you.

- ③ Soon you'll reach another old road bridge, where you can take a detour off the towpath into **Dunham Town**. If you decide to do so, leave the towpath and cross over the bridge. Calling this small village a 'town' may seem to be something of an exaggeration for such a small village, but there's a delightful pub - **the Axe & Cleaver**. Afterwards - retrace your steps back to the towpath.



- ④ Continue along the towpath for another three quarters of a mile until you pass under another old bridge. If you fancy another short detour turn right here where Back Lane crosses the canal. There's a nice pub called **The Rope and Anchor** half a mile up the road, on paddock Lane. Afterwards, retrace your steps back to the canal.

Pass under another old bridge and you'll reach a point where a canal aqueduct bridges a road. This is Woodhouse Lane. Leave the canal via the path down the bank on your right just over the aqueduct. Please note: Take special care when walking over the aqueduct, as the towpath is quite narrow.

Walk under the aqueduct and you'll find the Brickkiln Lane entrance to **Dunham Massey** (second on the right) in about 200 yards. Go through the gates and follow the drive, turning left at the first junction. Continue straight ahead, past the car park, around the railings and follow the path (with a lake on your left) to the hall.



Dunham Massey Hall and Deer Park

It's well worth spending some time looking round **Dunham Massey Hall** with its impressive gardens and deer park. The name Massey probably dates back to the original landowner Hamo de Masci (1290). Changing hands over the centuries, the estate was finally owned by the Earls of Stamford until it became National Trust Property in 1976. The Stamfords also built the present day villages of Dunham Town and Dunham Woodhouses in the 1840's.

The early Georgian house was built around a Tudor core, and extensively reworked in the early years of the 20th century. The result is one of Britain's most sumptuous Edwardian interiors, housing exceptional collections of 18th-century walnut furniture, paintings and Huguenot silver, as well as extensive servants' quarters.

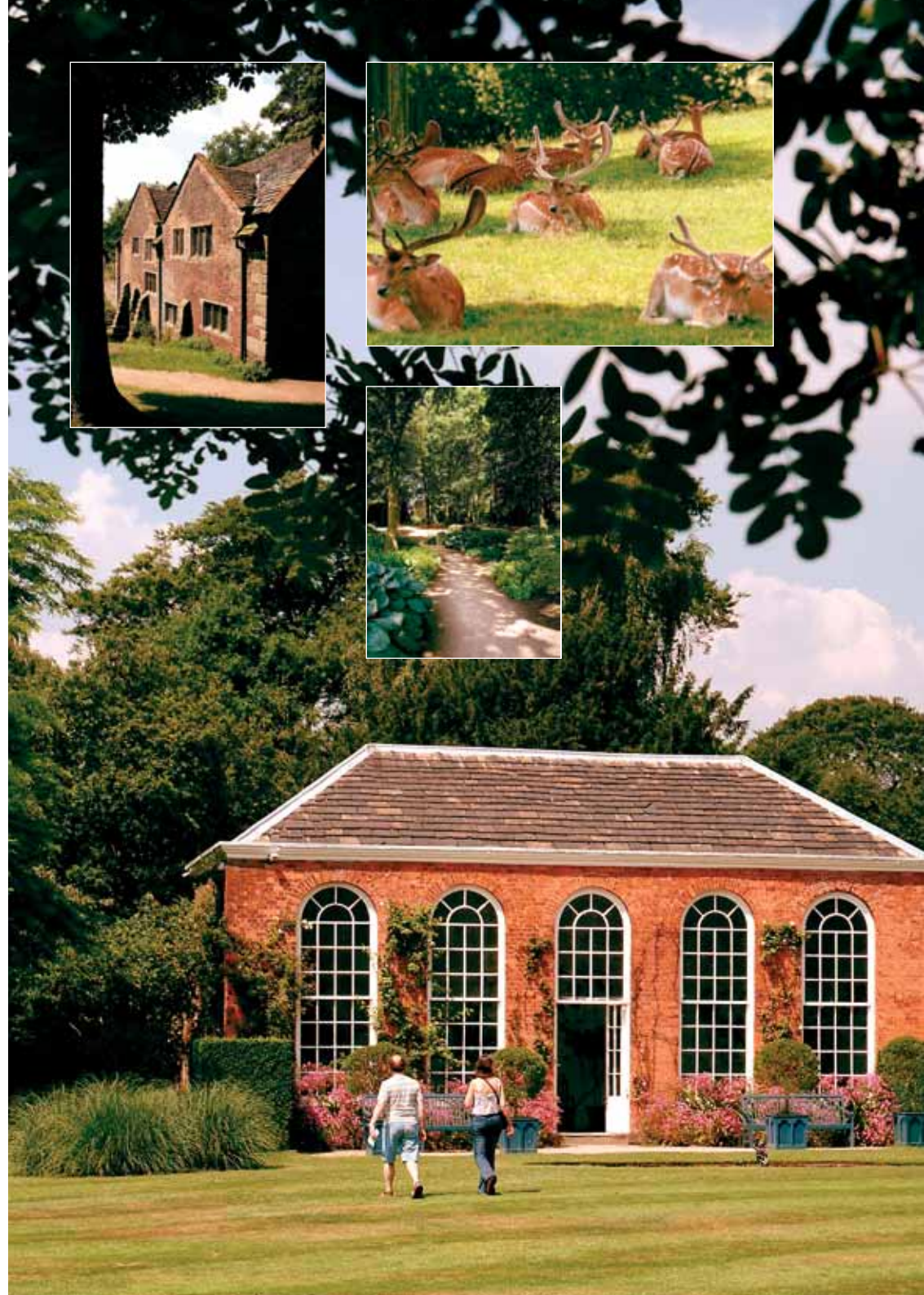
The ancient Deer Park contains a series of beautiful avenues and ponds and a Tudor mill originally used for grinding corn. It was refitted as a sawmill in about 1860 and has now been restored to working order. You've every chance of also catching at least a glimpse of the herd of fallow deer.

The park is open all year, and the hall and gardens are open from Easter to the end of October - the Gardens open every day and the Hall every day except Thursday and Friday. There is also a restaurant and shop. For further details about opening times admission prices and events, phone 0161 941 1025 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk

- 5 After your visit, leave the park heading towards the main road. If you now want to go to Dunham Town follow Smithy Drive to exit the park. There's a ladder stile at the gates. Cross the road, turn right and then take the first left onto Woodhouse Lane - signposted to Dunham Town.

Alternatively, leave the Park via Charcoal Drive. On reaching the gates exit using the ladder stile and join Charcoal Road. Turn right and after about 200 yards you'll reach a bus stop on the left. From here bus 38 will take you to Altrincham Interchange where you can continue your onward journey home.

- 6 If you're still feeling energetic you can always walk the mile and three quarters into Altrincham. To do this, continue further along Charcoal Road until you reach the traffic lights at Shepherds Brow. Cross over the main Dunham Road and walk along Park Road until you reach Church Brow on your left. Turn left here and continue, with Bowdon Parish Church on your right. Go over the crossroads onto The Firs, where you'll see the Stamford Arms Hotel on your right. At the next main junction, turn right into Cavendish Road, then take the next left onto Higher Downs, leading to The Downs which joins the main Stamford New Road through the town and on to Altrincham Interchange. From Altrincham Interchange you can catch a bus, train or tram home.



Planning your journey

When you go by bus, train and tram you won't need to worry about driving unfamiliar routes, finding somewhere to park or keeping the kids entertained along the way.

You will all be free to relax and enjoy the views on your route.

The Metrolink stop and rail station at Navigation Road are opposite each other. The Metrolink stop is on the route between Manchester and Altrincham and the rail station is on the Manchester, Stockport and Chester line. Buses run to and from the Cheshire Cheese pub on Manchester Road. You can easily get to the start by bus, train or tram from Altrincham Interchange or Manchester city centre.

The walk route finishes at Altrincham Interchange but you can finish walking at various places described in the route and take bus 38 back to Altrincham Interchange. Bus 38 runs via Dunham Town every hour during the daytime on weekdays and every two hours during evenings, Sundays and bank holidays. (Note: Additional 38 services run a different route and do not serve Dunham Town).

Most public transport services run until around 11pm Mondays to Saturdays. On Sundays and bank holidays services run less frequently and last services may finish a little earlier.

We've made general recommendations for your journey, based on starting points in different districts of Greater Manchester on the next page, but for details of exact times and routes please phone Traveline on **0871 200 22 33***.

<i>Starting and finishing from (area or district).</i>	<i>The information shown is for your guidance. Please phone Traveline 0871 200 22 33* for details of exact routes and times.</i>
Bury	Check if there is a convenient tram service to Navigation Road. Alternatively, catch a bus to Bury Interchange and make a direct tram connection from there to Navigation Road. The return journey is the reverse of above but starts at Altrincham Interchange.
Bolton Oldham Rochdale Tameside Wigan	Catch a bus or train to Manchester centre and make a direct bus connection to Manchester Road, or a train or tram connection to Navigation Road from there. The return journey is the reverse of above but starts at Altrincham Interchange.
Manchester Salford	Check if there is a convenient bus to Manchester Road, or a train or tram service to Navigation Road. Alternatively, catch a bus, train or tram to Manchester city centre and from there make a direct bus connection to Manchester Road, or a train or tram connection to Navigation Road. The return journey is the reverse of above but starts at Altrincham Interchange.
Stockport	Check if there is a convenient train to Navigation Road. Alternatively, catch a bus or train to Stockport and make a train connection to Navigation Road from there. The return journey is the reverse of above but starts at Altrincham Interchange.
Trafford	If you live near Altrincham there may be a convenient bus to Manchester Road, or a train or tram service to Navigation Road. Alternatively, catch a bus, train or tram to Altrincham town centre and make a direct bus, train or tram connection from there. The return journey is the reverse of above but starts at Altrincham Interchange.

* Calls cost 10p a minute from landlines, mobile and landline networks may charge an additional tariff.

Choosing and buying tickets

You'll enjoy great value when you travel by public transport.

Travel costs less 'off-peak' – after 9.30am on weekdays, or anytime at the weekends or on public holidays and so we recommend that you make the most of the bargain priced 'off-peak' tickets shown below.

Single tickets are available for every public transport journey and some companies also offer returns and their own 'day' tickets that are valid on their services only. If your trip involves changes or multiple journeys, there's an excellent choice of 'off-peak' tickets which allow you to travel throughout Greater Manchester, making as many journeys as you want. They last the whole day so you don't have to keep paying fares each time you travel – and these tickets can be used on nearly all companies' services.

Whichever ticket you choose for yourself, accompanied children under five travel free. A special fixed low fare called the 'concessionary fare' is available for under 16's and on trains and trams they pay approximately half fare. Child fares are also available for all the tickets featured except DaySaver.

National Concessionary Travel Passes are issued throughout England and allow free off-peak travel on bus services. GMPTE passes issued to residents of Manchester also allow free travel on trams and local trains in Greater Manchester at off-peak times and for reduced concessionary fares at other times.

An Under-16 Card is needed to travel on Metrolink if you are aged 13 to 15. These are available free and you can get an application form from GMPTE Travelshops or visit www.gmpite.com

For bus, train and tram

OFF-PEAK

DaySaver tickets are available for various combinations of bus, train and tram travel. Simply buy your ticket from the bus driver, rail station booking office (or the train conductor if closed) or Metrolink ticket machine before your first trip of the day.

- **DaySaver Bus only** £4.30
(also available before 9.30am for £4.60)
- **DaySaver Bus and Train** £5.30
- **DaySaver Bus and Tram** £5.80
- **DaySaver Train and Tram** £6.30
- **DaySaver Bus, Train and Tram** £7.00

For train only

OFF-PEAK

Rail Ranger gives you unlimited 'off-peak' travel on all trains in Greater Manchester for a whole day. Buy Rail Ranger from the station booking office or the train conductor if the booking office is closed.

- **Rail Ranger** Adult £4.00, Child £2.00

For tram only

OFF-PEAK

MetroMax gives you unlimited 'off-peak' travel on all Metrolink tram routes for a whole day. You can buy MetroMax from Metrolink ticket machines at all tram stops.

- **MetroMax** (off-peak price depends on boarding stop)
Adult £2.90 – £4.00, Child £1.10 – £1.70
Also available before 9.30am - Adult £6.00, Child £2.60
- **MetroMax Four-Adult** £10.00
- **MetroMax Family** £6.20 any day Monday to Friday, £5.00 Saturday or Sunday (up to three children, accompanied by one or two adults)
- **MetroMax Weekend** Adult £5.00, Child £2.50, Family £7.00

To travel further by bus, train and tram

OFF-PEAK

Wayfarer tickets are ideal if you're travelling further afield for the day. You can use them for travel throughout Greater Manchester and also parts of Derbyshire, Lancashire, Cheshire and Staffordshire. With a Wayfarer ticket you can travel by bus at any time and by train and tram after 9.30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and public holidays.

- **Wayfarer Adult** £10.00
- **Wayfarer Group** £20.00 (up to four people, including two adults)
- **Wayfarer Concession** £5.00 (aged 5-15 or 60 and over)

Available in advance from GMPTE Travelshops, staffed rail stations and tourist information centres in the Peak District. You cannot buy them on the bus, on the train or at Metrolink tram stops.

Season ticket holders

Don't forget if you have a Traincard, Countycard or County Bus Saver you can use it to travel throughout Greater Manchester. And if you have a Greater Manchester rail season ticket (for journeys between two Greater Manchester rail stations) you can travel by train anywhere in Greater Manchester at weekends and public holidays.

For more information about day tickets visit www.gmpite.com/daytickets or phone 0871 200 22 33 for a leaflet. (Calls cost 10p a minute from landlines, mobile and landline networks may charge an additional tariff).

All prices shown correct September 2009.

Getting more information

By phone (ideal when you're out and about!)

Buses, trains and trams: Phone Traveline on **0871 200 22 33*** (7am – 8pm Mon to Fri, 8am – 8pm Sat & Sun and public holidays) for information about bus, train and tram times and the tickets that will suit you best.

Trains: For up-to-the-minute information about the next train from any Greater Manchester rail station, simply phone 'How's my train running?' on **0161 228 0322** and follow the instructions given. Our automated service will tell you what time the next train is and if there are any delays.

Buses: You can check bus times from most bus stops using your mobile phone.

- **Key in** the bus stop code on your mobile phone – the code is shown on the bus stop plate.
- **Text** the code to number **84268**.
- **Read** the text reply giving you timetable information for buses using your stop. (Service costs 25p plus the standard charge from your mobile phone service provider.)

Online

Full information about public transport services and a journey planner is available online at **www.gmpte.com**

In print

GMPTe produce a range of timetables and information about public transport which you can pick up at any **GMPTe Travelshop**.

By post

Ask for leaflets to be posted to you by phoning **0871 200 22 33*** saying which leaflet or timetable you require.

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- **Call at a GMPTE Travelshop (at bus stations in Greater Manchester).**
- **Visit www.gmppte.com where you can order online.**
- **Phone 0871 200 22 33 and leave your details.**

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