

Rivington Pike

and the West Pennine moors

Choose from two spectacular scenic walks with easy access to starting and finishing points by public transport.

Enjoy sensational views across lovely Lancashire countryside, and far beyond on a clear day, with an exhilarating walk from Lord Leverhulme's Edwardian dream estate, up to one of Lancashire's "Three Towers" and over the moors to scenic Barrow Bridge.

Start of both walks up to Rivington Pike

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Get off the bus at **The Crown** in **Horwich** and walk along the **A673** road for **Chorley**, carefully crossing as soon as possible. In 250 yards turn right along **Dryfield Lane**.

Remain on this to and round a sharp right bend. Cross the bridge and in 20 yards fork left at bollards along a stony bridleway. Pass through the next bollards and immediately fork half-right (not signed) through woods for 30 yards to a car park. Keep straight ahead to the left of this car park and beyond to reach a road.

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Cross straight over and walk up the muddy signposted bridleway to the left of the school grounds. Bend gradually left with it to reach a wider hard-surfaced roadway. Turn left a few paces to a waymark post; here turn sharp right up a fence-side track at the woodland edge. This rises to a major roughly cobbled roadway. Turn sharp left here, through a gate and gently uphill.

Remain on the rising roadway, straight past the lane to the Terraced Gardens to a metal gate at the edge of the woods. Here, turn very sharp right, doubling back and uphill along the pathway to open ground. This soon joins a broader path. Keep ahead and within 50 yards you reach a signed Bridleway Path up to the folly tower on Rivington Pike. A 200 yard walk up this path - well gravelled and easy walking - takes you round the back of the tower and up to it. Look to your right as you go along the end of the path to see the wonderful castle rising up below you.

Shorter walk

A short walk through the fringes of the Rivington Estate

Start: Crown Hotel, Horwich (served by buses).
Finish: Jolly Crofters Pub (served by buses).
Distance: 3½ miles.
Time: Allow 1½ – 2 hours.
Terrain: A gentle climb, easy walking with some muddy and cobbled paths.

Family friendly: Older children.
Accessibility: Not suitable for wheelchairs.
Recommended footwear: Sturdy walking shoes/boots essential.

Longer walk

A rugged moorland ramble high above Bolton

Start: Crown Hotel, Horwich (served by buses).
Finish: Barrow Bridge (served by buses).
Distance: 5½ miles.
Time: Allow 2½ – 3 hours.
Terrain: Some tough conditions with rough, boggy patches and moorland paths. Not to be attempted in low cloud, mist or bad weather.

Family friendly: Only suitable for walkers with reasonable fitness and experience.
Accessibility: Not suitable for wheelchairs.
Recommended footwear: Sturdy walking shoes/boots essential.

Longer walk continued

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Go left at the green footpath sign, through the gate and walk up alongside the tumbled wall. As this turns left, you head slightly right on the obvious path across **Wilder's Moor**, eventually meeting the tarred service road to the nearby **Winter Hill** transmitter mast. Turn right on this to reach the first cattle grid. Immediately over this turn sharp left through a bridle gate (for **Walker Fold**) and take the well-used path through to two fingerposts at the edge of a small wood. Turn right along the wide track - signed **Walker Fold** - staying on this undulating moorland track along the crest of **Burnt Edge**, past **Slack Hall Farm** and along to a t-junction with a tarred road.

Longer walk continued

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Turn sharp left into down farm drive - there is a green public footpath signpost. At the farm take the waymarked path and stile to your right along the farmyard wall into a walled path. Another stile leads into pasture; stay beside the wall to a gate at a boggy corner and then go ahead (wall on your left), dropping to the nearby cottages at **Walker Fold**.

Carefully cross the road and walk between the cottages to join a gated path beyond (signposted **Barrow Bridge**). Follow this through three more gates. As the third path becomes less defined, head along the grassy path that goes slightly right, aiming just right of the distant chimney. This will bring you to the top of the steps down to the delightful, wooded **Barrow Bridge**. Once down these, keep straight ahead along **Barrow Bridge Road** beside the brook to a turning on your right - before the park - called **Cinder Lane**. This becomes **Lightbounds Road** and it's about 500 yards to the bus stop.

Both walks continued

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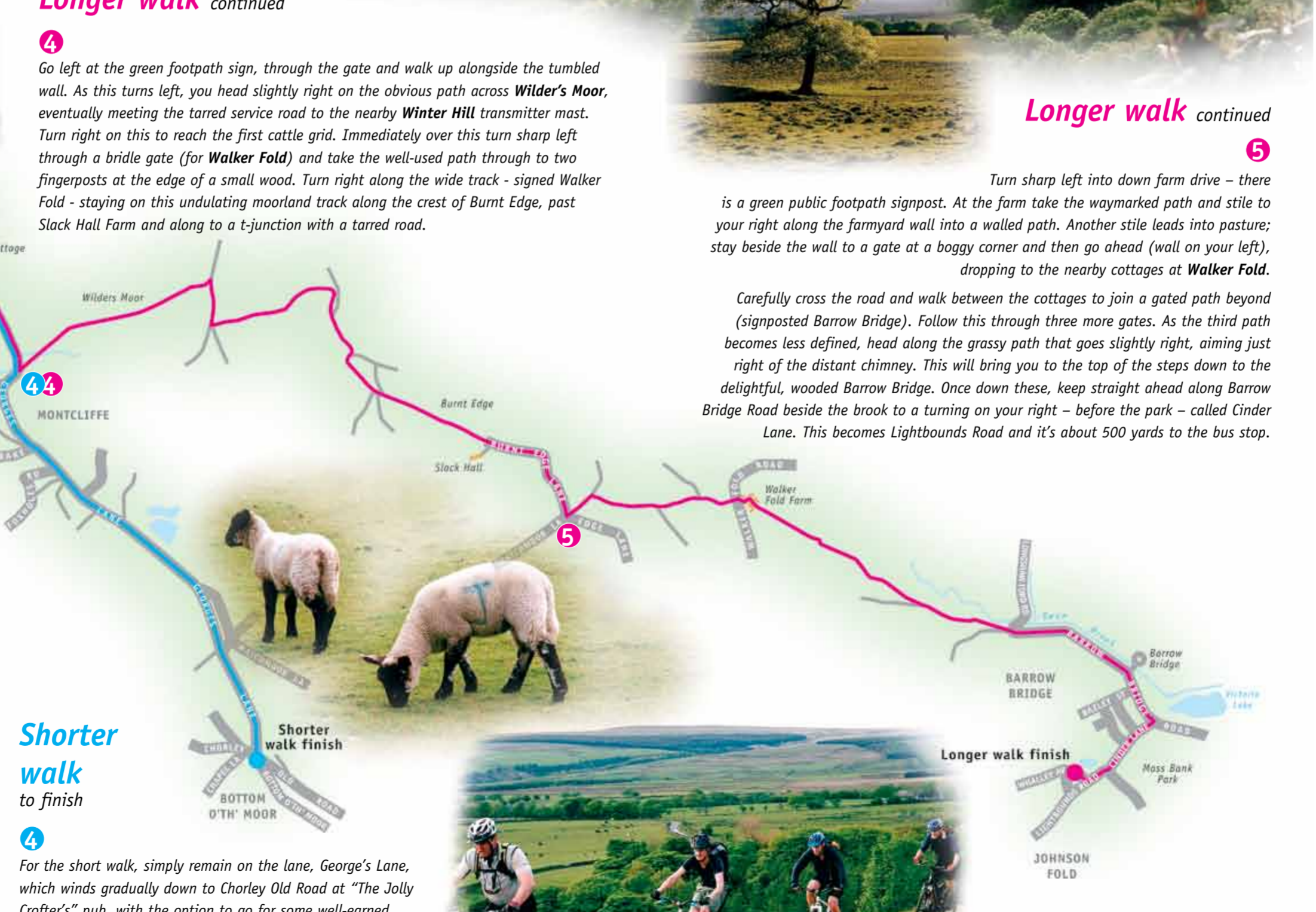
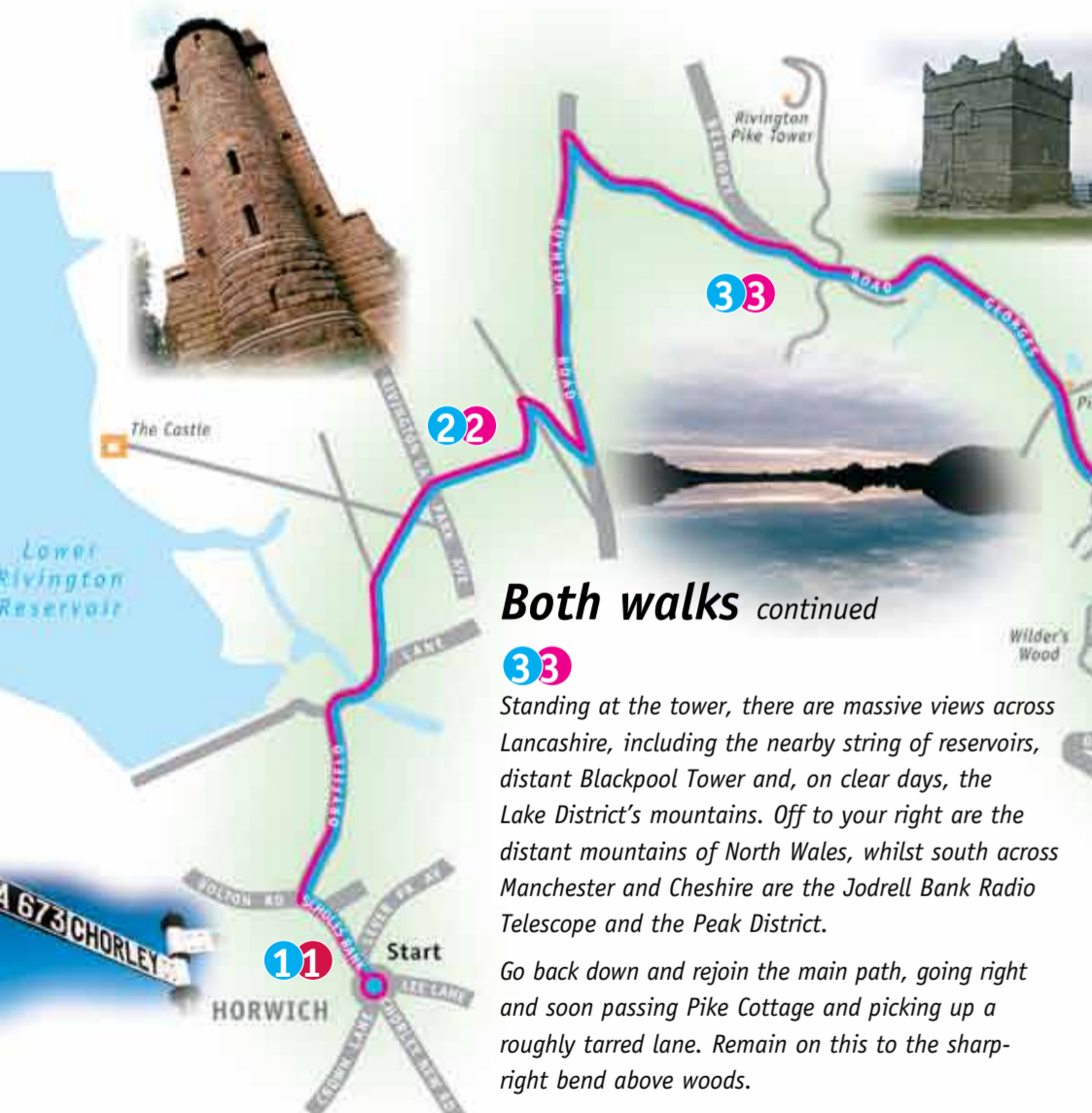
Standing at the tower, there are massive views across Lancashire, including the nearby string of reservoirs, distant **Blackpool Tower** and, on clear days, the **Lake District's** mountains. Off to your right are the distant mountains of **North Wales**, whilst south across **Manchester** and **Cheshire** are the **Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope** and the **Peak District**.

Go back down and rejoin the main path, going right and soon passing **Pike Cottage** and picking up a roughly tarred lane. Remain on this to the sharp-right bend above woods.

Shorter walk to finish

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For the short walk, simply remain on the lane, **George's Lane**, which winds gradually down to **Chorley Old Road** at "The Jolly Crofter's" pub, with the option to go for some well-earned refreshment! Look left for the bus stop for buses back to Bolton.



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.

Both walks start at The Crown pub in Horwich. Horwich is west of Bolton on the north western side of Greater Manchester, so if you live some distance away you may need to make a connection.

Bolton has frequent train services from Manchester and regular services from further afield including direct trains from Stockport, Wigan and Manchester Airport. There are frequent bus services from Bolton to Horwich.

Buses 125 and 126 run from Bolton Moor Lane bus station (behind Bolton Town Hall) and bus 575 runs from Bolton Interchange to The Crown in Horwich.

For the return journey from the short walk, buses 125 & 126 return to Bolton from the foot of George's Lane (frequently Monday to Saturday, half-hourly on Sundays & public holidays).

Returning from the long walk you are directed to a bus stop at Lightbounds Road. Continue along this road to the junction of Chatburn Road where bus 519 runs every 10 minutes during the daytime (every 20 minutes Sundays & public holiday daytime) and every 30 minutes in the evenings.

Most public transport services run until around 11pm Mondays to Saturdays. On Sundays and public 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 below but for details of exact times and routes please ring Traveline on 0871 200 22 33*

Starting and finishing from (area or district).	The information shown is for your guidance. Please phone Traveline 0871 200 22 33* for details of exact routes and times.
Bolton Bury Wigan	If you live near Horwich check if there is a bus service direct to the start point in Horwich town centre. If not catch a bus or train to Bolton then a bus to Horwich. There are direct bus services from Bolton to Horwich. Check if there are direct bus services back from the finish to your starting point. From the finish points there are direct bus services to Bolton for connections to nearby areas.
Rochdale Oldham Stockport Tameside	Catch a bus or train Manchester centre. Then catch a train to Bolton from Manchester Piccadilly or Victoria. There are direct bus services from Bolton to Horwich. From the finish points there are direct bus services to Bolton for connections home.
Trafford Salford Manchester	Catch a bus, train or tram to Manchester centre. Then catch a train to Bolton from Manchester Piccadilly or Victoria. There are direct bus services from Bolton to Horwich. There are direct bus services to Bolton from the two finish points for connections home.

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Things to look for and do

- Nature & Wildlife:** Woodland birds and flowers, small mammals, moorland flora and fauna on the longer walk.
- History:** Lord Leverhulme's Rivington Estate, folly tower.
- General Interest:** Spectacular views across Lancashire to the Lake District, Blackpool and North Wales.
- Food and Drink:** Pubs at start and finish (both walks).
- Toilets:** None, apart from public houses.

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 bank 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.gmppte.com

In print

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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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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.gmppte.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 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 £5.60, Child £2.60
- **MetroMax Four-Adults** £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.gmppte.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).

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Walk routes and public transport information



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Please note that some of this information is now out of date.

This may include the walking route, contact numbers and public transport information.



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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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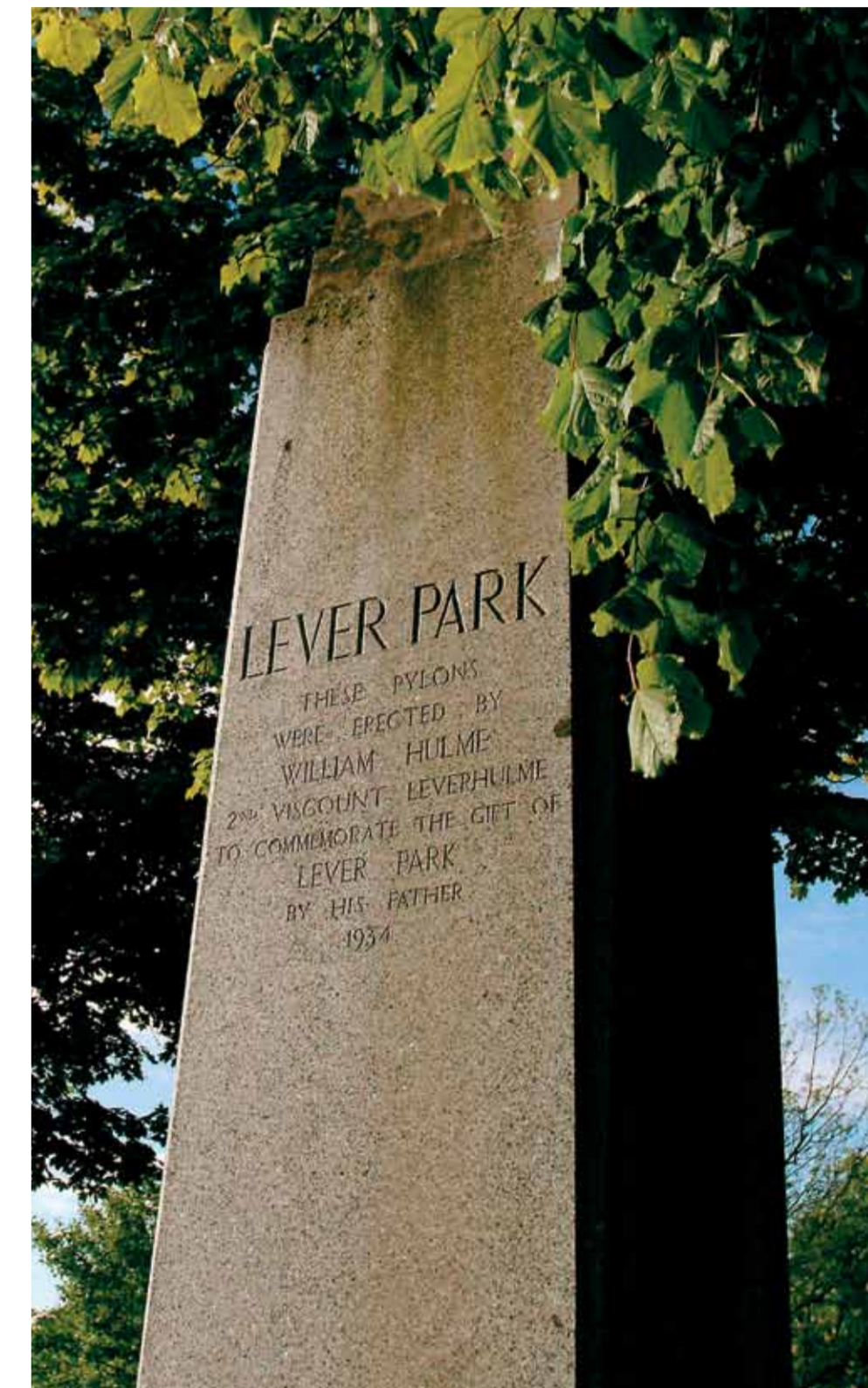
Welcome to GMPTe's 'Places to Go' guide to

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The Rivington Estate

The Rivington Estate was home to the famous industrialist William Hesketh Lever, who later became Lord Leverhulme. His immense wealth came from the industrial empire he developed in Edwardian times, of which Sunlight Soap was the most famous product. He gave Rivington Estate, which once had terraced gardens and a zoo, to the people of Bolton and surrounding towns for their recreational enjoyment. One fascinating feature is a folly tower, one of three in these West Pennine Moors (the others are above Ramsbottom and Darwen).



Make it an even better day out

Start your walk 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 walk everyone is free to relax in the pub!

See inside for a handy guide to:

- **Planning your journey**
- **Getting more information**
- **Choosing and buying tickets**

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- Choosing the best tickets
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