

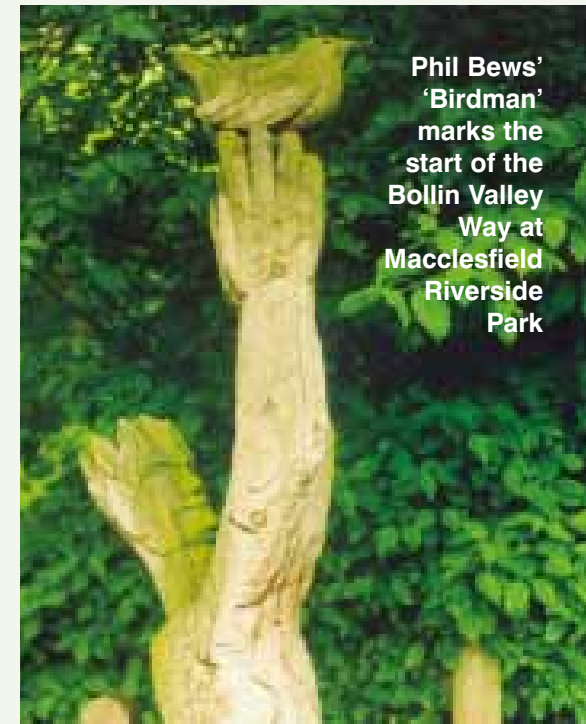
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THE BOLLIN VALLEY WAY



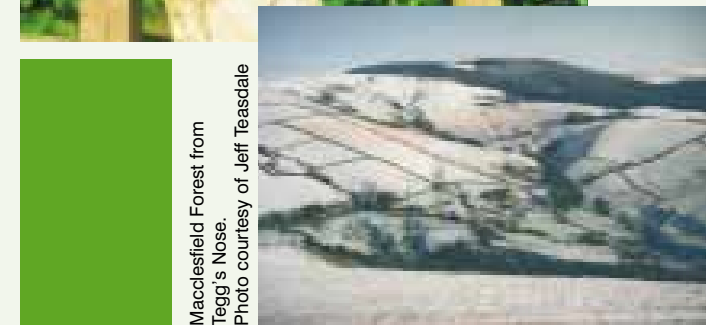
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1 of 5 from Peak to Plain



Phil Bews' 'Birdman' marks the start of the Bollin Valley Way at Macclesfield Riverside Park

Photo courtesy of Ray Weaver



Macclesfield Forest from Tegg's Nose. Photo courtesy of Jeff Teasdale

From Peak to Plain

The wooded slopes and reservoirs of Macclesfield Forest, on the Western fringe of the Peak District National Park, quickly melt into the Cheshire plain.

The River Bollin is a short tributary of the Mersey which rises in the Pennine foothills. It now flows into the Manchester Ship Canal near Warburton.

The Bollin Valley Partnership started as a pioneering experiment in 1972, managing land around towns for wildlife, farming and recreation. We now look after over 100 miles (160 km) of way-marked paths; several picnic sites; a Country Park and Visitor Centre; the Aviation Viewing Park; part of the Trans Pennine Trail; and coordinate the Bollin section of the Mersey Basin Campaign.

We work with others to improve woodlands, ponds, grasslands and hedgerows, for both wildlife and people. Partnership Rangers, helped by an Education Group, also run a varied **annual activity programme** (please ring for a leaflet) which includes a Taster Day for people with disabilities.

Encouraging people to enjoy the countryside (preferably without a car) is an important part of our work. **This leaflet is one of 5 indicating the Bollin Valley Way and other recreational routes and opportunities diagrammatically.** For more detail, please refer to OS Explorer Maps 268 and 276. See www.ordsvy.gov.uk.

The 25 mile (40km) **Bollin Valley Way** from Macclesfield Riverside Park to Partington gives walkers a feel for the Valley's variety. It ranges from views of the hills above Macclesfield, through fields and woodlands, towns and villages, under and over roads, railways and canals and past Manchester Airport, to the industries near Manchester Ship Canal.

Please remember: most of these walks cross private farm land. Keep to the paths, take all litter home, fasten gates and keep your dog under control. Country paths are not pavements, so wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for the British weather. Not all paths shown are managed by the Bollin Valley Partnership.

Cheshire Ring Canal Walk 100 miles (160km) of towpath walk. Anticlockwise from Macclesfield, take the Macclesfield Canal to Marple, then the Peak Forest, Ashton and Rochdale Canals into Manchester to join the Bridgewater at Castlefield. Trace the Bridgewater to Preston Brook before turning South along the Trent & Mersey to Hardings Wood Junction near Kidsgrove, then back up the Macclesfield Canal to the start.

People with disabilities. Sadly it is impracticable to make all country footpaths fully accessible, although ambulant but less mobile visitors will find many paths in the Valley suitable because they are reasonably level – please ring and check. However, much of Macclesfield Riverside Park, most of the Middlewood Way, parts of Tegg's Nose Country Park and areas around Trentabank Visitor Centre are wheelchair accessible. See www.cheshireforall.com or ring 01244 603107 for more details.

Bollin Valley Partnership funding partners:

- Cheshire County Council
- Environment Agency
- Macclesfield Borough Council
- Manchester Airport
- Mersey Basin Campaign
- Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

Contacts for further information:

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Macclesfield Riverside Park, Beechwood Mews, off Manchester Rd, Tytherington, (Bollin Valley Partnership. For separate leaflet about the park, ring 01625 534790.) 01625 511086, bollin@cheshire.gov.uk

Gritstone Trail (56km/35mile trail from Disley to Kidsgrove), **Riding the Ridges Cycle Ride, Cheshire Cycleway** (National Cycle Network, NCN 70) leaflets from Tegg's Nose, Bollin Valley or Cheshire Countryside Management Service countryside@cheshire.gov.uk, www.cheshire.gov.uk/countryside or /cycling

Lyme Park (National Trust) Tudor house which was transformed into an Italianate palace; gardens and deer park. 01663 762023, lymepark@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Buses: 199 Buxton – Manchester Airport passes the park entrance; 60 Macclesfield – New Mills – Lyme Park.

Macclesfield Canal Society
Malcolm Bower (Secretary), 01625 428734

Macclesfield Silk Museums (Roe St and Park Lane)
01625 613210, silkmuseum@tiscali.co.uk, www.silk-macclesfield.org

Macclesfield Tourist Information Centre
01625 504114, informationcentre@macclesfield.gov.uk

Middlewood Way, Macclesfield Borough Council Ranger Service
01625 573998, r.doran@macclesfield.gov.uk, www.macclesfield.gov.uk

Tegg's Nose Country Park, Cheshire Countryside Management Service
01625 614279, teggs@cheshire.gov.uk

Trentabank Visitor Centre, Peak National Park Rangers, Macclesfield Forest
01260 252832, trentabank@peakdistrict-npa.gov.uk

West Park Museum (Prestbury Rd)
01625 619831, silkmuseum@tiscali.co.uk

Rail Services: ring 08457 48 49 50

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These services run at least 5 days/week. For full details of all bus services contact Traveline 0870 608 2 608, traveline@cheshire.gov.uk, or 01625 534850.



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