

The Bollin Valley Way and other recreational routes between Prestbury and Wilmslow, including Alderley Edge.

Wizard!

Good views, not too many hills, pretty villages and interesting old houses make this section of the Valley ideal for walking or cycling.

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 (160km) 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.

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, the National Trust properties at Alderley Edge and Hare Hill are wheelchair accessible. See www.cheshireforall.com or ring 01244 603107 for more details.

Bollin Valley Partnership funding partners:

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

Contacts for further information:

Bollin Valley Partnership: Countryside Area Manager, Macclesfield Town Hall, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA. Tel 01625 534790 Email bollin@cheshireest.gov.uk

Alderley Edge (National Trust) Sandstone escarpment with impressive views of Cheshire and Peak District. Prehistoric and Roman copper mining. 01625 584412/0161 928 0075.

Buses: 130 Macclesfield-Wilmslow-Manchester (stops in Alderley Edge village only, Mon-Sat half-hourly, Sun hourly); 287 Macclesfield-Wilmslow (passes car park at bottom of the Edge, Mon-Fri 2-hourly)

Cheshire Cycleway (National Cycle Network, NCN 70 - a 186 mile/282km signed, circular route around Cheshire). Leaflets from Bollin Valley or Cheshire Countryside Management Service countryside@cheshire.gov.uk, www.cheshire.gov.uk/countryside or /cycling

Hare Hill (National Trust) Woodland and walled gardens. 0870 609 5391/01625 584412.

Buses: 287 as above.

Nether Alderley Mill

Unusual 15th century watermill; regular flour grinding demonstrations. 01625 584412, netheralderleymill@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Buses: 130 as above

Wilmslow Tourist Information Centre

01625 522275, wiltic@macclesfield.gov.uk

Rail Services: ring 08457 48 49 50

Bus services

- 26. Macclesfield – Alderley Park – Wilmslow
- 27. Macclesfield – Astra Zeneca – Chelford – Knutsford
- 130. Macclesfield – Alderley Edge – Wilmslow – Colshaw – Handforth – Cheadle Hulme – Cheadle – Manchester
- 287. Macclesfield – Prestbury – Mottram – Alderley Edge – Wilmslow
- 393. Macclesfield – Adlington – Stockport

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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- E Macclesfield Forest / Trentabank

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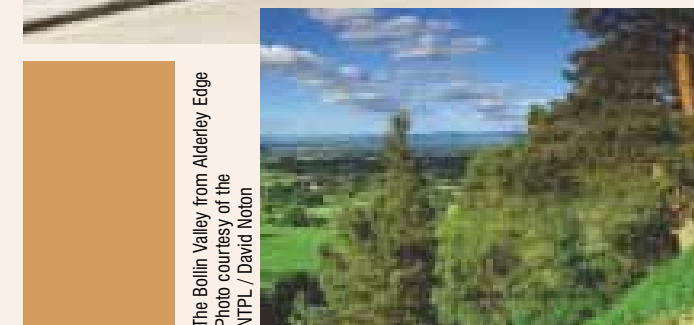


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Prestbury village. Photo courtesy of Ray Weaver



The Bollin Valley from Alderley Edge Photo courtesy of the NTPL / David Noton