



1. Skidmores Cycles 35 - 37 Union Street Oldham Tel. 0161 624 5912
2. Saddleworth Cycles 117 High Street Uppermill Tel. 01457 879955
3. Suntal Cycles 45 Ripponden Rd Oldham Tel. 0161 624 7409
4. Halfords King Street Oldham Tel. 0161 627 5091
5. Oldham Cycle Centre 87 Lees Road Oldham Tel. 0161 624 8260
6. Baggatt S Shaw & Crompton Cycles 122 Milnrow Road Shaw Tel. 01706 847550
7. Gerry Shield Cycles 1- 5 Old Road Fallsworth Tel. 0161 681 2975
8. Rowbothams Cycle Shop 470 Oldham Road Fallsworth Tel. 0161 681 1671

Local cycle shops



Tourist Information Centres

- Oldham Tommyfield Market Hall, 12 Albion Street, Oldham, Tel. 0161 627 1024
- Saddleworth Museum, High Street, Uppermill, Tel. 01457 874093

Visitor Centres

- Brownhill Countryside Centre Tel. 01457 872598
- Daisy Nook Countryside Centre Tel. 0161 308 3909
- Strinesdale Centre Tel. 0161 620 8202
- Tandle Hill Countryside Centre Tel. 0161 627 2608

Rail Transport

Using the train to get to and from a cycle route makes a sensible alternative to any other form of transport, unless you can cycle all the way. For information regarding the carriage of cycles on trains please contact:

First North Western Telephone: 0845 604 0231

Local stations located close to cycle routes include: Greenfield (Saddleworth) and Mumps (Oldham Town Centre)

The Cycle Routes

The Pennine Bridleway

At approximately 350 miles (560km), the Trail weaves through the Pennine hills from Derbyshire to Northumberland using a mix of ancient pack horse tracks, quiet rural roads and newly created bridleways. The whole trail is available for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers, whilst a few sections make an ideal place for all the family to enjoy cycling.

The Trail between Uppermill and Mossley follows a former disused railway line providing a pleasant traffic free and relatively flat route for cyclists. There are two busy roads to cross along the route. **Length 3.4km (approx. 2 miles)**



Former Disused Railway Line – Oldham Town Centre to Park Bridge

The former railway line is now partly restored as a cycle track providing a traffic free and flat route for cyclists. **Length 1.9km (approx. 1 1/4 miles)**

'Delph Donkey' Former Disused Railway Line

The former 'Delph Donkey' railway line is now partly restored as a bridleway providing a flat and pleasant traffic free route for cyclists. **Length 1.7km (approx. 1 mile)**

Former Disused Railway Line - Royton to Higginshaw

The former railway line is now partly restored as a cycle track providing a traffic free and flat route for cyclists. There is one busy road to cross along the route. **Length 0.9km (approx 1/2 mile)**



Former Disused Railway Line – Oldham Town Centre and Grotton

The former railway line is now partly restored as a cycle track providing a traffic free and relatively flat route for cyclists. There are 2 busy roads to cross along the route. **Length 4.1km (approx. 2 1/2 miles)**

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Alexandra Park

The Victorian Alexandra Park had a major refurbishment in 2004 and offers a wide range of activities including a boating lake, children's play area, gardens, grassed areas and tennis courts.

Brownhill Countryside Centre

Nestled between the Saddleworth villages of Uppermill and Dobcross, Brownhill Countryside Centre is the base for Oldham Countryside Service's Rangers who manage the council owned land across Saddleworth. The Centre hosts a range of exhibitions connected with the local area and countryside themes.



Dove Stone Reservoir



Alexandra Park

Oldham Cycling Strategy

The Oldham Cycling Strategy was adopted by the Council in July 2002 to give greater emphasis to cycling in the Borough. An experienced Cycling Officer was subsequently appointed to implement the policies of this strategy, which include:

- implementation of safer cycle routes, including National Cycle Network routes;
- installation of cycle parking facilities;
- cycle audit of highway schemes/planning applications;
- review of the existing highway network to identify improvements for cyclists;
- bidding for funding for cycle infrastructure; and
- consultation and publicity.

Many of the policies of the strategy will take a number of years to fully implement, however where existing facilities are available these will be publicised. This leaflet highlights those cycle routes that offer an attractive environment for leisure cycling. The routes are off-road and relatively flat, being mostly along former disused railway lines. These particular cycle routes will offer an ideal opportunity for you and your family to enjoy cycling and to stay fit and healthy.

Oldham Cycling Forum

The Oldham Cycling Forum meets every four months and discusses issues associated with the implementation of the Oldham Cycling Strategy and cycling in general. The Forum is open to cycle groups, members of the public and other organisations. For information please contact the Oldham Cycling Officer on 0161 911 4360.

Good Cycling Code

The cycle routes and bridleways detailed in this leaflet will be used by other users such as walkers and horse riders. Please follow this simple code to ensure enjoyable riding and the safety of yourself and others.

Consideration for Others

Be courteous and considerate to others and keep your speed down. A bell fitted to your bike will help you tell others that you are approaching.

Important advice when meeting horses

Remember that horses can be easily frightened. Do not make unnecessary noise and disturbance around them. Please do not race past horses, the speed can be alarming and cause the horse to panic.

Look After yourself

Ensure your bike is safe to ride. Always take tools and a puncture repair kit. Consider wearing a helmet and protective clothing.

Cycle Training

The Council provides on road cycle training for children over the age of 9. For more details contact the Road Safety Section on 0161 911 4343.

Council Website

Further details can be found on the Council web site at www.oldham.gov.uk

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Huddersfield Narrow Canal

Daisy Nook Country Park

Daisy Nook in the Medlock Valley covers around 100 acres of varied landscape, including rivers, woodlands, meadows, canals and a lake. The country park offers many recreational opportunities including horse riding, picnicking, cycling, bird watching and walking.

Dove Stone Reservoir

With its breathtaking views, the Dove Stone area of Saddleworth offers visitors the chance to explore part of the Peak District National Park. There is an extensive network of footpaths and considerable moorland areas with open access. The Dove Stone Visitor Guide describes several trails and walking routes around the area.

Huddersfield Narrow Canal

The Huddersfield Narrow Canal runs for twenty miles from Ashton-under-Lyne to Huddersfield and has been fully restored to navigable status. Although cycling along the canal towpath is currently prohibited, the canal offers an attractive walking route and canal boat trips are available starting near the Saddleworth Museum.

Oldham Town Centre

The main centre in the Borough offers a wide range of attractions including shopping malls, Tommyfield Market, pubs, restaurants, The Oldham Gallery, Tourist Information Centre and much more.

Park Bridge

Historic Park Bridge was founded in 1784 and developed into a community centred around an iron works and cotton mill which thrived for about 200 years.

Saddleworth Area

Saddleworth is made up of some of the most picturesque villages to be found in the north of England. These include Delph, Denshaw, Diggle, Dobcross, Grasscroft, Greenfield and Uppermill. Uppermill offers a lively traditional village main street with numerous specialist craft shops, tea shops, traditional pubs, restaurants, Tourist Information Centre, the Saddleworth Museum and Art Gallery.

Strinesdale

Strinesdale is a 60 acre countryside oasis on the fringe of Oldham's town centre with a varied landscape of wetland, woodland and meadows. The site has a network of easy access walking routes, picnic areas and a visitor centre with information and displays.

Tandle Hill Country Park

Oldham's first country park, Tandle Hill offers 110 acres of mature beech woodland and open grasslands with superb panoramic views. Facilities at Tandle Hill include a small centre, café, picnic areas and children's play area.



Former disused Railway line near to Royton



Former disused Railway line near to Grotton



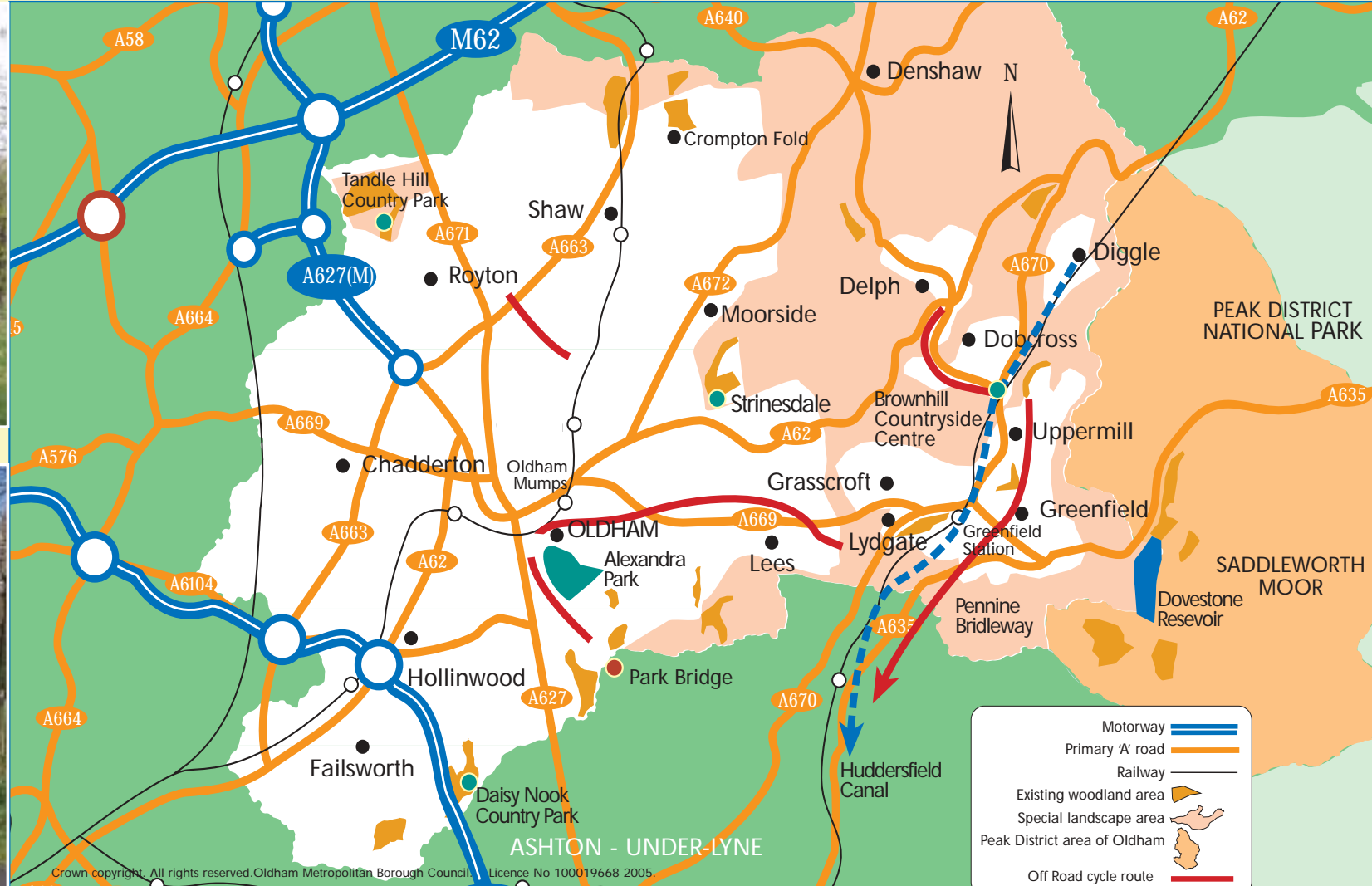
Former disused Railway line near to Lees



Delph Donkey



Former disused Railway line near to Alexandra Park



Quiet Lanes North of Uppermill



Former disused Railway line near to Alexandra Park



Pennine Bridleway Uppermill



Daisy Nook Country Park



Pennine Bridleway Greenfield



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Pennine Bridleway Uppermill