

Recreation

Tandle Hill Country Park is popular with both walkers and cyclists. Other activities include picnicking, dog walking, bird/wildlife watching, pond dipping and orienteering.

There is a permanent orienteering course within the park, which is maintained by Greater Manchester Orienteering Activities www.gmoa.org.uk. In 2011 a new adventure playground and children's play area was installed which was funded by the National Lottery Adventures in Play scheme.

The park offers walks for people with different abilities, varying from the fairly short Green and Blue trails around the park, which are part of the 'Let's Go for a Walk' scheme – to longer treks linking other areas such as the Irk Valley, Crompton Moor and the Oldham Way. Follow the way-markers to track the trails within the park:

Green Trail 0.9km/0.6miles

This walk takes about 30–45 minutes. It follows well-surfaced footpaths and is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Blue Trail 1.3km/0.8miles

This route is quite hilly and will take about 1–1.5 hours. This route is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

The Thornham Cycle Trail

The cycle trail passes through the park and offers a route on well-made surfaces for cyclists. Cyclists are asked to be considerate of walkers and to cycle slowly through the park, as it is often very busy.

Caring for Tandle Hill

Oldham Parks and Countryside Service, whose responsibility it is to protect and improve the park and to provide a balance between the needs of people and wildlife, has managed Tandle Hill Country Park since 1990.

The staff based at the park look after Tandle Hill and several other countryside areas within Shaw and Royton, and they also run events and lead school and other group visits.

Activities available include pond-dipping, mini-beast hunts, woodland walks, orienteering, team building and habitat and wildlife studies. Contact the Tandle Hill office for more information and to make bookings.

