

Gentle relaxation or an action packed holiday

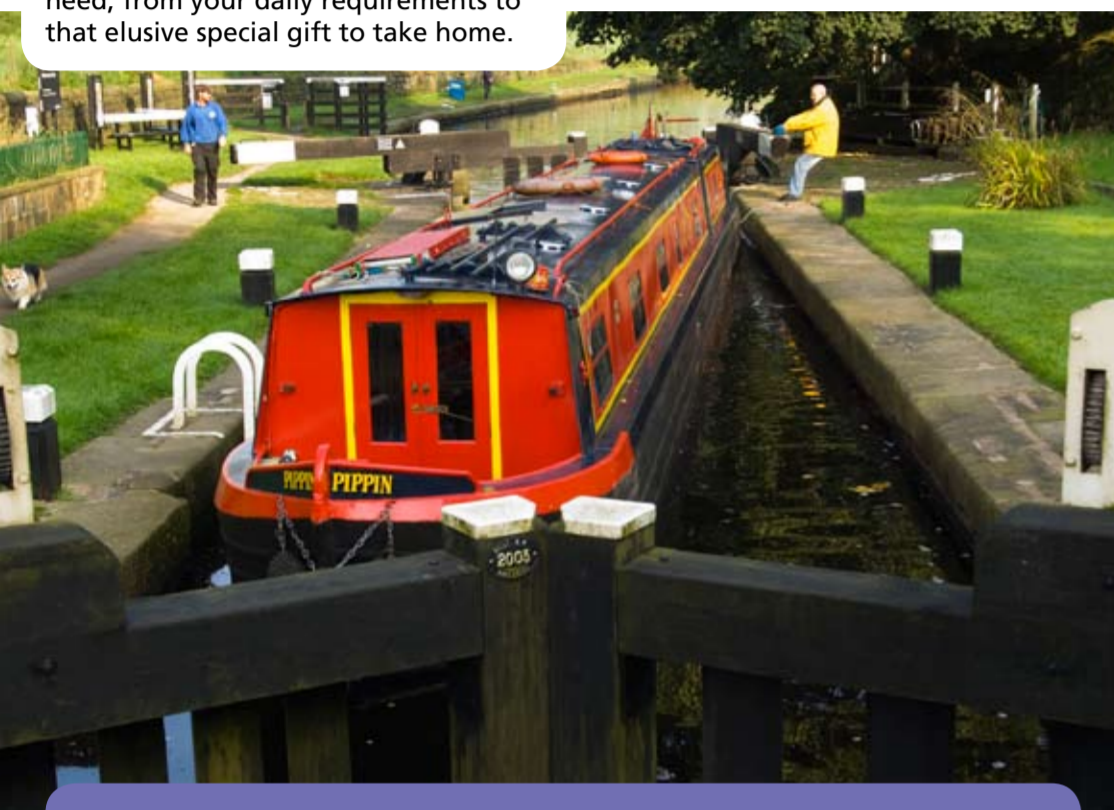
On the edge of the South Pennines you'll find Littleborough, Milnrow, Newhey and Wardle - an ideal centre for exploring this outstandingly beautiful part of Lancashire with its wide, open moorland, wooded valleys, distinctive towns and villages.

There are plenty of opportunities for sport, leisure, relaxation and discovery, in an area renowned for its warm and friendly welcome. Shopping in the Pennines is also a very enjoyable pastime when a little retail therapy is needed. With a tempting array of shops, the compact streets are ideal for browsing, making a pleasant change from the towns and cities.

You'll be sure to find anything you need, from your daily requirements to that elusive special gift to take home.

There are fabulous independent shops offering antiques, books, paintings and pottery, jewellery, speciality foods and local produce as well as designer clothes, shoes, gifts, and traditional toys.

Many of the villages have well stocked general stores for all your day to day needs. In addition, supermarkets can be found in Littleborough and Milnrow, with a retail park in nearby Firgrove.



Annual events

Littleborough and the Pennines is a perfect destination to visit at any time of year. You'll find a variety of days out, events and things to do.

There will always be something to suit your taste, whether it's family fun, an interesting day out or an event of specialist interest. There are festivals, fairs and shows to visit, however the beauty of the area and its all year round entertainment will ensure you'll always find plenty to do!

Farmers Market (March – November, 2nd Sunday in month)

Enjoy a leisurely Sunday at the Farmers Market, where you can sample and purchase locally sourced produce and craft items.



Milnrow Carnival (June)

Milnrow Carnival is a fun day out for all the community. The parade starts in Newhey and ends in Milnrow with activities for all the family. Funds are raised for local charities.

Rochdale Canal Festival (July)

The Rochdale Canal is one of the area's greatest heritage, environmental and recreation assets, running 32 miles between Sowerby Bridge in Calderdale through the boroughs of Rochdale to Manchester City Centre. Join a week of free activities including guided walks, bike rides, canoe and angling taster sessions and much more.

Littleborough Rush Bearing Festival (July, weekend event)

Rushbearing began in the 10th century when Pope Gregory decreed that rushes should be taken to church on Saints Day to cover the earth floor for warmth. The Littleborough Rushcart Festival, revived in 1991, has grown over the years into a full weekend of fun and activities for all the family, including a procession through the village and around the lake, dancing in the square and a fete in Hare Hill Park.



Littleborough Arts Festival (August)

The Annual Arts Festival gets bigger and better each year, with a wide variety of local artists exhibiting, along with art exhibitions and competitions, musical concerts and pottery work shops. Profits are donated to Springhill Hospice.

Lancashire Day and Christmas Lights Switch On (November)

A traditional family event starting with the Town Crier's proclamation. Stalls and amusements for all the family during the afternoon and evening.



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Sport and outdoor activities

Littleborough Coach House Trust Visitor & Heritage Centre
Lodge Street, Littleborough OL15 9AE
01706 378481

Dickey Steps Riding Centre
Dickey Steps Farm, Rakewood Littleborough OL15 0AT
01706 373919

Hollingworth Lake Rowing Club
Lakebank, Littleborough OL15 0DQ
01706 377261

Littleborough Cricket Club
Denhurst Road, Littleborough OL15 9LD
01706 378216

Littleborough Sports Club
Rakewood Road Littleborough OL15 0AP
01706 370220

Milnrow Cricket Club
Harbour Lane, Milnrow Rochdale OL16 4HF
01706 647930

The Victoria – Snooker Club
Sale Street, Littleborough OL15 9BB
01706 377201

Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre
Lakebank, Littleborough OL15 0DQ
01706 370499

Littleborough Sports Centre
Littleborough Community Campus Calderbrook Road Littleborough OL15 9JQ
01706 756602

The Soccer Village
Birchinley Manor, Wildhouse Lane Milnrow, Rochdale OL16 3TW
01706 644484

The Last Cast
Pennine Trout Farm, Calderbrook Road Littleborough OL15 9HL
01706 379331

West Pennine Sail Board Club
Water Grove Reservoir Lower House Lane, Wardle Rochdale OL12 9PL
01706 373441



Blue plaque heritage walk

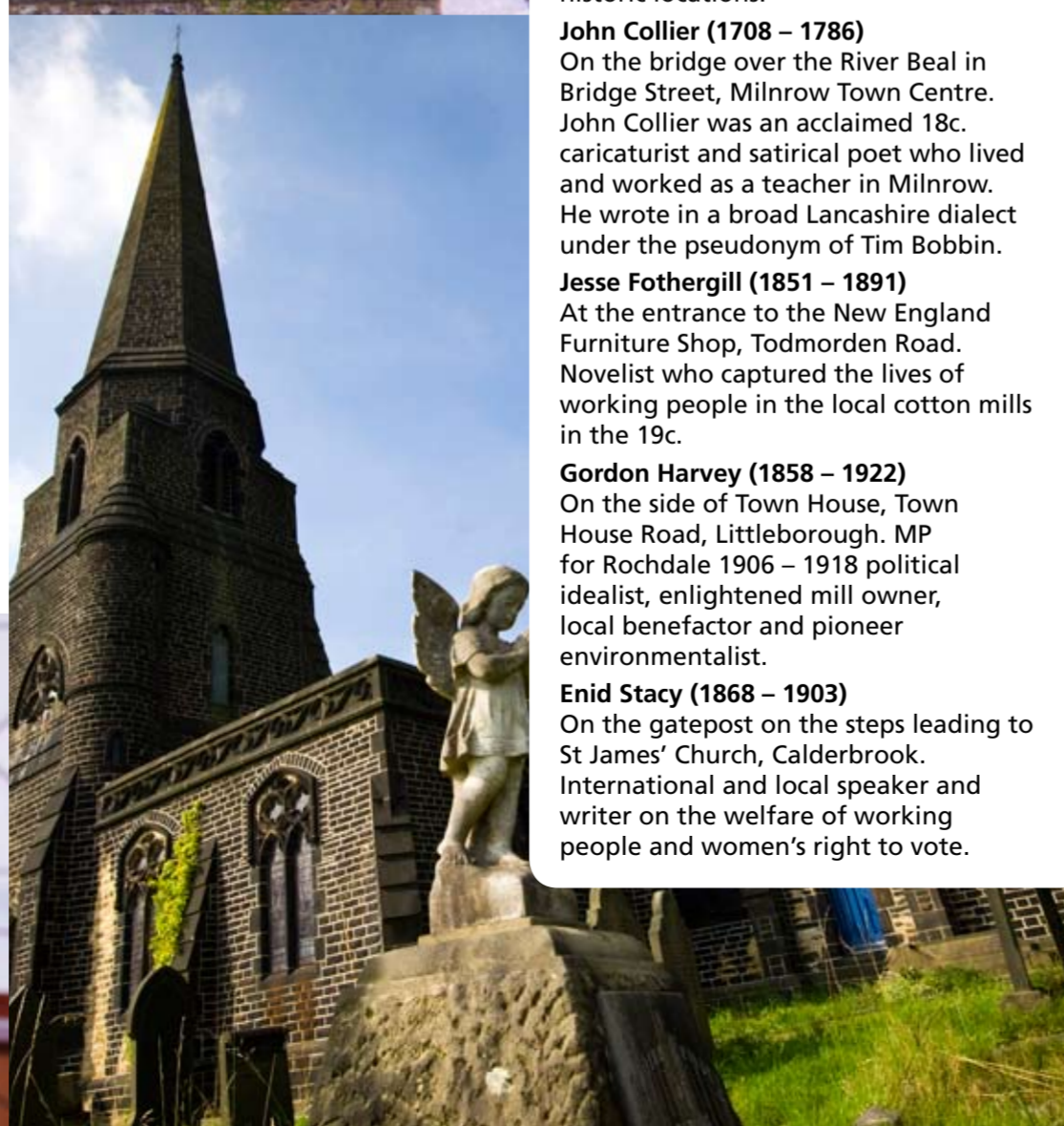
The area has a culture and heritage which we're very proud of, and we'd love to share with you. During your walk, look out for 4 blue plaques which commemorate our famous former residents, their homes and other historic locations.

John Collier (1708 – 1786)
On the bridge over the River Beal in Bridge Street, Milnrow Town Centre. John Collier was an acclaimed 18c. caricaturist and satirical poet who lived and worked as a teacher in Milnrow. He wrote in a broad Lancashire dialect under the pseudonym of Tim Bobbin.

Jesse Fothergill (1851 – 1891)
At the entrance to the New England Furniture Shop, Todmorden Road. Novelist who captured the lives of working people in the local cotton mills in the 19c.

Gordon Harvey (1858 – 1922)
On the side of Town House, Town House Road, Littleborough. MP for Rochdale 1906 – 1918 political idealist, enlightened mill owner, local benefactor and pioneer environmentalist.

Enid Stacy (1868 – 1903)
On the gatepost on the steps leading to St James' Church, Calderbrook. International and local speaker and writer on the welfare of working people and women's right to vote.



Accommodation

The Pennines has a fantastic choice of accommodation if you're looking for somewhere to stay, whether it's a hotel, bed and breakfast or caravan park.

- 1. Moorcock Inn**
Halifax Road, Littleborough Rochdale OL15 0LD
01706 378156
- 2. The Rake**
(16th century boutique B&B)
Blackstone Edge Old Road Littleborough OL15 0JN
01706 379689
- 3. Fielden Farm**
Blackstone Edge Old Road Littleborough, Rochdale OL15 0JN
07530 966 374
www.fieldenfarm.co.uk
- 4. Pennine Cottage**
Bent Head Farm Wardle, Rochdale, OL12 9PL
01706 379632
- 5. Hollingworth Lake Bed and Breakfast**
164 Smithy Bridge Road Littleborough, Rochdale OL15 0DB
01706 376583
- 6. Leighton House**
1 Leighton Avenue, Hollingworth Lake Littleborough OL15 0BW
01706 378113
- 7. Swing Cottage**
31 Lakebank, Littleborough Rochdale OL15 0DQ
01706 379094
- 8. Hollingworth Lake Caravan Park**
Round House Park Rakewood, Littleborough Rochdale OL15 0AT
01706 378661
- 9. The Potting Shed**
Hylands, Wildhouse Court Milnrow OL16 3UU
01706 524467
- 10. 72 Egremont Road**
Milnrow, Rochdale
01706 631900
- 11. Premier Inn Rochdale**
Newhey Road, Milnrow Rochdale OL16 4JF
01706 378113
www.premierinn.com
- 12. The Gatehouse**
31 Butterworth Hall, Ogden Lane Newhey OL16 3TQ
01706 643432
- 13. Far Wicken Hall Farm**
6 Smithy Green, Huddersfield Road Newhey OL16 3TJ
01706 291320



Contact

Rochdale Tourist Information Centre
Touchstones, The Esplanade, Rochdale OL16 1AQ. Phone: 01706 924288

Hollingworth Lake Visitor Centre
Rakewood Road, Littleborough OL15 0AQ. Phone: 01706 373421
www.visitrochdale.com

Travel

Public Transport Information Traveline
Local bus, train and tram timetable enquiries: Phone: 0871 200 2233
National Express: Phone: 0871 781 8181

Rail

National Rail Enquiries
Phone: 08457 48 49 50
Train stations at Smithy Bridge (for Hollingworth Lake), and Littleborough. Services to Manchester and Leeds for inter-city connections. Milnrow & Newhey stations are currently being upgraded to Metrolink services. The stations are due to reopen in 2012, with bus services operating in the meantime. For timetable enquiries tel: 0871 200 2233

Road

Direct motorway access from M62. Littleborough/Milnrow Junction 21, Rochdale - Junction 20.

Waterways

The Rochdale Canal is open for navigation and offers a trans-Pennine waterway route between the centre of Manchester and Yorkshire. The canal has been integrated into the national canal network of inland waterways, forming part of the South Pennine Ring waterway. This encompasses the Rochdale, Ashton and Huddersfield Narrow canals together with the Calder and Hebble Navigation and Huddersfield Broad canals.

Further information from British Waterways South Pennine on 01925 847700 or British Waterways Customer Service Centre
Phone: 01923 201120.

Air

Manchester International Airport.
Phone: 08712 710 711
Leeds/Bradford International Airport.
Phone: 0871 288 2288
Liverpool Airport.
Phone: 0871 521 8484

All are around an hour's drive away by motorway.

Medical help and advice

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

Visitor information

www.littleboroughlocal.co.uk



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Restaurants and bars



- The Rake Tapas**
Blackstone Edge Old Road
Littleborough OL15 0JN
01706 379689
- The Cedar Tree at the Sheaf**
Hough Fold, Newhey
Rochdale OL16 3RF
01706 842626
- Bar Wizards**
34 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 9AA
T 01706 374902
- Demetris Cafe & Bistro**
Littleborough Coach House
Lodge Street, Littleborough
OL15 9AE
01706 378481
- Waterside Restaurant & Bar**
- Award winning restaurant (High Life)
1 Inghams Lane, Littleborough
OL15 0AY
01706 376250
- Bay of Bengal Indian Restaurant**
15 Todmorden Road, Littleborough
OL15 9DQ
01706 379182
- Charlottes**
23 -25 Lakebank, Littleborough
OL15 0DG
01706 378333
- Mr Thomas' Fish & Chips**
21 Lake Bank, Littleborough
OL15 0DQ
Tel: 01706 373731
- Tophams Tavern**
18 Smithybridge Road
Littleborough OL15 8QF
01706 37768
- Moorcock Inn**
Halifax Road, Littleborough
OL15 0LD
01706 378156
- The White House**
Blackstone Edge, Halifax Road
Littleborough OL15 0LG
01706 378456
- Swing Cottage Tea Rooms**
31 Lake Bank, Littleborough
OL15 0DG
01706 379094
- Ristorante Del Lago**
43 Lake Bank, Hollingworth Lake
Littleborough OL15 0DQ
01706 376587

- Thamin Indian Restaurant**
New Road, Littleborough OL15 8PL
01706 371000
- The Beach**
Hollingworth Lake
Littleborough OL15 0DD
01706 378163
- The Summit Inn**
Todmorden Road
Littleborough OL15 9QX
01706 378011
- The Wine Press**
Hollingworth Bank
Littleborough OL15 QAZ
01706 378168
- The Square**
32 Church Street
Littleborough, OL15 9AA
01706 376844
- Wong Ho Chinese Restaurant**
78-80 Church Street
Littleborough, OL15 8AU
01706 371828
- Top Tier Grill Restaurant**
The Soccer Village Establishment
Birchinley Manor
Wildhouse Lane, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 3TW
01706 644484
- Premier Inn & John Milne Restaurant**
Newhey Road, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 4JF
01706 299999
- Milnrow Balti House**
22 Dale Street
Milnrow OL16 4HS
01706 353651
- Bellavista Ristorante**
Wildhouse Lane, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 3TW
01706 342479
- Milnrow Tandoori**
100 Dale Street, Milnrow
Rochdale, OL16 4HX
01706 343917
- The Bulls Head**
Lane Bottom, Ogden
Newhey OL16 3TD
01706 847992
- Wishing Well**
Harbour Lane, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 4HF
01706 355402
- The Gallows**
Wild House Lane, Milnrow OL16 3JW
01706 642898



Public Houses

- Falcon Inn**
18 - 20 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 9AA
01706 378640
- The Queens Hotel**
57 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8AB
01706 373934
- The Royal Oak**
41 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8AB
01707 371346
- The Smithybridge**
Smithybridge Road, Littleborough
OL15 0DY
01706 756900
- The Sun**
96 Featherstone Road, Littleborough
OL15 8NY
01706 378947
- Greengate Inn**
575 Halifax Road, Smallbridge
Rochdale OL12 9PU
01706 646455
- Bird in th' Hand (top)**
113 Huddersfield Road, Newhey
Rochdale OL16 3QG
01706 847978
- Bird in th' Hand (bottom)**
41 Huddersfield Road, Newhey
Rochdale OL16 3QZ
01706 847900
- The Ox and Plough**
178 New Road, Littleborough
OL15 8NL
01706 374027
- Red Lion Hotel**
6 Halifax Road, Littleborough
OL15 0HB
01706 378195
- King William IV**
Higher Shore Road, Shore
Littleborough, OL15 9LW
01706 377948

- Toppos Wine Bar**
25/27 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8DA
01706 371300
- Dyers Arms**
157 Whitelees Road
Littleborough OL15 8DU
01706 378742
- The Bobbin**
3 Dale Street, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 3LH
01706 659165
- The Free Trade Tavern**
115 Newhey Road, Milnrow OL16 4JF
01706 847056
- The Wagon Inn**
Butterworth Hall, Milnrow OL16 3PE
01706 648313
- The Moonspinners**
31 Newhey Road, Milnrow OL16 3NP
01706 656077
- Slip Inn**
Newhey Road, Milnrow OL16 3PS
01706 649627
- Crown & Shuttle**
170 Rochdale Road, Firgrove
OL16 3BU
01706 648259
- Hare & Hounds**
76 Ramsden Road, Wardle
Rochdale OL12 9LQ
01706 372877
- Globe Inn**
Winner of 'Best Pub 2010'
218 Ramsden Road, Wardle
Rochdale OL12 9NU
01706 371124

Speciality shopping

- Best Dressed**
55 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8AB
01706 371062
- Tiger Feet**
2 Hare Hill Road, Littleborough
OL15 9AB
01706 372796
- Littleborough Gallery**
Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8AU
01706 377395
- Border Rose Tattoo Studio**
17 Hare Hill Road, Littleborough
OL15 9AD
07880 935828
- Aura Health & Beauty Spa**
52 - 54 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8AU
01706 373729

FACT: Did you know there are 25 Hair Dressers/Beauty Salons in the Pennines area?

- Pumpkins**
24 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 9AA
01706 374622
- Bliss Interiors**
30 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 9AA
01706 378080
- The Bridal Workshop**
33 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8DA
01706 379052

- Littleborough Delicatessen**
9 Hare Hill Road, Littleborough
OL15 9AD
01706 375935
- Classy Cakes**
86 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 8AU
01706 371771

- Kids Couture**
- Top class designer cloths for children from birth
28 Church Street, Littleborough
OL15 9AA
01706 838448
- George Kelsall**
- Speciality Books, 22 Church Street
Littleborough OL15 9AA
01706 838448

- Yvonne Chadderton**
- Designer Jeweller
Weekend Courses available, make each others wedding rings!
Littleborough OL15 9AE
07768 327044
- Liam's Quality Butchers**
7 Hare Hill Road
Littleborough OL15 9AD
01706 378160

- New Street Farm Shop**
New Street, Littleborough
OL15 8HW
01706 377554
- Romida Sports - Cricket Speciality Shop**
18 Shaw Road, Newhey
Rochdale OL16 4LT
01706 882444

- Newhey Quality Butcher**
5 Huddersfield Road, Newhey
Rochdale OL16 3RU
01706 843888
- Little Toe Peeps**
42 Dale Street, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 4HS
01706 868221

- Seasons Farm Shop**
Dig Gate Lane, Milnrow OL16 4NS
01706 847495
- Do Dig Doggy**
Pet Supplies & Accessories
30/30a Dale Street, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 4HS
01706 347110

All About Flowers
19 Newhey Road, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 3NP
01706 633955

Love-shoes
40a Dale Street, Milnrow
Rochdale OL16 4HS
01706 357550

Places of interest

You can explore the Pennines to your heart's content. With beautiful lakes, a rich history and amazing gardens, there's something for everyone!

A. Watergrove Reservoir Wardle
An area of outstanding beauty, offering leisurely and peaceful activities for all the family. Headquarters of the West Pennines Sailing Club.

B. Wardle Heritage Area
A wonderful old weaving hamlet with cobbled streets, square, and old chapel on the edge of breathtaking countryside.

C. Hare Hill Park, Littleborough
A wonderful 'Green Flag' park with a restored Victorian Band stand used during the summer for brass band concerts and a play areas for all ages including a skateboard area.

D. Littleborough Coach House
18th century Grade II listed building offering visitors information, exhibitions and lunchtime concerts.

E. Blackstone Edge/Roman Road, Littleborough
Famous for a unique paved ancient trackway thought to originate from Roman times.

F. Rochdale Canal Littleborough, Smallbridge and Firgrove
32 miles of waterway, many of which are completely restored.

G. Hollingworth Lake Country Park, Littleborough
The 'jewel in the crown' of the South Pennines, with facilities for rowing, yachting, fishing, cycling and walking. With its visitors centre, cafe's, bars, restaurants and shops can also be found along the bank of the Lake.

H. Ogden Reservoir Newhey/Ogden
Known as Piethorne Valley, includes six reservoirs offering walks of different grades overlooking spectacular scenery.

I. Milnrow Memorial Park Milnrow
Another beautiful 'Green Flag' park with tennis courts, woodland area, children's play area and bowling green.

J. Ellenroad Steam Museum Newhey
Featuring the world's biggest working steam engine. In steam on the 1st Sunday in the month. Various other activities are also held on that Sunday.

Cycling and walking

The area is rich in cycle and walking trails. Leaflets and maps are available from the visitors centre at Hollingworth Lake and The Coach House.

