

Three STALYBRIDGE – ART GALLERY and CHEETHAM PARK

This walk takes in some of the architectural features of Stalybridge and ends with an exploration of Cheetham Park. This is an attractive hillside park with good views, green spaces and children's play facilities. On a sunny day it's worth taking a picnic here.

Take the train from Eccles Station to Stalybridge Station.

Leave the front entrance of the station and walk down to Market Street. Turn right under the Railway Bridge and walk through the town.

(‘Q’ – Hydes, ‘White House’ – Hydes plus guest beers.)

Continue along Market Street until you come to the façade of the once very impressive town hall.

(Who on earth was responsible for demolishing this fine building?).

Ignore the small continuation of Market Street, instead bear right to the War Memorial and Victoria Bridge.

(Note the smaller addition for the fallen of The Second World War).

Cross the River Tame and go up Trinity Street.

In succession on your left you will see:

The post office, Astley Cheetham Art Gallery and Library (well worth popping in if only to see the splendour of the computer room!), and then the impressive former Market Hall.

Past the large stone church you will come onto Armentieres Square and the canal side.

Cross the Huddersfield Canal and proceed by the left side of ‘The Millpond’
(Lees hand pump beers and food).

Go to the traffic lights and cross over High Street.

Across the road turn left and walk about 100yds or so to Park Street on the right.

Walk up Park Street.

To the right of the factory gates is the entrance to Cheetham Park.

The adventurous who get up as far as the decorous old barn can continue on a slight rise and bearing slightly right on dirt paths. You will eventually join the outward route of the Matley Lane walk.

CLASSIFICATION: EASY, SHORT WALK
RAIL FARE – category one

Maps: Manchester A-Z