The Borough of Oldham is a place of vivid contrast, from Saddleworth’s glorious countryside with panoramic views to Oldham’s Victorian heritage and striking modern features.

On the doorstep of Manchester, Oldham retains many features of its proud history as a powerhouse of the Industrial Revolution. Mixed with its contemporary architecture this creates a subtle balance between past and present.

On the edge of the Pennines Saddleworth is a gateway to the Peak District National Park. Mile after mile of stunning countryside is a must see for any keen explorer. Its charming villages offer quaint tea rooms, art galleries and independent shops. Jam-packed full of culture, history, countryside and entertainment, there’s no need to go anywhere else.

Culture and Heritage

**Gallery Oldham** (1)
This award winning building boasts one of the North West’s largest exhibition programmes, featuring Oldham’s extensive arts, social and natural history collections. You’ll also find the Tourist Information Centre here alongside Oldham Library, open seven days a week with free internet access.

T: 0161 770 4653 (Gallery Oldham)
T: 0161 770 8000 (Oldham Library)

**Saddleworth Museum and Art Gallery** (2)
Housed in a former mill building in Uppermill, enjoy the fascinating story of Saddleworth. Brilliant displays include an 18th century cottage reconstruction, Victoria Mill gallery and a vintage vehicle exhibit.

T: 01457 874093

**Oldham Coliseum Theatre** (3)
The Coliseum is committed to producing the highest standards in regional theatre. With a history stretching back to 1885, the theatre has a seasonal programme ranging from hilarious comedies to classic dramas. The traditional annual panto is also a must see.

T: 0161 624 2829

**Millgate Arts Centre** (4)
This charismatic little theatre in Delph is run by the Saddleworth Players, a local theatre group, and is host to a wide range of plays, films and concerts.

T: 01457 874644

**Playhouse 2** (5)
Shaw’s premier theatre, Playhouse 2 has been home to the town’s famous club Oldham Athletic, at its home ground of Boundary Park. For tickets and match day information, contact: T: 0161 624 4972

**Rugby**
If rugby is more your ‘cup of tea’, don’t miss the Oldham Roughyeds’ next match. For matches and ticket information, contact: T: 0161 628 3677

**Golf**
There are several beautiful courses around Oldham for golf enthusiasts to take advantage of. For those less experienced try the local pitch and putt course at Bishops Park. (9)

Walking, Cycling and Riding

**Millgate Country Park**
Take a stroll along one of Oldham’s two canal towpaths, or hike the hills along the Pennine Way and Oldham Way. For scenic mountain biking and horse riding explore the Pennine Bridleway’s hidden reservoirs and hillsides quarties.

To find out more on how to get active, whether you are playing, relaxing or one of the crowd see www.visitoldham.com

Get active

**Sports Centres**
Oldham has fantastic leisure facilities, offering a wide range of sports including swimming, climbing, squash, badminton, basketball, football and netball. With five sports centres across the area everyone can benefit from a range of state-of-the-art facilities.

T: 0161 621 3220

**Football** (8)
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Where to shop

**Oldham Town Centre**
Oldham has something for everyone and in Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre (10), you will be sure to find it. Over 80 retailers including major high street names makes this one of the North West’s largest indoor shopping complexes.

For something different visit the independent shops along George Street and Yorkshire Street. T: 0161 628 5891

**Saddleworth Villages**
The delightful villages in Saddleworth offer a range of traditional, boutique and specialist shops.

**Tommyfield Market**
Nestling in the heart of Oldham is the town’s much-loved Tommyfield Market (11), a haven for bargain hunters. With over 200 stalls across indoor and outdoor locations, there are plenty of great value and quality products to choose from.

T: 0161 770 4515

**Saddleworth Farmers Market**
On the second Sunday of every month enjoy the bustling Farmers Market (2) in Uppermill. Discover a great selection of seasonal and locally sourced food and drink. T: 01457 870336

For more information on the range of shops and markets in the borough see www.visitoldham.com

There’s always something happening

May
Whit Friday Brass Band Contests
Saddleworth Beer Walk Festival Oldham

June
Saddleworth Festival of the Arts (every 4 years)
Saddleworth Show Oldham Mela
Family Weekend (Shaw and Crompton)

July
Failsworth Carnival
Saddleworth Folk Festival

August
Yorkshire Day
Oldham Carnival
Oldham Festival of Diversity
Saddleworth Wartime Weekend
Saddleworth Rushcart Festival

September
Saddleworth Museum Beer Festival
Saddleworth Village’s Village Heritage Trail

October
Oldham Christmas Market
Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre

November/December
Oldham Town Centre Christmas Events

Useful Information

(1) Oldham Tourist Information Centre, Gallery Oldham, Grapes Street, Oldham OL1 1AL
T: 0161 770 3064 • E: tourism@oldham.gov.uk
www.visitoldham.com

(2) Saddleworth Visitor Information Centre, High Street, Uppermill, Oldham OL3 4HS
T: 01457 870336 • E: esa.saddleworth@oldham.gov.uk

Transport

Local bus and rail information
www.gmp-te.com • T: 0871 200 2233

Useful internet links

Oldham Council: www.oldham.gov.uk
Saddleworth Parish Council: www.parishcouncil.saddleworth.org
Visit Manchester: www.visitmanchester.com
Manchester’s Countryside: www.manchestercountryside.com
Oldham Community Leisure: www.ocll.co.uk
Peak District National Park: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk
RSPBs: www.rspb.org.uk

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9. Bishops Park
10. Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre
11. Romillyfield Market
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15. Daisy Nook
16. Alexandra Park
17. Dove Stone Reservoir
18. Stalybridge Tunnel
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**Strinesdale**

This rural oasis just minutes from Oldham town centre offers a wonderful place for visitors to explore its vast woodland, meadows and reservoirs. T: 0161 620 8202

**Brownhill**

Surrounded by dramatic Pennine scenery, Brownhill Countryside Centre is in the heart of Saddleworth and its accessible Green Flag winning nature garden is definitely worth a visit. T: 01457 872998

**Tandle Hill**

Oldham's first country park boasts 38 acres of woodland and grasslands with panoramic views across the Pennines. T: 0161 627 2608

**Daisy Nook**

Daisy Nook Country Park is in the heart of the Medlock Valley. With the industrial canal, wildflower meadows and beautiful woodland, Daisy Nook provides a perfect family day out. T: 0161 306 3909

**Alexandra Park**

Described as the ‘finest park in the land’ by the Director of the National Parks Agency. This Grade 2 listed Victorian park offers some of England’s finest views and walks, with stunning lake views. T: 01457 871800

**Dove Stone Reservoir**

Located in the Peak District, Dove Stone Reservoir is a wonderful place for people, water and wildlife. Gentle waterside trails, tranquil beauty spots, and dramatic moorland walks, make this a great place to see rare birds, mountain hares and much more.

**Rochdale and Huddersfield Narrow Canals**

Stretching over eight miles the borough’s two canals offer opportunities for watching wildlife and angling. Short boat trips along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal run from Uppermill towards the famous Standedge Tunnel. T: 0161 652 2688 (Rochdale Canal Society) T: 01457 871800 (Huddersfield Canal Society)

**Castleshaw Outdoor Activity Centre**

A great base for exploring the South Pennines, the centre can be used by schools and organised groups throughout the year for residential courses, camping, team building, canoeing, kayaking, hill-walking, rock climbing, abseiling, ghyll scrambling, mountain biking and environmental activities. Waterworks Road, Delph. T: 0161 770 8595

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