

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.



Gallery Oldham

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 amateur theatre company 'Crompton Stage Society' since 1966. Experience shows with perfect views from every angle on its unique open-thrust stage. T: 01706 847 281

Castleshaw Roman Fort (6)

Built on a Roman military road from Chester to York, visit the site of the Fort to see its reconstructed banks and ditches and discover more about the area's heritage. T: 01457 874093

Oldham Parish Church (7)

One of the town's real gems, dating back to 1830, the Church's Gothic Revival Style interior is definitely worth a look. T: 0161 624 4866

To find out more information about the town's cultural heritage log onto 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



Oldham Sports Centre (19)

Football (8)

For the football fanatics out there, why not catch a game with 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



Dove Stone Reservoir, Saddleworth

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 hillside quarries.

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

Eating out

Whether you fancy light refreshments or a family dinner, you'll be spoilt for choice in Oldham town centre. From international restaurants, to various pubs, cafes and takeaways, there really is something for every taste.

For tasty local food and drink, Saddleworth offers a range of independent restaurants, quirky tea rooms and real ale pubs.

For a list of cafes, pubs and restaurants in and around the borough see www.visitoldham.com

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



Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre

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 Tame Valley Vintage Car Show South Pennines Walk and Ride Festival
November/December	Oldham Town Centre Christmas Events



One guide Oldham and Saddleworth

Useful Information

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

(2) **Saddleworth Visitor Information Centre**,
High Street, Uppermill, Oldham OL3 6HS
T: 01457 870336 • E: ecs.saddleworthtic@oldham.gov.uk

Transport

Local bus and rail information
www.gmpete.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.manchesterscountryside.com
Oldham Community Leisure: www.ocll.co.uk
Peak District National Park: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk
RSPB: www.rspb.org.uk

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The great outdoors

Oldham is a place of spectacular natural beauty, breathtaking views, glorious meadows, lush woodland and wild moorland. Its parks in particular are amongst the best in the country providing fantastic outdoor attractions for all visitors. Nearly a quarter of the borough lies within the Peak District National Park, offering some of England's finest climbing, caving, walking and cycling.

The borough's 'great green spaces' are looked after by Oldham Countryside Service, which has four centres across the borough. Friendly staff are always on hand to provide information on Oldham's parks and countryside, along with available activities and events.

For more information on Oldham's parks and countryside please visit www.visitoldham.com

(12) 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

(13) 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 872598

(14) Tandle Hill

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

(15) 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 308 3909

(16) Alexandra Park

Described as the 'finest park in the land' by the Director of the National Parks Agency. This Grade 2 listed Victorian park boasts beautiful gardens, a boating lake and stunning period features.

(17) 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.

(18) 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)

(6) 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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