

Clayton Vale

Part of the Medlock River Valley that flows through East Manchester to the city centre, Clayton Vale is an area of reclaimed urban countryside.

Originally a quiet river valley, the Vale was changed dramatically during the industrial period. A number of works were on the site, as well as a smallpox hospital. From the early 1900's the site was used as a tip before being redeveloped in the 1980's.



The site consists of informal grasslands and wooded slopes. However there is still evidence of its industrial heritage.

Steep slopes and plateaus created by the landfill and alterations to the river Medlock can be seen. An Iron Age salt road also crosses the site. The two ponds on the Vale contain locally scarce plant species and common reed swamp and are of environmental importance.



How to Get to Clayton Vale

Access: There are two main entrances to Clayton Vale, one under the arches on Bank Bridge Road and one at the visitor centre on Edge Lane.

Bus: A number of buses run to Edge Lane, Clayton. Contact GMPTE for further information on 0161 228 7811 or www.gmpTE.com

Foot: Clayton Vale lies on the Medlock Valley Way and it is possible to follow this upstream to Daisy Nook, Parkbridge and other sites in Oldham and Tameside, or downstream to Manchester city centre. The western end of the Vale connects to Philips Park and the nearby City of Manchester Stadium.

Activities

Walking: A number of trails cross the valley providing good walking opportunities. As well as being part of the Medlock Valley Way, it is also possible to follow the Clayton Vale Heritage Trail that goes from Clayton Hall, through Philips Park and on to the Vale.

Health Walks: The Clayton and Newton Heath health walk scheme includes walks at Clayton Vale every Wednesday. Contact the Newton Heath Health Centre for further information on 0161 681 0940

Fishing: There is a fishing pond on site.



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