

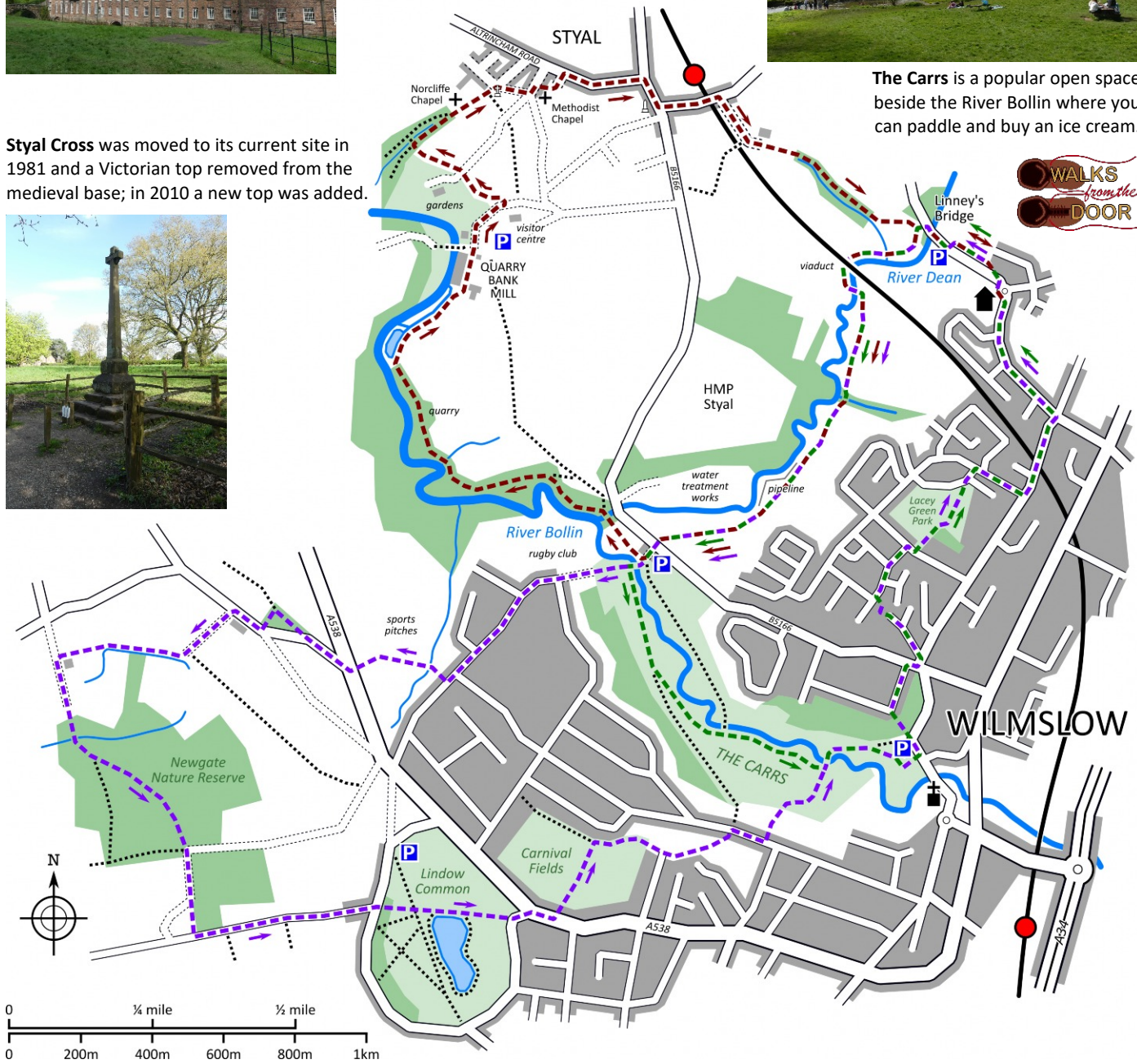


Quarry Bank Mill is operated by the National Trust and is one of the best-preserved textile factories of the Industrial Revolution. It was built in 1784 and the huge waterwheels can still be seen turning. The riverside gardens are a popular attraction.



The Carrs is a popular open space beside the River Bollin where you can paddle and buy an ice cream.

Styal Cross was moved to its current site in 1981 and a Victorian top removed from the medieval base; in 2010 a new top was added.



THREE CIRCULAR WALKS FROM THE



Stanneylands



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River Dean & The Carrs (3 miles: fairly easy)
Pleasant waterside walking alongside the Rivers Dean and Bollin
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Quarry Bank Mill & Styal (3¾ miles: fairly easy)
A riverside walk to "one of Britain's greatest industrial heritage sites", managed by the National Trust
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Lindow Common (5½ miles: moderate)
To a local nature reserve and back through a series of pleasant green spaces

River Dean & The Carrs (3 miles: fairly easy)

Allow 1½ hours. Initial path is a permitted path and may be muddy in winter. Steps and some urban walking.

1 From the hotel entrance, turn left past the traffic lights. **2** Cross at the traffic island to the left of the roundabout and turn left down the grassy verge. Beyond the last of the houses, an unofficial fieldside path leads to the right of the hedge down to the River Dean. **3** Go left through the hedge and turn right over Linneys Bridge. **4** Take the footpath at the sign on the left, then immediately climb a stile on the left onto a permissive path in the riverside meadow. **5** Follow the river to the railway viaduct and pass under the arches. **6** Turn left over a farm bridge and continue down the valley, with the river now on your right. **7** Climb a stile, pass under a pipeline and cross a side-stream via a footbridge. **8** Follow the bank beyond then descend to pass another section of pipeline. **9** Cross the final field to a stile out to the road. **10** Cross into the car park opposite and cross the river at the far end. **11** Turn left (signposted 'The Carrs'). **12** Follow the surfaced path with the river on your left for 500m then, beyond a footbridge, continue for a further 400m to a second. **13** Cross the Bollin and follow the path right, with the river now on your right. **14** Turn left before the children's playground and exit to Chancel Lane. A short diversion to the right leads to the parish church and town centre. **15** Otherwise, turn left past Wilmslow Parish Hall then, when the road bends right, climb the stone steps ahead. **16** Follow the path to Bollin Hill, where you turn right and proceed to Styal Road. **17** Turn right to the lights and cross over. **18** Turn right then left into Lacey Green, and immediately left again into Mount Pleasant. **19** At the end of the road, continue between houses onto a short path that bends right and left to Egerton Road. **20** Turn right and pass the ends of Oakdean Court (right) and Prescott Road (left) to the T-junction with Barlow Road. **21** Cross and turn right then almost immediately turn left into Lacey Green Park. Beyond the children's playground, bear right and left and cross the park to the far side, where you exit left into Park Crescent. **22** Turn right past the end of Park Drive to the junction with Twinnies Road. **23** Turn right and follow the road to the T-junction with Lacey Green. **24** Turn left past Suffolk Drive (left) and across the railway bridge. **25** At Stanneylands Road, turn left and follow the road for 350m back to The Stanneylands.

Quarry Bank Mill & Styal (3¾ miles: fairly easy)

Allow 2 hours plus time to look round Quarry Bank Mill and Styal village. The path alongside the River Dean is a permitted path and may be muddy. There are a few stiles en route.

Follow the **River Dean & The Carrs** walk as far as step **9**.

10 Don't cross the bridge at the end of the car park, but instead turn right beyond the toilet block, parallel to the road on your right. **11** Cross a footbridge over the River Dean just above its confluence with the Bollin, then turn left through a metal gate. **12** Follow the path alongside the Bollin for 250m and keep left when a path joins from the right. The path briefly leaves the river up a slight slope, then crosses a sidestream in a rocky gorge and passes a quarry on the right. **13** As you approach Quarry Bank Mill, pass a pond and weir on your left. **14** Cross a footbridge and pass under the bridge between the mill building (left) and the shop and ice-cream parlour (right), continuing behind the mill to the approach road. **15** Keep right and walk up the drive to the visitor centre on the right. **16** Turn left and left again on a path signposted 'Garden'. **17** Follow the broad path as it curves right. Keep right at the entrance to the gardens (following the arrow for 'Chapel Woods') and cross a track (again signposted 'Chapel Woods'). **18** When you reach a T-junction, turn right, signposted 'Styal Village'. **19** Ignoring a footbridge over the small stream on your left, continue ahead to the top of the wood, passing the Norcliffe Chapel. **20** Walk past Styal Cross on your right and take the next right, past a wooden bollard, a path which takes you to the Methodist Chapel. **21** Turn left then, after the thatched cottage on the right (nos. 9/10), turn right onto a narrow, hedged path beyond a private driveway. **22** This leads past a village pump between more thatched cottages and out to Altrincham Road. **23** Turn right and pass the garden centre (right) and Ship Inn (left) to reach the B5166. **24** Turn right. **25** Opposite the war memorial, turn left into Station Road. Cross the railway bridge and turn immediately right, down a driveway with a footpath sign and signs for houses called Hideaway and Byways. **26** Ignoring a footbridge on your right, follow the driveway left, away from the railway and past a house. **27** Go through a kissing gate into a field beyond the house and cross to a stile at the head of a small stream valley. Follow the path to the left of the stream, crossing a couple of footbridges. **28** On emerging into a field above the Dean valley, bear left along the top of the bank then cross a farm track to another stile. **29** Turn right and follow the footpath down to the road by Linneys Bridge. **30** Cross the river and follow the road past a parking area and up the hill. **31** Keep right at the roundabout to return to the entrance to The Stanneylands.

Lindow Common (5½ miles: moderate)

Allow 2–3 hours. Some paths may be muddy. Some stiles, steps and urban walking.

Follow steps **1–10** of the **River Dean & The Carrs** walk.

11 Follow the path ahead, ignoring the path signposted to The Carrs on the left. **12** Leave the river and climb to a gate, beyond which pass Wilmslow Rugby Club (right). **13** Pass the ends of Woodlands Road and Vale Road (right) and Broad Walk (left) then, by a post box, turn right into a narrow footpath between two houses. **14** Descend to cross a footbridge then continue along the path beyond, with sports pitches away to your right. Beyond a house, the path emerges on the main road. **15** Cross with great care and follow Mobberley Road opposite. **16** When the road bends left, take a path through a gate on the right. **17** At the end of the wooded area, leave the main path to follow a narrow path left back to the road. **18** Ignoring the track opposite, cross and turn right past the bus stop. **19** After the last house, turn left at a footpath sign and walk down a hedged green lane. **20** At the junction of paths at the bottom, turn right and follow a path alongside a ditch for 350m until you emerge next to a house. **21** Turn left and shortly, when the driveway swings right, continue straight ahead along a track. **22** Beyond a gate, continue into the woodland of Newgate Nature Reserve. **23** Beyond a stream, bear left and follow the obvious path as it curves right up a slight hill. **24** Near the top, turn left onto a similar path and continue over the hill before descending to a junction with paths from right and left. **25** Continue beyond a gate to another junction by a nature reserve noticeboard, where you keep left by a kissing gate along a path out to the road known as Newgate. **26** Turn left and follow the metalled road for 500m, ignoring a couple of bridleways off to the right. **27** When you reach Racecourse Road, cross straight over through the kissing gate onto Lindow Common. **28** Follow the path ahead through the trees then cross a heathery area to the end of Black Lake. There is a path to the right leading round the lake if you wish to extend your exploration. Otherwise, bear left along the top end of the lake then continue ahead along a tree-lined path to a kissing gate at the edge of the common. **29** Cross and turn left to the main road. **30** Cross carefully and turn right along the pavement. **31** After 50m, turn left at the entrance to the Carnival Field. **32** When the service road swings left, go through the wooden kissing gate into the open space, and cross to the far side. **33** Turn right along the garden fence at the top and then follow the path between gardens in the far corner. **34** At a fork by a bollard, turn left and continue between the gardens to Hawthorn Lane. **35** Ignoring the path opposite, cross and turn right along the pavement. **36** After 100m, turn left along a path past a barrier into The Carrs. **37** Follow the path right and left as it curves down to the River Bollin.

Now jump to step **13** of the **River Dean & The Carrs** walk for directions back to The Stanneylands Hotel.

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