



# mini-Manc Sightseer 60

MW43

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You can start this ride from Sale Water Park (where there is free parking) or Heaton Park (pay & display). You could also start at one of several stations along the route but note that non-folding bikes are not allowed on Metrolink trams. There is some off-road cycling, but you can use a road bike, a gravel bike, a mountain bike etc Manchester is very much work in progress, but it will be great when it's finished. You may find construction work impedes your way, so take a map. You should perhaps avoid riding it when City or United are at home.

For a successful validation, you must:

- enter at **[www.delphcyclist.info/MiniMancPerm.html](http://www.delphcyclist.info/MiniMancPerm.html)** (don't worry about the ride date at this stage)
- register your ride date by texting **07931 911324** or emailing **mike@PeakAudax.co.uk** before you start
- visit all the controls listed below within the time limits - note that this is a non-mandatory route
- establish your "proof of passage" by
  - downloading the [eBrevet](#) - see **[www.delphcyclist.info/eBrevet.html](http://www.delphcyclist.info/eBrevet.html)**
  - or recording a [GPS track](#) (must be .GPX format) showing you visited each Control Location
  - or collecting [till receipts](#) or ATM slips from anywhere at the Control Location
- completing [all](#) the details on your Brevet Card (name, address, ride date, control locations and times plus your signature) and returning to me within 14 days of your ride

**Controls:** The ride works best using the E-Brevet app or a GPX track to authenticate your ride. The route is advisory, but you should ensure that you pass within 1/2km of the locations below (indicated by Grid Reference and [what3words.com](http://what3words.com)). If you haven't access to the app or GPX you may still collect receipts from the various suggested locations.

**eBrevet:** Ride Code **MW43**.

<b>Sale Water Park</b>	The route sheet starts from Sale Water Park Visitor Centre (SJ 06 925/ <i>civic.flames.flight</i> )			
<b>Heaton Park</b>	 SD 832 044 <i>wants.global.front</i>	<b>TILL RECEIPT</b> from Heaton Park cafe	17	17
<b>Didsbury</b>	 SJ 847 918 <i>cook.renew.trying</i>	<b>TILL RECEIPT</b> from Costa café, School Lane	18	35
<b>Velodrome</b>	 SJ 874 987 <i>handy.bake.fame</i>	<b>TILL RECEIPT</b> from Starbucks café	11	46
<b>Sale Water Park</b>	 SJ 806 925 <i>civic.flames.flight</i>	<b>TILL RECEIPT</b> from café	16	62

**RIDE DETAILS:** see **[www.delphcyclist.info/MiniMancPerm.html](http://www.delphcyclist.info/MiniMancPerm.html)** for GPX files, Route sheet, Maps, etc

**CLIMBING:**      **360m** (total climbing)      **106m** (max elevation)      AAA points: **0**


**TIME LIMITS:**    **2 hrs 5 mins** (30kph) and **5 hrs 12 mins** (12kph)

# Manchester Sightseer

## Sale – Heaton Park (17km)

1 continue towards tramstop

0.3  Rifle Road

0.6  walk over Jacksons Boat bridge and continue north to **Barlow Moor**

**Hardy Lane Extension:** a planned dual carriageway from south Manchester to connect to the motorway. Never built and route used instead by Metrolink

0.9  along Hardy Lane with the tram

1.8   Barlow Moor Road



3.0   cross Wilbraham Road

**Sedge Lynn (Wetherspools):** former billiard hall ironically opened by a Temperance movement. The former cinema next door was the venue of the first performance by three local brothers who grew up to become the **Bee Gees**

3.5   Kensington Road

3.7   Oswald Road

4.0   at school gates  
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 o Warwick Road South

4.8   beside Metrolink stop and over tram tracks  
 continue on Brian Statham Way

**Brian Statham:** a cricketer from Gorton who played for Lancashire and England. He once held the world record for most wickets taken in Test Cricket.

**University Academy 92:** co-founded by members of United's "class of '92" junior footballers

**Trafford Town Hall:** a neo-classical building, inaugurated as Stretford Town Hall in 1933

5.1   cross Talbot Road

5.4   cross Chester Road onto Sir Matt Busby Way


**Roman Road:** cross route to Deva (Chester)

**Sir Matt Busby Way:** named for a former City player!

**United Trinity:** Statue of George Best, Dennis Law and Bobby Charlton

**Sir Alex Ferguson Way:** manager of Aberdeen FC, who won the 1985 Scottish Championship, the last team to do so that isn't Rangers or Celtic

5.9   cross Wharfside Way

6.3  **Salford Quays** cycleway on R over Tramtracks then left alongside waterfront

**Metrolink Trafford extension:** opened in 2020 taking the network to 103km with 99 stops.

**Salford Docks:** Once the 3<sup>d</sup> busiest port in Britain, closed in 1982 and redeveloped as **Salford Quays**

6.8  over footbridge

**Lowry Bridge:** vertical lift bridge linking the **Imperial War Museum North** and the **Lowry Centre**




**Lowry Centre:** named after a matchless Salford painter who may have done some shopping near here

7.1  cross over former Dock 9


**Dock 9:** the largest of the Ship Canal docks, used for services to Montreal.

**Media City:** home to the BBC and ITV. "Wetherfield" (the current set for Coronation Street) is nearby

7.7  Broadway

8.2   Trafford Road and  
 onto pavement at church tower

**St George's Church:** built 1858, closed 1993 and all but the tower demolished

8.5  use cycleway under A57/M602 O (NB zigzag R & L in the middle)

8.7  onto Cross Lane