



mini-Manc Sightseer 60

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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** (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**
 - 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). If you haven't access to the app or GPX you may still collect receipts from the various suggested locations.

eBrevet: Ride Code **MW43**.

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

RIDE DETAILS: see **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
 ont
 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^d 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

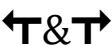
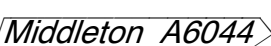
8.2   Trafford Road and
 onto pavement at church tower

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

9.2	 Cross Lane
9.4	 Broad Street
Salford University: started life as the Royal Technical Institute in 1896.	
Joule House: (across the road) residence of the Salford-born brewer, physicist and unit of energy	
9.9	 between beside University and the river through Peel Park
Peel Park: named for former Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel from Bury, who did much to encourage the creation of public parks, as well as founding the police.	
Willow trees: latin "salix", gives its name to both salicylic acid and Salford	
11.1	 Frederick Road, over bridge then
William Robinson: Salford's mayor between 1878 - 1881 gets plenty of credit for this bridge opened 1880	
11.2	 onto riverside cyclepath  over river, straight onto Gerald Rd
11.6	 Seaford Road
11.8	 Cromwell Road
Manchester Racecourse: closed in 1963, only part of the grandstand remains. Local bookie Fred Done is behind the housing development on the site	
Richard Husband: another mayor, another bridge	
12.1	 Lower Broughton Road
Broughton RUFC: formed in 1869, still playing locally. They predate Broughton Park RUFC (1882) now playing in South Manchester and Broughton Rangers RLFC (1877) who became a founder member of Rugby League in 1895	
The Cliff: Manchester United's former training ground and now home to their Women's team	
13.0	 onto Hope Street  on Knoll Street (not the cobbles!)
13.3	 onto Bury New Rd
13.5	 New Hall Road

14.1	 Old Hall Road
Broughton: Home to many Jewish refugees. Simon, 1 st Baron Marks of Broughton, and son of the "M" of M&S, was active in Zionism to establish Israel as a Jewish homeland.	
14.2	 Park Lane
Broughton House: opened 1916 for military veterans	
14.5	 Singleton Road
14.8	 Bury Old Road
15.7	  Sheepfoot Ln  into Heaton Park and continue through park towards the hall
Heaton Park: visitors include polish Pope John Paul II in 1982 for a mass Mass of over 100,000, and Oasis , who played to 210,000 over 3 nights in 2009 Crown Green bowling may be the norm "up north", but Heaton Park has the only flat bowling greens in Manchester built for the 2002 London Olympics Heaton Park BT tower: able to withstand a nuclear attack, although this hasn't been tested (yet)	
17.3	to   Heaton Hall for till receipt try the café, or continue to Golf Café or Sainsburys

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Heaton Park – Didsbury (21km)	
2	↑ behind Heaton Hall, downhill towards Golf Entrance (café on left)
0.9	↕  Heaton Park Road towards Sainsburys, through bollards to continue on Heaton Park Road
1.7	↩ Victoria Avenue
4.0	↪ 3 rd right Tweedle Hill Road (just before shops)
2.7	↩ Chapel Lane
3.5	↩ Market Street ↪  onto Lion Street
Pride in Blackley: there used to be a White Lion pub across the road from Ye Golden Lion. All on Lion Street of course. Pronounced 'Blakeley'	
5.8	↑ look for Glenmore Drive on R, then
5.9	↙ next left ↩ at Hendham Vale sign ↪ Hendham Vale City Centre
Hendham Vale: one of the Council's first major landscaping projects in the 1970s, transforming an industrial wasteland into a green riverside corridor for the benefit of the local community. River Irk: rises in Royton and adds its waters to the Irwell and ultimately the Mersey. Once noted for its eels, feeding on oils from the many woollen mills	
6.5	↑ through gate and soon ↙  CityCentre thru bollards
6.7	↪ Collyhurst Road
Angel Meadow: was one of the city's worst slums, greatly influenced visitors Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx when writing "The Communist Manifesto"	
8.5	↙ Dantzic Street Ring Road
8.6	↕  over A664 onto Dantzic Street, continue on pedestrian area

One Angel Square: HQ of the Co-op group, founded in Rochdale in 1844 - nicknamed the "sliced egg"	
8.8	↪ Miller Street
CIS Tower: once the tallest building in the UK, now it barely makes the top 10 in Manchester	
9.0	↕  Corporation Street
Balloon Street: James Sadler took off in a hot air balloon from a garden here in 1785, only the 2 nd such flight in the country. He took his cat with him	
Victoria Station and Manchester Arena: The scene of a terror attack in 2017. 	
Urbis Building: opened as the "Museum of the City" in 2002, now the "National Football Museum"	
9.3	↑ follow tramtracks through Exchange Square on Cross Street
The Printworks: former newspaper works but now a leisure hub, opened by Lionel Ritchie and Sir Alex Ferguson but I don't what they sang	
Exchange Square: former home of Corn Exchange	
Manchester Arndale Centre: opened in 1971, a massive IRA bomb devastated the area in 1996 but left the pillar box and its contents undamaged	
Town Hall: The Victorian Gothic building provides a great climbing frame for Father Christmas	
9.9	↕  John Dalton Street
John Dalton: devised the atomic theory	
10.0	↩  Deansgate
John Rylands Library: no-one knows what first attracted Enriqueta to millionaire entrepreneur and philanthropist John Rylands, 42 years her senior when they married. As his widow, she could certainly afford to build the library as a memorial	
Chopin: came to Manchester in 1848 to play a concert. Famous for writing "Could it Be Magic" for Manchester's Take That	
10.3	↕  Peter Street
Great Northern Railway goods warehouse: now houses a leisure development & yet more shops	

Free Trade Hall: Bob Dylan recorded his "Live at the Albert Hall" here in 1966 (to the calls of "Judas"). The Sex Pistols' concert in 1976, inspired the formation of Joy Division , The Smiths and The Fall . The site of the Peterloo Massacre in 1819	
Midland Hotel: where Charles Rolls met Henry Royce. Parking was a lot cheaper in those days	
Manchester Central Library: completed in 1934. The DIY section has plenty of books on Shelving.	
Palace Theatre: opened in 1891, one of two main theatres in Manchester	
Oxford Road Station: still awaiting refurbishment as part of the Northern Hub 	
Refuge Assurance Building: once an office building now a hotel. Had the same architect as the Town Hall	
Royal Northern College of Music: has many noted alumni including a Master of the Queens Music	
The Pankhurst Centre: on Nelson St, the former home of Emmeline Pankhurst & her daughters	
Manchester Victoria University: founded as Owens College in 1851. Mancunian J J Thompson studied here and earned one of Manchester's 25 Nobel prizes, as did Neils Bohr and Ernest Rutherford	
Whitworth Hall: named after engineer Joseph Whitworth, famous for his screws	
MRI (Manchester Royal Infirmary): a good place to come for a Magnetic Resonance Image (MRI) scan	
Whitworth Art Gallery: a Van Gogh, a Picasso and a Gauguin were stolen from here in 2003. If only their founder could have thought of a way of screwing them to the walls. The paintings were found in a local toilet	
Rusholme: home to the world famous "curry mile"	
Fallowfield Velodrome: venue for the 1893 Cup Final, once owned by Reg Harris, but now demolished and the site for the student Halls of Residence	
Marcus Rashford: a mural is on Copson Street near Winnington Costa	
16.4	 Wilmslow Road
Christie: one of Europe's leading cancer hospitals	
18.2	 onto School Lane at Costa ©  Didsbury

Didsbury – Velodrome (11km)	
3	continue on School Lane
1.0	 cross A34
A34/Kingsway: the only road in Manchester with a "3" prefix. Kingsway was built in the 1930s as a dual carriageway with a wide central reservation for trams	
1.2	 Burnage Lane
Oasis: Noel and Liam Gallagher were brought up in Cranwell Drive. Don't look back in Ancoats!	
2.6	 Errwood Road
Cringle Fields: backs onto Crossley Motors, a former car and bus maker	
4.5	 onto Transpennine Trail 
Fallowfield Loop: a former railway line allowing trains from Sheffield to access Manchester Central	
Levenshulme South: station open 1892, closed 1958	
Thirlmere Aqueduct: pipes bringing water to Audenshaw reservoirs from the Lake District	
8.2	 onto Canal path 
Stockport Branch Canal: opened in 1797, closed 1962, running to Lancashire Hill above Stockport	
10.6	 onto Ashton Canal 
Ashton Canal: part of the Cheshire Ring, also linking Manchester with Yorkshire via the Pennine tunnels. Open 1797, closed 1961, reopened 1974	
11.5	  then sharp L back over canal
National Cycling Centre: Cafés at McDonalds or Starbucks ©  SportCity	

Velodrome—Sale Water Park (16km)

4 left before Velodrome through car park

Bank Street: Newton Heath FC played here from 1893 to 1910 then moved to Old Trafford (they had changed their name to Manchester United)

0.2  and next
 Stuart Street
 onto canal towpath

Bradford coal mine: closed in 1968 because of subsidence, the site of the 2002 **Commonwealth Games stadium**, home to **Manchester City**

2.5   at lock 9 thru bollards
 Old Mill Street

Roman Road: leads to Eboracum (York)

2.8  over Great Ancoats Street

Store St Aqueduct: the world's first skewed aqueduct

Jutland Street: City Centre Manchester's steepest hill on the right; have a go at a 35% cobbled climb!

3.2  Boad Street
 Travis St under **Piccadilly** 

Piccadilly Station: was to be the terminal of the ill-fated Picc-Vic underground line, and perhaps of HS2.

3.7  Fairfield Street

The Star and Garter: a listed building, pub and a live music venue. It was moved brick by brick from its previous location when London Road Station was expanded in 1849. A further station expansion is again threatening its existence, an example of levelling down

4.0  Fairfield St

London Road Fire Station: an iconic building from 1906, has stood largely unused since 1986

 continue along Whitworth Street

Sackville Street/UMIST: now Manchester University. A sculpture of computer pioneer Alan Turing is in Sackville Park opposite

4.7  over **Oxford Rd** 

Harry Hall: 1989 World Masters Champion, and Tom Simpsons' mechanic when he died on Ventoux

Jack Rosenthal: former Coronation Street writer, has his own Street name. It leads to **Tony Wilson Place** with a statue of **Engels**

5.1  over Albion Street

Hacienda Apartments: on the site of the former nightclub founded by Tony Wilson from Granada TV

5.4  Deansgate
 1st left Bridgewater Street

Mamucium: reconstruction of the 79AD Roman fort.

5.7  Duke Street
 Street under brick viaduct, then immediately left and over canal bridge

6.0  onto canal towpath, over several "up and overs" at former wharves

Castlefield Basin: railways and canal have completely obliterated the Roman Fort

8.3 cross canal, double back, then under **Throstle Next Bridge**

11.2  at canal junction

13.2 through both sets of white gates then   &  & 
under canal and railway tunnels

13.6  follow narrow path alongside railway

14.0 over Mersey bridge, then keep lake on your left to Sale Sailing Centre

River Mersey: Merseyside starts here! An anglo-saxon word for "boundary" and divides Lancashire from Cheshire, and Mercia from Northumbria

Sale Water Park: a flooded former gravel pit used in the construction of the M63

15.0 continue on 5mph exit road to

15.5 © café on left  **Sale Water Park**