

1 SUNNY BROW PARK Named after **SUNNY BROW FARM**, which was originally on this site. It became a park in 1905.

2 ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH This Romanesque style parish church was opened in 1908 to serve the new houses being built in this area.

3 PEACOCK'S TREE Planted by *Richard Peacock*, the founder of Gorton's famous locomotive works, in memory of his wife.

4 GORTON HALL LODGE Originally the entrance to the grounds of **GORTON HALL**, built in the 17th century and demolished in 1906. The lodge bears the initials of *Richard Peacock* who occupied the hall from 1865.

5 MAIDEN'S BRIDGE The original bridge was built over Gore Brook in 1737 to save local women having to raise their skirts as they crossed the brook on stepping stones, as local legend has it.

6 FAR LANE Once called Fir Lane or Further Lane, this was the original road into Manchester before Hyde Road was built in the 1820's. It still has its eighteenth century cottages with numbers 46-50* dating from 1782.

7 BROOKFIELD LOWER MEADOW This is now a wildlife area through which the landscaped 'Peacock's Walk' was originally laid for its namesake to walk to church. The site of the Dissenters' chapel is in the area of the burial ground to the rear of Brookfield Church.

8 THE RICHARD PEACOCK MAUSOLEUM* This ornate marble and stone tomb is the resting place of the industrialist, benefactor and Gorton's first MP who died in 1889.

9 BROOKFIELD CHURCH* Dating from 1871. It was designed by *Thomas Worthington* and endowed by *Richard Peacock*, replacing the original Dissenter's Chapel. A mounting block from the chapel of 1703 stands near the lodge.

10 WAGON & HORSES The original pub on this site, dated to 1833, was later owned by *John Jennison*, the creator of **BELLE VUE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**. The present building dates from 1936.

11 BUTTERFLY GARDEN Created as part of the Heritage Trail as a wildlife haven.

12 THE OLD SALT ROAD Part of an ancient route going north from the salt mines of Northwich.

13 VALE COTTAGE INN Originally 18th century cottages it became a roadside inn when the Salt Road was in use.

14 TAN YARD BROW Site of an old tannery which closed in 1959 utilising the water of Gore Brook. Cottages 56-60* were built in the 18th century for tannery workers.

15 SPRING BANK FARM* Originally dating from 1780 and thatched it has been much altered over the years. (Private property; no public access).

16 GORTON LOWER RESERVOIR Constructed in the 1820's to supply water to Manchester's rapidly expanding population. Amongst the first municipal reservoirs to be built in the country it is now used for recreation.

17 DEBDALE PARK The land was originally purchased by Manchester City Council in the 1870s for further possible work around the reservoir. In time it became a recreation area and in 1929 a municipal park.

18 GORTON HOUSE* Built about 1790 by *Robert Grimshaw*, of a local wealthy textile manufacturing family, who introduced mechanised looms to Manchester. It subsequently had many owners and uses finally becoming part of the park.

19 HERITAGE GARDEN Opened in 2015 featuring plants that were used in local historical textile industries.

20 GORTON HOUSE LODGES These mark the entrance to the Grimshaw's estate; they have now been partly restored with one as a Visitor Centre.



Follow the **GORTON HERITAGE TRAIL** along the Gore Brook Valley Conservation Area

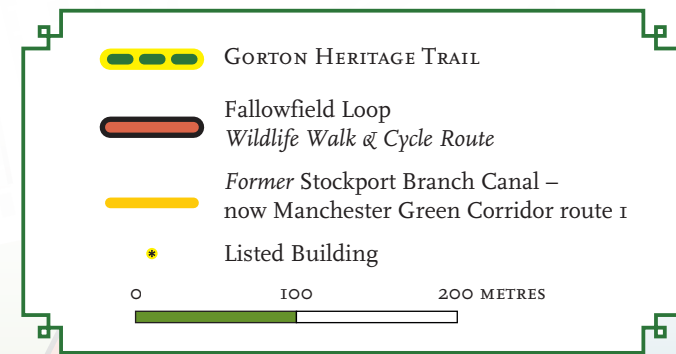


GORTON HERITAGE TRAIL

Gorton Heritage Trail has been designed to promote and conserve the heritage and wildlife of Gore Brook Valley.

It lies mainly within the Gore Brook Conservation area. There are eight listed buildings and other places of interest along the trail.

The trail runs through what is still a surprisingly rural and environmentally diverse area: it has a meadow area along Gore Brook and a Butterfly Garden which give an ecological dimension to the trail.



OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST NEARBY:

- Gorton Cemetary ▪ High Bank ▪ Site of Gorton Villa & Rylands Mill
- Lord Nelson & Fox Fold ▪ Old Gorton Police Station ▪ The Plough ▪ St. James' Church

FURTHER AFIELD:

- Belle Vue site ▪ Gorton Monastery ▪ Fenian Arch ▪ Boundary Stone & Toll Gate