

A little way past the ruin there is Carr pond that held the spring water for the farm 5.

You are now at the start of a beautiful woodland walk. It will take you past the site of a very old charcoal platform on the left of the path 6.

Walk on up through the woods, and where the path forks near the fallen tree take the left fork going slightly down hill.

At the top where the path is near the tarmac road, cross over the steep old cobbled path 7 and take the path down through the woods to Chimney Field 8. Near the seats that are close to where the chimney used to be there is a Board 9 that explains the history and wildlife of this area. Follow the track downhill, and at the junction turn right on to the cobbled path with the iron railings.

This takes you to the lower part of the park near the Church 10. Turn left at the bottom into the woods with the church on your right. You will see a junction. If you take the left hand track you will soon find the "Holy well" 11. Big stone flagstones cover a stone-lined well for spring water. It was in place before the nearby houses and the church were built so its purpose is not yet understood.

Go down the steps and join the main path again. Follow this until you reach a stream coming down the hill side. This area has been cleared to encourage the growth of small plants; some woodland wild flowers have been planted by local schools 12 and the Friends of Centre Vale Park have provided a wildlife Information board near the bridge.

A little further along the main path you will see some steps on your left. There is an interpretation board for Platts House 13 on the main path. The steps up to Platts are uneven and steep, so you might choose to continue on the main path and down the hill.

The ruins of the 17th century Platts farm are at the top of the steps.

If you go up to the Platts ruin, take the wide path that curves up behind where the house used to stand 13. At the top turn right and there is an old stone trough in the wall on your left 14 that supplied spring water for the farm.

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This main path is called Lovers Walk, once a favourite place for a stroll on a summer Sunday. The railings on the right-hand side have been replaced recently, but the stone pillars are original 15.

Now work your way downhill through the lower woodland. You might notice stone troughs and old gate posts that tell us some of the history of farming on this hillside. Imagine this place when there were animals grazing in meadows sloping down to the river, and very few trees.



At the bottom you reach a junction near the coach yard where you started. Notice the fine statue of John Fielden at the junction of the paths. An interpretation board explains why this man is so important in Todmorden's history 16.

Your Trail ends in the front of where the Fielden's Centre Vale Mansion used to stand overlooking the park 17.

## We hope you have enjoyed the Trail.

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# Welcome to the Centre Vale Park Heritage Trail



We recommend that you start at the Coach Yard behind the site of Centre Vale Mansion and the "Lucky Dog". The Trail Heritage Map and information 1 is on the wall.

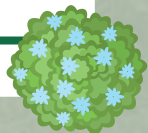
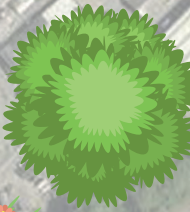
The Trail begins with a path 2 up the hill, through the meadow. You will walk over three stone turn-bys directing the water off the path. Continue towards the arches that supported a big barn called Carr Laithe. This meadow is now a local wildlife area full of wildflowers in summer.



The Trail takes you up the steps to the platform on which Carr Laithe used to stand. This is a good view point where you can read about the history of this old farm 3.

With your back to the view you now walk up the path to your right. There are some very uneven old steps in the wall on the left but you need not use those. If you follow the path a bit further and then turn left up the hill you will be at the site of the ruined Farm house called Carr Farm, which has almost disappeared back to nature 4.





# Centre Vale Park Heritage Trail Map

