

New Mills

Located in the High Peak, on the confluence of the Rivers Goyt and Sett, the town is divided by the Torrs, a sandstone gorge about 30 metres deep

Formed from four villages of Whittle, Ollersett, Thornsett and Beard, the first mill was the corn mill owned by the Duchy of Lancaster which predates 1390.

Slowly, the town of New Mills developed around this first mill, and was first mentioned in medieval times. The town's wealth was built upon the many mills that were serviced by the Peak Forest Canal, and by two railways lines out of Manchester Piccadilly - to Sheffield and Buxton.

Getting There:

By Bus: bus number 358, from Stockport or Hayfield, no.60, from either Macclesfield or Hayfield, or no.61, Buxton to Hayfield.

By Train: New Mills Central serves the Manchester Piccadilly to Sheffield trains. Dismounting, walk uphill, turn right and then right again at the Bus Station.

New Mills Newtown serves the Buxton line out of Manchester Piccadilly. Walk downhill to the traffic lights, turn left up Union Road. The Bus Station is by the mini-roundabout.

Walks presented by Rock Mill Centre and New Mills Walkers are Welcome.

All walks are free of charge. Both Rock Mill Centre and New Mills Walkers are Welcome rely on voluntary donations.



Guided Walks Around New Mills, 2026



About the Walks:

All walks start at 10.00am on a Thursday, outside the Rock Mill Centre on Rock Mill Lane, behind the Bus Station.

All walks are led by Mike Daniels, chairman of both New Mills Walkers are Welcome and the Local History Society.

Walk One - Thursday 23rd April 2026

Bridges of New Mills:

A three and a half mile walk visiting many of the bridges to be found in New Mills. Mainly on roads or good footpaths, the walk includes inclines and steps.

Expect two and a half to three hours.

Walk Two - Thursday 21st May 2026

New Mills Co-operative and Industrial Society:

A three or four mile walk visiting sites associated with the Co-operative Society and the various branches locally. The walk is mainly on pavements and good footpaths. There are hills.

Expect three hours.

Walk Three - Thursday 23rd July 2026

The History of Education in New Mills:

A linear three mile walk tracing a path through the history of education in New Mills. The walk is mainly roadwork, with a short amount on good footpaths.

Expect three hours.

Walk Four - Thursday 20th August 2026

Places of Worship in New Mills:

A three mile walk around the places of worship in New Mills. Good footpaths, though there are inclines along the way.

Expect two and half to three hours.

Walk Five - Thursday 3rd September 2026

A Short Walk Through Historic New Mills (1):

A two mile walk taking in some of the history of the Town Centre. Expect hills, though the walk is entirely along pavements.

Expect two hours.

Walk Six - Thursday 24th September 2026

A Short Walk Through Historic New Mills (2);

A two and half mile walk exploring further aspects of the town's history. This will be hilly and slightly more challenging than other walks.

Expect two and a half hours.