

# Don't Just Pass Through

## Take The Time To Discover All That The Calder Valley Has To Offer

The Calder Valley is home to numerous market towns, each steeped in history and providing a wealth of things to see and do for all ages. Below we provide you with an insight into what's on offer in just a few of the locations on our train route.

### Rochdale

Renowned as a prominent mill town in the 19th century and notable for its textile manufacturing history, Rochdale today is a market town positioned at the foothills of the South Pennines. The town sits on the River Roach and provides plenty for visitors to see and do, including walking the Rochdale canal and providing easy access to the popular Pennine Way. For those looking for culture the Rochdale Pioneers Museum, the Town Hall Tours and Touchstones Rochdale Museum will not fail to disappoint.



### Todmorden

Todmorden is a bustling, friendly, market town nestled in the upper Calder Valley (Best Small Market Town of the Year 2018). The town boasts breath-taking scenery along with some iconic architecture, a range of interesting shops, a food culture presenting a variety of cafes and eateries and a thriving art community. There really is something for everyone. For the more adventurous visitors the positioning of the town at the base of three steep valleys makes it the perfect location for walking, cycling, horse riding and bird watching.



Stoodley Pike, Calder Valley

### Hebden Bridge

With a focus on Independent Shopping and 'Eat Well, Drink Well' there is certainly a lot to be discovered in this picturesque town situated in the heart of the Yorkshire Pennines. Visit the bridge itself, from which the town derives its name, then complete the Central Trail where you can stroll back in time and discover the history of the town, visit the birth place of the Poet Laureate Ted Hughes, take in St Georges Square and visit the markets. Fancy venturing further – why not take a bus to the top of the Moors and visit Stoodley Pike – the obelisk that dominates the horizon.



### Sowerby Bridge

This mill town is unique in that the heart of it is formed by the meeting of two rivers and two canals. In recent years Sowerby Bridge has grown in popularity for its high quality and diverse food and drink offering, however, its history runs much deeper and there is plenty for visitors to discover. Wander through the open market, view the stunning architecture of Christ Church and then treat yourself to well-earned refreshments at the Hogs Head Brew House. With an array of things to see and do it is easy to lose yourself in the beauty of this historic mill town.



### Halifax

Halifax is Calderdale's largest town, located on the River Calder it is packed full of charm, history and character. Home to some of Yorkshire's most famous landmarks including the Halifax Minster, the Piece Hall and Wainhouse Tower, Halifax offers something to do for all ages and tastes. From museums, parks, bars and restaurants to exploring the great outdoors, visit for a day or a short break to discover this hidden gem in the Calder Valley.



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