

# Rochdale Town Centre

## Points of Interest & Transport Links

Rochdale Town centre offers a range of fascinating places to visit all year round. Since the early Victorian times, the centre has been a hub for commerce, trade, and culture.

This map highlights our most treasured attractions and will help you locate the perfect spot to eat, drink and shop during your visit.



## Points of interest

- 1 TOUCHSTONES MUSEUM, ART GALLERY & CAFE**  
A historic building housing an art gallery, a heritage museum with artefacts, and a casual café.
- 2 ROCHDALE PIONEERS MUSEUM**  
The museum is housed in the building where the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society started trading on 21 December 1844. It is regarded as the birthplace of the modern cooperative movement.
- 3 HISTORIC BRIDGE**  
The opening of the river offers visitors a stunning historical attraction and an attractive place to sit and watch the world go by.
- 4 ROCHDALE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE**  
The interchange comprises a modern bus station and the terminus on the Oldham and Rochdale Line of Greater Manchester's light rail Metrolink system.
- 5 NUMBER ONE RIVERSIDE**  
Incorporates Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council civic offices and customer services centre, and Rochdale Central Library.
- 6 CHAMPNESS HALL**  
Champness Hall is an Art Deco building which takes advantage of its strategic location in the middle of Drake Street. The 2,000 seated auditorium is the centrepiece of the Champness Hall.
- 7 FIREGROUND**  
The recently restored and expanded Museum tells the story of fire-fighting, particularly in the Greater Manchester region. Twenty-five larger exhibits make up the appliance fleet, supported by many other items of fire-fighting equipment, uniforms, models, medals and insignia, paintings, curios and other objects.

## Areas of interest

- A EDUCATIONAL QUARTER**  
The Sixth Form College campus is situated next to Hopwood Hall College, forming the Educational Quarter.
- B EXCHANGE SHOPPING CENTRE**  
Rochdale Exchange is home to around 40 stores including B&M Bargains, Clarks, and Holland & Barrett. The centre's multi-storey car park has spaces for over 800 vehicles.
- C ST. MARY'S QUARTER**  
Discover the Pioneers Museum and the beautiful St Mary in the Baum, as well as an array of independent shops.
- D UPPERBANKS**  
The town centre's newest neighbourhood contains over 200 apartments and a hotel.
- E BAILLIE STREET QUARTER**  
A host of vibrant bars, eateries, and independent shops. In the heart of the area lies a ginnel known as Bull Brow. Today this ginnel is used to access several eateries but in the early 19th century it was route used by cattle to access the town's slaughterhouses.
- F ROCHDALE RIVERSIDE RETAIL & LEISURE**  
Rochdale Rochdale Riverside Retail & Leisure is a retail and leisure destination, containing a cinema, restaurants, and great high street fashion brands.
- G TOWN HALL SQUARE**  
It is widely recognised as being one of the finest municipal buildings in the country. The restored venue offers great visitor and community experiences.
- H BROADFIELD PARK**  
Rochdale's town centre park is of considerable landscape beauty and charm, with significant views of the area.
- I STATION SQUARE**  
The gateway to Rochdale Town Centre from the Calder Valley rail line, including interchange with Metrolink, and the location of Nye Bevan House, the Fireground Museum, the Grade II Listed St John Baptist RC Church. Station Square lies within the Maclure Road Conservation Area.

