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MORE DAYS OUT

FROM ECCLES STATION.

(OR PATRICROFT IF YOU PREFER!)

The first fifty itineraries in **'Trips out from Eccles Station'** have proved to be quite popular! Therefore I have produced fifty new ones in this companion volume, to be published to mark the 180th anniversary of the opening of Eccles Railway Station. I hope you get as much enjoyment from these as I did in researching them!

They are intended mainly to be pleasurable rather than challenging - most of the walks can be fitted into a morning, an afternoon or an early evening in summer – but I've put a few in for hikers too.

Although maps are helpful for the walks they are not necessary for all of them as I have tried to make the instructions absolutely clear as to which routes to take. However I would recommend strongly that you take a map on the countryside and hill walks so that hopefully you can't get lost!

A 'category one' rail trip should cost no more than the cost of the Greater Manchester Rail Ranger ticket for the day. <u>A 'category two' rail trip costs no</u> <u>more than twice the cost of a Greater Manchester Rail Ranger day ticket. And</u> <u>so on for category three etc.</u>

Sometimes the whole cost of the day including travel, admission and meals is given in the same terms so a 'category four' total trip out would cost as much as four rail ranger tickets in total.

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