

Sites of Special Scientific Interest are of national importance and are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. They are protected because of their special interest of flora, fauna, or geological or physiographical features. The SSSI system aims to protect a representative range of the best habitats found in the UK.

### **There are currently two SSSIs in Manchester.**

**Cotteril Clough** (near the Airport) is an excellent example of Ancient woodland with an outstanding ground flora that is very species-rich, containing an assemblage of county rarities and uncommon plants.



**Rochdale Canal** contains the internationally important plant species floating water plantain. The canal is also an important habitat for invertebrates and amphibians.

