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OUR WALK DIFFICULTY RATINGS

In this pack you'll find directions to the site, a summary of the walk, a list of facilities available, a detailed route map and route instructions.



These walks are easy to complete and do not require special footwear. Most of the walks are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.



These walks are mainly flat and on surfaced paths, however they can become muddy in wet weather.



These walks include rough terrain and steeper gradients, making them unsuitable for young children and the infirm.



These walks are for the experienced ramblers, are at high altitudes and require good compass reading skills. Walking boots, food and drink and appropriate clothing and waterproofs are essential.



Podcasts are available for walks featuring this symbol, just visit the recreation section on the Yorkshire Water website and click on the podcast link.

Visit the easy access page for a choice of more walks, all of which are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.



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WALKS IN NORTH YORKSHIRE & EAST RIDING

- 1 **SCAR HOUSE & ANGRAM (4 MILES) (EASY ACCESS 3.7 MILES)** 
NEAR MIDDLES Moor IN NIDDERDALE, NORTH OF PATELEY BRIDGE.....
- 2 **SWINSTY (3 MILES) (EASY ACCESS 3 MILES)** 
NEAR FEWSTON, OFF THE A59 HARROGATE / SKIPTON ROAD AT BLUBBERHOUSES.....
- 3 **GRIMWITH (4.5 MILES)** 
OFF THE B6265 PATELEY BRIDGE / GRASSINGTON ROAD NEAR DIBBLES BRIDGE.....
- 4 **THRUSCROSS (4.5 MILES)** 
NORTH OF BLUBBERHOUSES WHICH IS SITUATED ON THE A59 HARROGATE/SKIPTON ROAD.....
- 5 **TOPHILL LOW (3 MILES)** 
IN THE PARISH OF WATTON, EAST OF HUTTON, CRANSWICK.....
- 6 **EMBSAY (1 MILE)** 
EMBSAY MOOR, 1 MILE NORTH OF SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE.....



Scar House & Angram

Description

Situated at the head of Nidderdale, this often wild yet beautiful area can be explored using the circular route of Scar House Reservoir or for the more adventurous be extended to include a more challenging walk around Angram Reservoir. Both routes include a mixture of tarmac roads, rough tracks and moorland paths with stiles, steps and steep climbs. Boots are recommended and appropriate clothing should be worn as the weather can change quite quickly. The walk is 4 miles long, plus an option to extend to 6.2 miles.

Location

Near Middlesmoor in Nidderdale, north of Pateley Bridge.

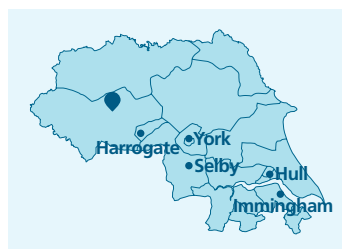
Access

From our car park near the end of Scar House dam point 1. This is reached in 3.75 miles by taking our private tarmac access road from the Lofthouse to Middlesmoor Road approximately 100m on the right after Lofthouse village.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer OL30 - Yorkshire Dales North and Central.



Swinsty

Description

This route around Swinsty Reservoir nestles in the stunning Washburn Valley and provides breathtaking views across the water and the surrounding landscape, especially from the embankment near the River Washburn or various rest points dotted along the walk. The walk is 3 miles long and a podcast is available to accompany the route.

Location

Near Fewston, off the A59 Harrogate / Skipton Road at Blubberhouses.

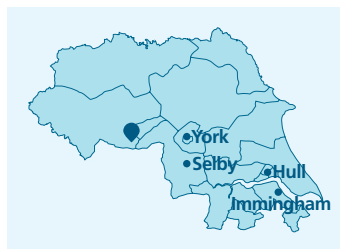
Access

The route can be accessed from our Swinsty Moor car park point 1 at the southern end of the Fewston Reservoir Embankment. Please note that there is a 2.2m height barrier.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer map 297



Photograph: Wayne Scott



Grimwith

Description

Lying within the confines of the reservoir boundary wall, this walk provides stunning views of the adjacent moors, the valley and the lower Yorkshire Dales. There are plenty of opportunities for budding photographers to take a snap of the wildlife, rolling hills or sailing boats gliding across the crystal blue waters. The walk is 4.5 miles long.

Location

Off the B6265 Pateley Bridge / Grassington Road near Dibbles Bridge.

Access

Signed from the B6265. Follow the access road to our car park point 1.

Facilities



OS Map: Outdoor Leisure 10 - Yorkshire Dales South.



Thruscross

Description

A more challenging walk, this route runs from the car park at Thruscross through woodland, rough pastures and moorland alongside the edge of the reservoir. The surrounding scenery is beautiful with an array of interesting geographical features including crags, ghylls, streams and the River Washburn. Some parts of the route are rocky and muddy so boots are recommended. Yorkshire writer Peter Robinson is renowned for lacing his work with Dales settings and our land and reservoirs have played a significant role in his stories, including In A Dry Season - a story inspired by the summer when the waters of Thruscross receded enough for the ruins of the sunken village of West End to emerge from the deep for the first time in decades.

Location

North of Blubberhouses which is situated on the A59 Harrogate/ Skipton Road.

Access

From our car park at the western end of Thruscross Dam, point 1, where there is a 2.2 metre height barrier.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer map 297





Tophill Low

Description

Tophill Low Nature Reserve is a haven for thousands of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, amphibians and even the occasional grass snake. There are 12 hides at the reserve all with unique vantage points over ponds, marshes and reservoirs. The two reservoirs have been declared as Sites of Special Scientific Interest and are nationally important for birds. There is an information centre on site where you can learn more about the wildlife in this area. Please feel free to pop in and pick up one of our visitor guides.

Location

In the parish of Watton, east of Hutton, Cranswick.

Access

From the A164 Beverley to Driffield Road. Leave the A164 at Watton, sign posted Tophill Low Pumping Station and follow the brown tourist signs along unclassified road for 6.5km/4 miles. Turn right at the main gates and follow the road round to the car park. Open Wednesday to Sunday 9am – 6pm during the summer months, and 9am – 4pm during the winter. The reserve is normally closed Mondays and Tuesdays, but is open on Bank Holiday Mondays. There is a small permit charge for access to this site.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer 295 Driffield, Hornsea



Embsay

Description

Near the market town of Skipton, on the outskirts of the village of Embsay this short circular walk around the Embsay Moor Reservoir gives wide views over the surrounding fields and moorland edge including Embsay Crag. The walk is 1 mile long.

Location

Embsay Moor, 1 mile north of Skipton, North Yorkshire

Access

Access to the reservoir is via Pasture Road from the village of Embsay. This is the only road to the reservoir out of the village and it's narrow, so be careful. From the village square (Elm Tree Square) turn off Main Street and onto Pasture Road by the Elm Tree Pub. Follow the road uphill into our car park at the reservoir (approximately 1 mile from the village).

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer 290 York – Selby



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WALKS IN WEST YORKSHIRE

1 DIGLEY (4.9 MILES)

SOUTH WEST OF HOLMFIRTH



2 OGDEN (3 MILES) (EASY ACCESS 1.2 MILES)

EAST OF HALIFAX



3 HAWORTH MOOR (4.8 MILES)

SOUTH-WEST OF HAWORTH SITUATED BETWEEN MELTHAM AND SLAITHWAITE



4 BLACKMOORFOOT (1.3 MILES)

SOUTH-WEST OF HUDDERSFIELD SITUATED BETWEEN MELTHAM AND SLAITHWAITE



5 SCAMMONDEN (4.1 MILES)

OFF THE A640 TO THE WEST OF HUDDERSFIELD



6 ECCUP (4.5 MILES) (EASY ACCESS 3 MILES)

NORTH OF ALWOODLEY, NORTH LEEDS



Difficulty: 

Digley

Description

Digley offers an invigorating walk, running along lanes, fields and over open moorland accommodating wide ranging views of the reservoir and surrounding countryside. The walk is 4.9 miles long.

Location

South-west of Holmfirth

Access

From our Digley Quarry car park point 1 to the north of Digley reservoir.

Facilities



OS Map: Outdoor Leisure 1 Dark Peak.

Difficulty: 

Ogden

Description

This absorbing walk offers a feast of different landscapes including rough pastures, picturesque woodland, soothing streams and rugged moorland. The walk also provides a spectacular viewing point for the nearby wind farm on Knoll Hill before you descend alongside a golf course on Ovenden Moor towards the dam at Ogden Reservoir. The walk is 3 miles long plus an optional 1 mile extension.

Location

East of Halifax

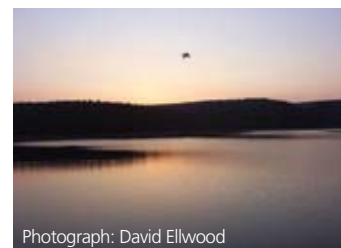
Access

Off the A629 Halifax to Keighley road at Causeway Foot Inn. There is parking near the site entrance in Calderdale Council's car park, point 1.

Facilities



OS Map: Outdoor Leisure Map 1



Photograph: David Ellwood



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Haworth Moor

Description

Straddling the Pennines, this invigorating walk sweeps through the wild moorland and heather which was an inspiration for the Bronte sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne. The paths and tracks on this route provide views up to Top Withens ruins, connected locally to Emily's famous novel Wuthering Heights and the surrounding moors. Visitors are asked to keep all dogs on a lead in the interest of farming and conservation. The walk is 4.8 miles long.

Location

South-west of Haworth situated between Meltham and Slaithwaite.

Access

Car Parking at Blackmoorfoot is on the roadside on Reservoir Road near point 1 - please park carefully and have consideration for other road users.

Facilities



OS Map: OL21 – South Pennines.



Blackmoorfoot

Description

This walk provides wide views of Blackmoorfoot Reservoir. Running along 3 sides of the reservoir, the route encompasses woodland and tranquil water edges and is a haven for wildlife and migrating birds. The path is flat and easy, the only gradients are a short ramp at the entrance at point 3 and on the public highway at Back Lane between points 5 and 6. The route is 1.3 miles long.

Location

South-west of Huddersfield situated between Meltham and Slaithwaite.

Access

Car Parking at Blackmoorfoot is on the roadside on Reservoir Road near point 1 - please park carefully and have consideration for other road users.

OS Map: OL21 – South Pennines.



Scammonden

Description

Adjacent to the M62, this walk teeters round the edges of Scammonden Reservoir, taking in woodlands and rough pastures. For those looking for a quieter walk you can also visit Deanhead Reservoir from where there are spectacular views back down the valley. The route runs mainly on unsurfaced paths and there are also some gradients, steps, boardwalks and stiles. It can also be wet and muddy so be prepared. The walk is 4.1 miles long.

Location

Off the A640 to the west of Huddersfield.

Access

Leave the A640 half a mile south west of the bridge over the M62 and follow the sign to Scammonden Water and Wood Edge car park at point 1.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer OL21



Eccup

Description

On the outskirts of Leeds, this circular walk is ideal for families with plenty to see along the way. The route passes through woodlands and the quaint village of Eccup, over a dam and alongside a local golf course. The woodland surrounding the reservoir is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is nationally important for birds. You may also see the unmistakable red kite, recently saved from extinction in the UK. The walk is 4.5 miles long.

Location

North of Alwoodley, north Leeds

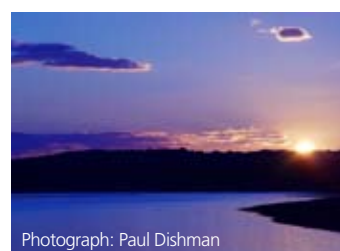
Access

There are no car parks at Eccup. Parking is possible on Allwoodley Lane, please park carefully and have consideration for other road users and residents. There are also bus stops on Allwoodley Lane. Enter the site via Goodrick Lane point 1.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer 297 – Lower Wharfedale & Upper Washburn Valley



WALKS IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

1 AGDEN WALKS (3.5 MILES)

NORTH-WEST OF LOW BRADFIELD, NEAR SHEFFIELD.



2 DALE DIKE (2.5 MILES)

WEST OF LOW BRADFIELD, NEAR SHEFFIELD.



3 DAMFLASK (3.5 MILES)

NEAR LOW BRADFIELD SITUATED TO THE NORTH-WEST OF SHEFFIELD.



4 REDMIRES (2.5 MILES)

WEST OF LODGE MOOR SITUATED TO THE WEST OF SHEFFIELD.



5 LANGSETT (3 MILES) (EASY ACCESS 0.5 MILES)

EAST OF STOCKSBRIDGE ON THE A616.



6 MORE HALL (3.4 MILES)

SOUTH OF STOCKBRIDGE.



Difficulty: 

Agden walks

Description

This walk begins in the farming village of Low Bradfield, north-west of Sheffield. It offers walkers plenty to see along the way including the quaint villages of High & Low Bradfield, picturesque woodlands and the rippling waters of Agden Reservoir. The route is mainly level apart from a small incline up to High Bradfield. Stout shoes are recommended. Please keep your dog on a lead through fields. The walk is 3.5 miles long.

Location

North-west of Low Bradfield, near Sheffield.

Access

Start from the public car park in Low Bradfield off 'The Sands' 1, on the west side of the stream. PLEASE NOTE: The public footpath which is part of this walk will temporarily be closed until the end of October. Sheffield City Council are currently undertaking tree felling works adjacent to this area and for safety reasons there is no through route.

Facilities



OS Map: Explorer OL1



Difficulty: 

Dale Dike

Description

An invigorating walk, this route will appeal to walkers looking for a mixture of woodlands and rough pastures. The diversity of this area means that wildlife flourishes, so keep your eyes peeled along the way. Although the waterside path is fairly easy going, the route can become quite muddy. The walk is 3.7 miles long.

Location

West of Low Bradfield, near Sheffield

Access

There is roadside parking at the top of the track leading to Strines Reservoir and Brogging, point 1 about half a mile from the Strines Inn. There is further parking a mile further north-east along Mor-timer Road by the next road junction.

OS Map: Explorer Map OL1



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Difficulty: 

Damflask

Description

Situated near the charming village of Low Bradfield this long circular easy access route gives ample scope to enjoy long stretches of woodland and waterside. The route also offers fantastic panoramic views across Damflask Reservoir where you may spot the odd angler looking for the catch of the day or sailing boats skimming over the water. The route is 3.5 miles long.

Location

Near Low Bradfield situated to the north-west of Sheffield.

Access

There is no car park at the reservoir, however roadside parking is possible.

OS Map: Outdoor Leisure 1 – Dark Peak

Difficulty:   

Redmires

Description

A circular walk from the upper Redmires Reservoir, this route crosses the moors to the south of the 3 tiered reservoirs. As you descend down the path you'll have stunning views of these intriguingly shaped reservoirs which are visited by thousands of wildfowl and waders each year. Upon reaching the valley at the bottom, the walk returns to the car park through the woodlands of Redmires plantation and Redmires Road. The walk is reasonably level but can be uneven and wet under foot and sturdy footwear is recommended. The walk is 2.5 miles long. Please note: Work is currently underway at this site, please take care.

Location

West of Lodge Moor situated to the west of Sheffield

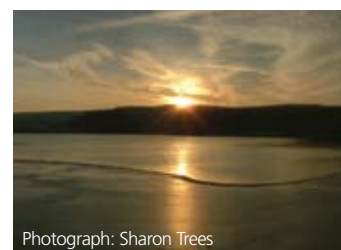
Access

From Redmires Road running west from Lodge Moor. There are 2 car parks off Redmires Road, but they are not ours. There is also roadside parking. Please park carefully and have consideration for other road users.

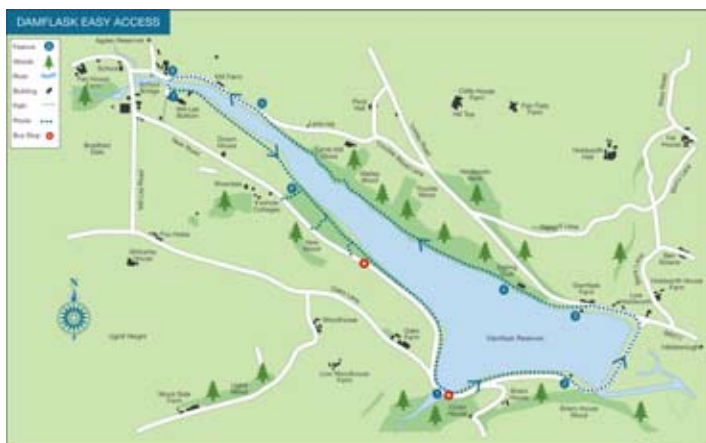
Facilities



OS Map: Outdoor Leisure 1- The Peak District, Dark Peak Area.



Photograph: Sharon Trees



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Difficulty:    



Difficulty:  

Langsett

Description

This route meanders through woodland and across open moor providing spectacular views from higher ground, especially from the ruins known as North America. There are some steep climbs so this walk will appeal to the more adventurous walker. Boots are recommended. The walk is 3 miles long.

Location

East of Stocksbridge on the A616

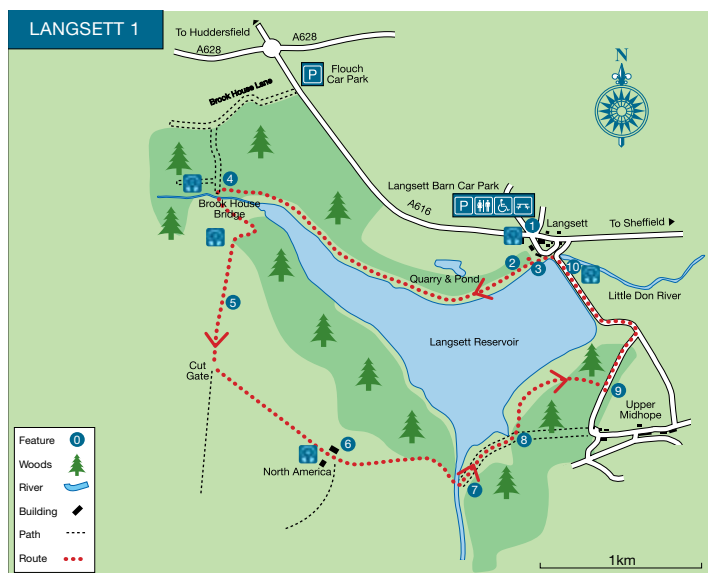
Access

We've a car park at Langsett Barn 1 on the A616 where there are public toilets including facilities for the less able.

Facilities



OS Map: Outdoor Leisure 1



More Hall

Description

This route is ideal for walkers looking for a bit of variety whilst getting away from life's daily grind. There are two walks of different lengths, one running around the edge of More Hall Reservoir in the Ewden Valley, the other following the same path but extending the walk into woodland and the lanes of the valley to the south. The woodland path can become muddy when wet so boots are recommended. The walk is 3.4 miles long.

Location

South of Stockbridge

Access

Park at the western end of the private road which runs along the north side of More Hall, near Ewden Village, point 1.

OS Map: Outdoor Leisure 1 – Peak District, Dark Peak

