

Points of Interest

1 Langsett Barn

The barn has been converted for use as a Peak Park ranger centre and is available for community use. It is a cruck barn of timber frame construction, with a date stone of 1621 on the gable end. The big double doors on the far side would have allowed fully loaded horse-drawn carts to enter and unload.

2 Langsett reservoir

The reservoir was constructed between 1889 and 1905, and is now managed by Yorkshire Water. A temporary village of corrugated iron huts was built near Langsett village to house the reservoir construction workers. A railway was also constructed to transport materials from Stocksbridge to the site. Although no trace of the temporary village remains, a footpath from Langsett to Midhope follows the route of the railway.

3 Cut Gate

Cut Gate is an ancient right of way which was used by farmers

to get from the Hope, Derwent and Woodlands valleys to Penistone market. Originally it ran down the centre of what is now Langsett Reservoir and had to be re-routed over Brook House Bridge in 1904 when the reservoir was constructed.

4 North America

The ruined farm at North America was used for target practice during the Second World War by tanks based near Upper Midhope. You can see the indentations caused by shells on the remaining stones. The name 'North America' probably came from the practice of calling outlying farms after far-off parts of the world.

5 Thickwoods Lane

The lane leading to North America Farm was used by tanks practising for the 1944 Normandy landings during the Second World War. It was strengthened by using rubble from houses bombarded during the Sheffield blitz.

6 Upper Midhope village

Although we do not pass through the village on this walk, you may wish to make a short detour. The white detached house set back on the right of the main road was formerly a youth hostel but was converted to a private house in 2009. When you reach the top of the track between the houses, you will see Hawksworth House across the road in front of you. This is the oldest house in the village, with a 17th century

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date stone. Please respect the residents' privacy. To see the rest of Upper Midhope village turn left on emerging from the track and go down the road. There are good views over Midhope Moors from the village. Retrace your steps to continue the walk.

7 Langsett village

The name 'Langsett' means 'long side', probably a reference to the long slope of land on which the village lies. (Smith 1961)

Langsett Reservoir

A walk from Langsett to North America

Length - 3.5 miles (short walk) or 5.3 miles (longer walk) | Time - 2.5 hours for short walk



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Langsett Reservoir

A spectacular walk around Langsett Reservoir

A walk which combines woodland with views across open moorland. Much of the walk is on Yorkshire Water land and consequently is very well signed and maintained. There is a steady climb from the top of the reservoir to the turn on the moor, but the views are well worth the walk. The path leads on to North America for those who want an intercontinental feel to their walk! There is an option to extend the walk by going further up Cut Gate path and then heading back to North America.

Route Instructions

From the Langsett Barn (See Points of Interest 1) car park, there are three routes to the Brookhouse Bridge at the top end of the Langsett reservoir 2. They all lead to the same location.

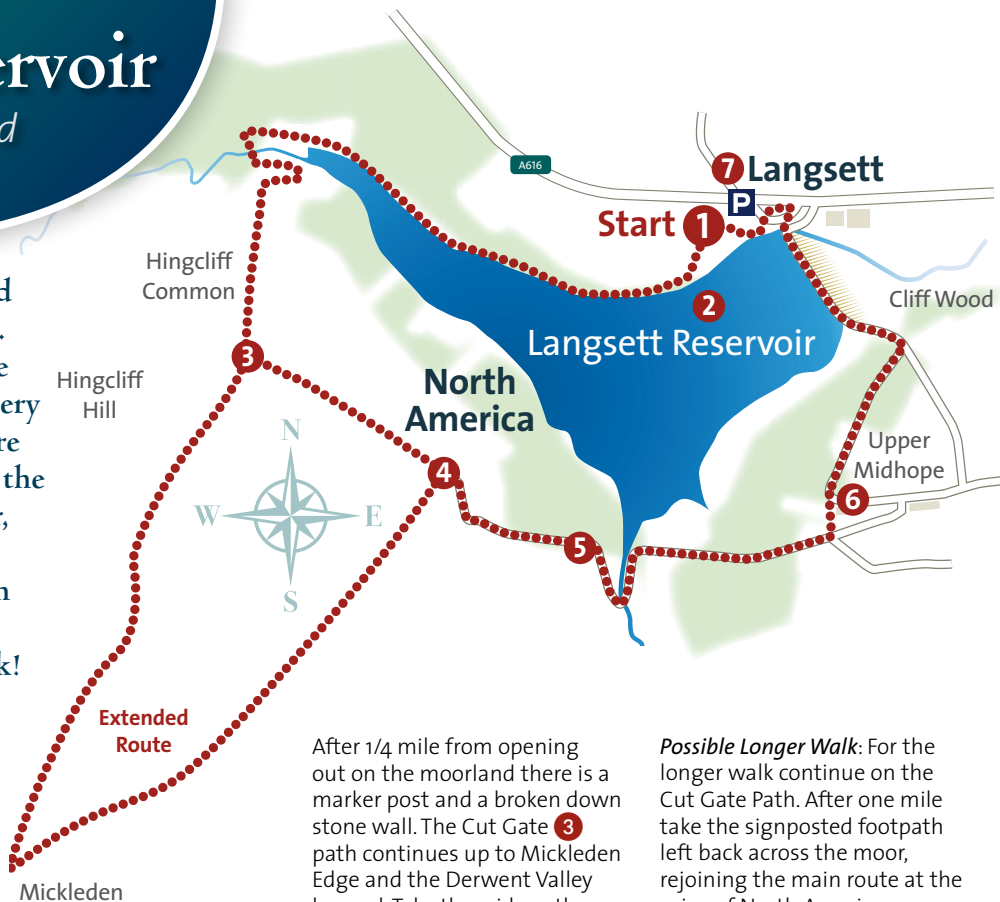
All the paths exit from the corner of the car park opposite the barn.

The top path has been constructed as a bridle way, and is wide and has a chippings surface. This can be the best path following wet weather. The second path runs along the top of the woods on the other side of the wall to the bridle path. The third path heads down into the woods and

works its way down to follow the side of the reservoir. The views are best from this path but it can get muddy in wet weather.

Follow the path of your choice to the top end of the reservoir. At the top end of the reservoir turn left and head down the steep lane to Brookhouse Bridge over the Little River Don, also known as the Porter.

Cross the bridge to the gates. Take the single gate on the left of the bridge and enter onto the Access Land. The path swings back on itself as it climbs up to the moorland. Follow the well defined wide path up onto the moor.



After 1/4 mile from opening out on the moorland there is a marker post and a broken down stone wall. The Cut Gate 3 path continues up to Mickleden Edge and the Derwent Valley beyond. Take the wide path off to the left. There are great views of Langsett Reservoir and beyond from this point.

Possible Longer Walk: For the longer walk continue on the Cut Gate Path. After one mile take the signposted footpath left back across the moor, rejoining the main route at the ruins of North America.

Details

Grade – Steady ascent and descent across fields. A short section on roads. The paths are well defined. There are stiles, steps and gates.

Start – Langsett Barn Car Park, off A616 Sheffield to Huddersfield Road. If this car park is full, there is a large lay-by on your right further along up the hill, and another car park further along the road towards the Flouch Inn.

Public transport – Bus 20A from Barnsley and Stocksbridge / Deepcar stops at Wagon and Horses Inn, Langsett.

Refreshments – The Waggon and Horses Inn, Bankside Café, Langsett.

Public toilets – Langsett Barn.

Grid Reference – SE 21050 00458

Follow the path across the moor. The path will take you to the ruins of the North America farm buildings 4.

Go through the gate and down the track called Thickwoods Lane 5 to cross the stream (Thickwoods Brook) on the little bridge.

Continue left along the lane and through the metal gate. The lane swings up to the right. Follow this lane through the woods to where it joins the road. Then take the grassy track immediately up to the left between the houses. This is the top of the village of Upper Midhope 6.

Turn left and then go down the lane to the right to the side of the open building as far as the main road, Midhope Cliff Lane. Turn left onto the road and follow the road over the dam and back towards Langsett village 7.

When you reach the A616 turn left and pass The Waggon and Horses Inn. Turn left past the inn and follow the lane, through a gateway past the houses and finally up a passage to reach the rear of Langsett Barn. The car park is on the other side of the barn.

