

Points of Interest

1 Mortimer Road

The road was constructed in 1777 as a turnpike road by Hans Winthrop Mortimer, Lord of the Manor of Bamford. It followed an ancient packhorse route, known as Halifax Gate, which ran between North Derbyshire and the West Riding of Yorkshire. Mortimer wished to link Grindleford with the market town of Penistone to increase trade and hoped to make a profit from the tolls charged to users of the road. Tollhouses (or 'turnpikes') were built along the route. However, the road was not profitable and he died bankrupt in 1807. Some parts of Mortimer Road were bypassed by new roads, such as the stretch near Ladybower reservoir which was bypassed by the Sheffield – Glossop road, constructed in 1822 (Smith 1993).

2 Broggin Farmhouse

The house standing at the north end of Strines reservoir pre-dates the reservoir. The word 'brogging' means 'marshy'.

3 Hallfield House

This fine, grade 2 listed building was built by the Greaves family in the late 1600s. In the 19th century it was owned by the Fitzwilliam Wentworth estate and used as a shooting lodge. It is now a private house.

4 Dale Dyke Reservoir

In 1864, the newly-built dam burst, causing the one of the biggest man-made disasters in British history. The Great Sheffield Flood, as it became known, inflicted massive damage downstream along the rivers Loxley and Don and through the centre of Sheffield. Around 250 people lost their lives. The dam was rebuilt in 1875 on a smaller scale. Below the dam is a stone engraved C.L.O.B. (centre line old bank), which marks where the original dam wall would have stood. A flood memorial stone was erected in 1991 by Bradfield Historical Society to commemorate those drowned and a memorial also can be seen in St Nicholas' Church, High Bradfield.

5 Sugworth Hall

Originally built in the 1600s, the hall was considerably extended by Charles Boot in the 20th century. Charles was the son of Henry Boot, who founded the well-known Sheffield building company. In the 1930s the company built the Pinewood Film Studios. The name 'Sugworth' derives from the Anglo-Saxon words 'sugga' meaning 'soggy' and 'worth', meaning 'settlement'.

6 Boot's Tower

The tower was built in 1927 by Charles Boot, possibly to provide work for his employees during

the depression, although it is also said it was to enable him to see his wife's grave in the churchyard at High Bradfield. Now in a poor state of repair, the tower originally had a wood panelled interior and a staircase to the upper floors.

7 Strines reservoir

Constructed in 1871, this is the smallest of the reservoirs in Bradfield Dale. The name 'Strines' may derive from the Old English words 'strynds' or 'strinds', meaning a rivulet or stream. There is no public access to the reservoir.



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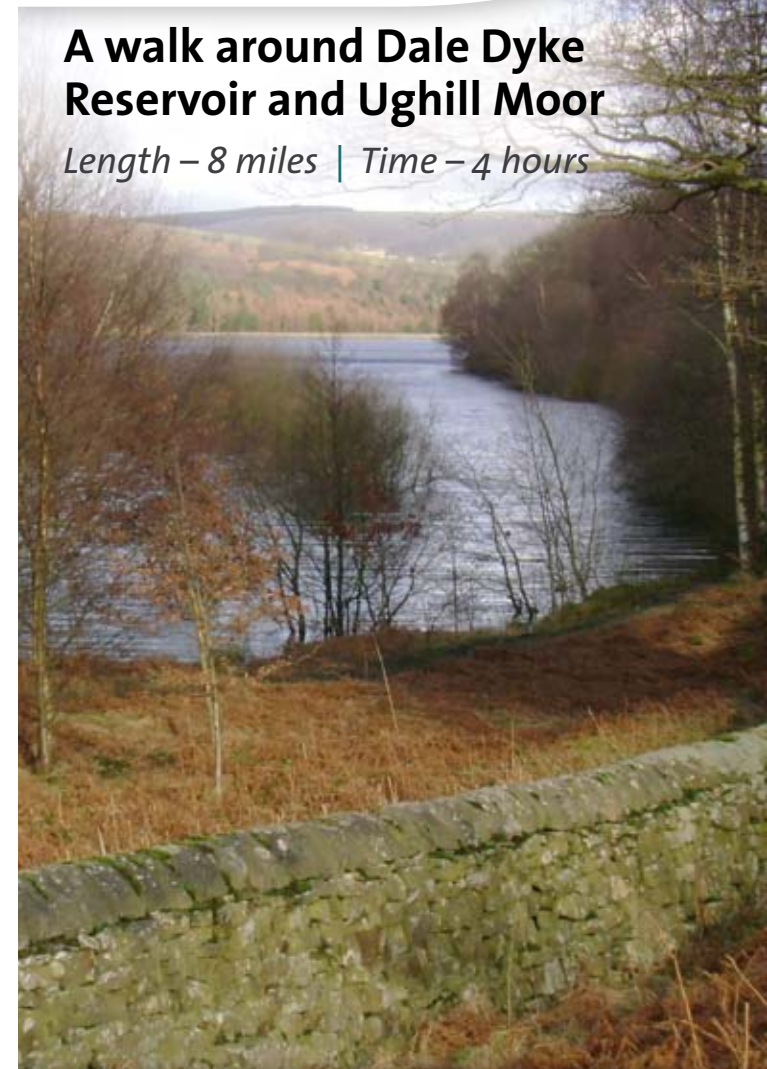
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Ughill Moor

A walk around Dale Dyke Reservoir and Ughill Moor

Length – 8 miles | Time – 4 hours



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Bradfield Dale

Dale Dyke Reservoir



A combination of farm lanes around Dale Dyke reservoir followed by a climb onto Ughill Moor, with open views across the Peak District National Park. Well defined paths and tracks, even across Ughill Moor. The descent back to the Strines dam is steep and can be boggy in wet weather.

Details

Grade - A short section on roads, then farm tracks and well-defined paths. Boggy in places. Steady ascent of 700 ft over 2.5 miles.

Start - Car park on Mortimer Road, near footpath to Foulstone Delf, 300m north of the Strines Inn.

Parking - As above. If the car park is closed for forestry work, turn back towards Bradfield and park on the verge by the path down to Strines Reservoir. SK 22700 90863

Public transport - none close to the start point. The nearest bus stop is in Low Bradfield. Go up Fair House Lane, Dale Road and pick up the route at the entrance to Dale Dyke Reservoir.

Refreshments - none on route. Nearest are The Strines Inn, Mortimer Road; The Post Card Café, Plough Inn, Low Bradfield; Old Horns Inn, High Bradfield.

Public Toilets - None on route - nearest in Low Bradfield.

Grid Reference - SK22100 90923

Route Instructions

From the car park turn left and head over the bridge and then up Mortimer Road (See Points of Interest 1). The road swings round to the left. 100m after the road straightens, take the farm track off to the right.

Follow the track down past the Broggin farm house 2. At the farm house take the track which forks off to the left. This track goes above the western side of Dale Dyke reservoir.

Follow the track past a farm and along to the large house at Hallfield 3. The footpath

diverts to the right around the property to rejoin the farm track on the north side.

Continue along the track to the farm buildings. The public footpath forks off to the left and comes out on Dale Road. Continue along the road in the same north-easterly direction. The road drops down past a few buildings.

About 200m after the houses the road swings round to the right. There is a well marked gateway into the Yorkshire Water Dale Dyke Reservoir site. Follow the path as it winds its way down to the stream.

Cross the bridge and follow the path up the steps past the reservoir outfall pipes. The path

opens out by the eastern end of the dam wall. This is the new dam which was built in 1875 4. Follow the bank of the reservoir for a quarter of a mile. Take the footpath over the stile into the woods (SK 24220 91338).

Follow this path up until it meets the track which runs parallel to the reservoir. Turn right onto the track.

The track emerges out of the woods into a field, then goes up steeply to the left following the boundary of the woods but is not initially clear. Keep as close as reasonably possible to the wall at the edge of the woods and the field. The path becomes clearer nearer the top.

Cross over the road (Blindside Lane), and over the stile opposite.

Continue to Hoar Stones Road. The path continues on the other side of the road, slightly offset to the right (the OS map shows woodland to the left of the path, but at the time of writing this had been cleared). Continue along the path to Wet Shaw Lane.

Turn right onto the road. After about 100m Stake Hill Road, an old track, heads off on the left across Ughill Moor. Follow this track for one and a half miles to Moscar. There are excellent views over Strines and Dale Dyke. As the path starts to drop down it swings round to the right and joins another track coming in from the east.

About 200m before reaching the farm buildings at Moscar there is a footpath over a stile off to the right (SK23500 88478). The path follows the field boundary in a straight line all the way to Sugworth Road. Keep the wall to your left. This section can be a bit boggy so the path tends to weave around

as walkers have tried to find firmer ground.

On reaching Sugworth Road turn right and follow the road until you reach the entrance to the driveway to Sugworth Hall 5. The footpath enters the drive through a stile on the left hand side of the ornamental gates.

Go down the drive for about 100m. The footpath forks off to the right and goes above the house through a rhododendron tunnel, emerging onto open fields with Boots Tower 6 ahead of you.



The path keeps about 100m to the right of the tower. As you draw level with the tower the path swings right and heads in a north-easterly direction towards the spillway from the reservoir. The path is not clear so look out for the marker posts and descend steeply down to the dam 7. This part of the path can be very boggy in wet weather.

At the bottom of the hill follow the path into the field and go left to the stile in the high wall. Cross the stile and turn left. The path splits as it approaches the stream. Take the left fork and cross over the wooden bridge. Climb back up the bank towards the farm buildings.

Retrace your steps past the farm to Mortimer Road and turn left to the car park.