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Inclusive Route: Redmires and Hallam Moor

- Length – 2.0 miles (3.2 km) in total (outwards and return)
- Time – 20 minutes each way
- Start – Long Causeway (the extension of Redmires Road), opposite the dam wall of the Redmires Upper Reservoir.
- Grid Reference – SK 260 858
- Parking – Parking at the side of Long Causeway, by the side of the road either before or after the route entrance.
- Public transport – the route is not accessible by public transport. The nearest bus stop (route 51 terminus at Lodge Moor) is 2 miles from the start of the route. There is no pavement along much of Redmires Road or Long Causeway.
- Refreshments – The Three Merry Lads pub (610 Redmires Road, S10 4LJ Tel: 0114 230 2824) is wheelchair accessible. It is 1.2 miles (2 km) away and has a car park.
- Accessible public toilets – The [Three Merry Lads](#) has an accessible toilet, with ample space for a wheelchair user plus assistant.
- Seating - There are nine benches spread along the length of the route: three do not have backs.

Description

A moorland route, following the contour of Hallam Moor, with great views of the moors, the Rivelin Valley, and across Sheffield to the east. The whole route is off-road; the path is 1.70 m wide and is generally flat.



One of nine benches on this walk

Access Information

Road/off road: Parking is at the side of the road by the entrance to the route (1). The road widens at that point and there is space for parked cars. There is no pavement, but the road is a no-through-road and quite quiet. The route itself is all off-road.

Surface: The surface of the path is firm compacted sand with stone and some pebbles (2). It is suitable for wheelchairs. There is no tactile paving where the path meets the road and the ground at the entrance/exit is slightly uneven.

After approximately 1 mile (1.6 km) the path becomes rough and rutted (3). The rough section of the path is approximately ¼ mile (1/3 km) long. The ruts are too deep for most wheelchairs, powered or manual, though wheelchairs designed for rougher terrain could manage this section.

Width of path: The path is 1.70 m wide.

Camber: The path has no camber.

Gradients: The path follows the contour of the hill. It is mainly flat but there are some very slight gradients.

Rails / edges: There is a grass verge on each side of the path. On the uphill side of the path there is a deep drainage ditch (4). For approximately two thirds of the route there is a sturdy wire fence between the path and the ditch. For the last third, there is a two metre wide rough grass verge between the path and the ditch. There are no painted edges at the edge of the path.

Obstacles: In three places there is a gate across the path. Two of these gates are opened by a pull lever, which slides sideways, at 110 cm high. At the time of writing the third gate is loosely secured by some blue rope, at a height of 118 cm (5). You must reach past the gatepost to unhook the rope.

There are no stiles or narrow plank bridges. At the time of writing there were no obvious overhanging branches.

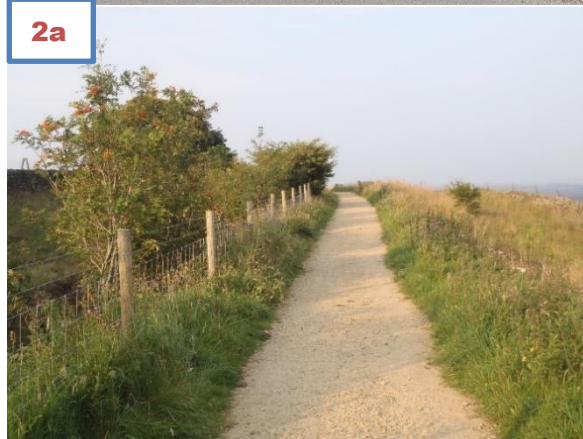


Route Instructions

1. Go through the gate at the route entrance (1). There is a pull lever (110 cm high) to open the gate. The ground at the entrance is slightly uneven.
2. Follow the path along the contour of the hill (2a), with views toward the Rivelin Valley on your right (2b) and Hallam Moors on your left.
3. After approximately 1/3 mile (½ km) there are two gates across the path (3). Each is opened by a pull lever (110 cm high) or a latch (75 cm high).

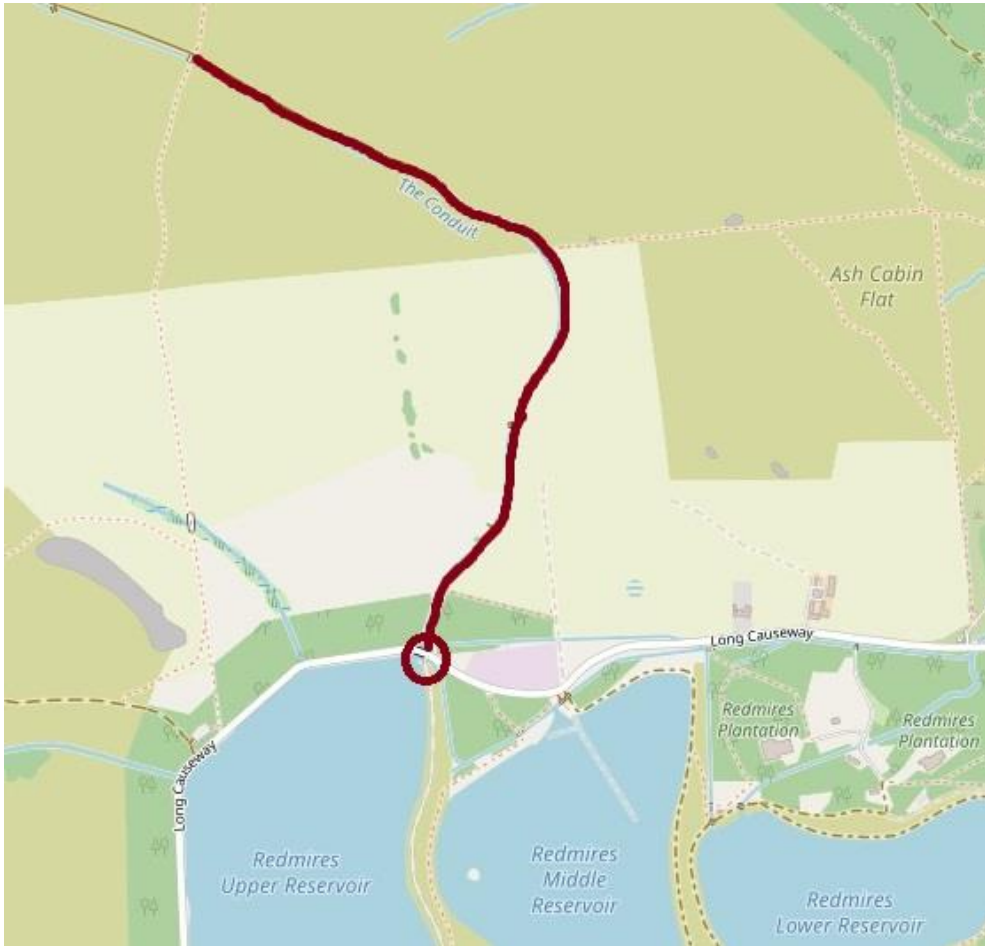


4. Approximately 1/3 mile (½ km) further on there is another gate across the path (4). At the time of writing, this gate was loosely secured by some blue rope (118 cm high), and opened by dislodging the rope (see access information (5)).
5. Approximately 1/3 mile (½ km) further on, the path becomes more rough.
6. Approximately ¼ mile (0.4 km) further on, there is a locked gate across the path (6). A stile at the side of the gate leads to a further, rougher track, but the inclusive route ends here.
7. Public footpaths lead off onto the moorland to the left and right, but these are rough tracks and less accessible than the main route.



Historical Notes and Points of Interest

The three Redmires Reservoirs: Upper, Middle and Lower were the first reservoirs to be built in the area. Following the devastating Sheffield cholera epidemic of 1832, they were constructed between 1833 and 1854 to provide clean drinking water via an open water course. The dams were built by the Sheffield Water Works to meet the growing population of Sheffield. Despite their proximity to a large city, the reservoirs are situated in stunning open moorland. The surrounding landscape to the south is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), designated for the large variety of birds, reptiles and mammals which the landscape supports. Adjacent to Middle Reservoir is [Hammond's Field Nature Reserve](#), one of the few remaining areas of unimproved farmland around the moorland fringes.



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