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## **A circular walk from Redmires Reservoirs via Stanage Edge and the Upper Rivelin Valley.**

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- Time – 4.5 hours
- Grade – Uneven and rocky ground. A section on quiet roads. Well defined paths. Stanage Edge is high and exposed to the elements.
- Start – Yorkshire Water car park at Redmires
- Grid Reference – SK 256 886
- Parking – Large Yorkshire Water car park at Redmires – currently free.
- Public transport – none
- Refreshments – none on the route
- Public toilets – none on the route

**Description** - Starting at the Redmires reservoirs the route climbs to Stanage Pole and then out onto Stanage Edge with views across the Peak District National Park. The route returns via Moscar, section on a quiet road and then a climb across the moor back to the reservoirs.



Looking along Stanage Edge

## Route Instructions

1. Walk to the southern end of the car park and take the track up to the right. Continue up to Stanage Pole and the large pile of rocks.



2. Take the broad track to the right across the moor.

3. Follow the path along the edge. As the track starts to drop to the left take the path to the right along the top of the edge.



4. The path along the top of the edge is on access land which is a grouse moor. The landowner may close the path for a number of days each year.
5. If the land is closed take the track down and follow the public footpath which runs along the base of Stanage Edge.
6. The two paths come together about half a mile before reaching the A57 road.
7. On reaching the A57, cross the road and take the lane slightly to the right through the stone gateway marked Moscar Lodge.



8. Go up the lane past the big house. Continue along as the lane becomes grassed over.

9. At the junction there is a upright guidestoop for Bradfield, Hathersage Hope Road and Sheffield Road.

10. At the top of the lane turn right into another lane, continuing past the farm.

11. After passing the farm and a couple of gates the track splits and starts to swing up to the left, take the path straight on and out onto the minor road. (SK 241 884)



12. Go along the road for 1.2 miles passing Crawshaw Head House.

13. Just before the next house on the left take the footpath number 85 down to the right and over the stone stile. This can be a bit overgrown in summer.



14. Go down to the stile in the wall, and then cross the field heading to the left of the farm buildings.

15. Cross the stile onto the side of the A57. (busy road)



16. Cross the road and go over the stile slightly to the right. Cross the field keeping close to the wall on the right until you see the stile.

17. Drop down to the narrow wooden bridge over the stream.

18. Follow the path up onto Hallam Moor.

19. Continue straight on south across the moor, crossing other paths, before dropping back down to Redmires reservoirs

## Historical Notes

Redmires Reservoirs: The three reservoirs were the first reservoirs in the area to be built.

Stanage Pole: There has been a pole on this site for nearly 500 years and is believed to mark the boundary between Derbyshire and Yorkshire or maybe just a guidepost.

Grouse Troughs: Along the walk one can see a number of numbered bowls cut into the rock during the 1920s at a cost of 6s8.1/2d (34p) whereupon the gamekeeper could track the movement of grouse at these drinking stations.



Bradfield Boundary Stone beside A57 at driveway to Moscar Lodge: Marks the boundary of Bradfield Parish and Derbyshire – there are only two of these known stones, the other being on the bridge at Wharncliffe Side where Ewden Beck passes below the Sheffield to Stocksbridge Road.



Moscar Lodge: Built in 1872 for Sheffield steel producer Mark Firth as a shooting lodge, later used as an orphanage and now a private dwelling.

Moscar Cross Stone: Believed to have been named "White Cross Stone" in Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre.

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