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Short Walk: Redmires Reservoirs circular

- Length – 2.5 miles (4 km)
- Grade – A mixture of roads, surfaced tracks and unsurfaced paths. The route is mainly fairly level, but the terrain can be uneven and wet. In inclement weather, parts can be very muddy.
- Start – Long Causeway (the extension of Redmires Road), adjacent to the Redmires Plantation car park.
- Grid Reference – SK 256 856
- Parking – Redmires Plantation car park (S10 4QZ) or by the side of the road either before or after the car park.
- 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. There is no pavement along much of Redmires Road or Long Causeway.
- Refreshments – [The Three Merry Lads](#) is 1.2 miles (2 km) away. [The Sportsman](#) is a further 0.1 miles along the same road.
- Public Toilets – none on the route

Description

A relatively flat anti-clockwise route around the three Redmires Reservoirs which takes in views across both moors and the water.



Redmires Upper Reservoir dam wall (11)

Route Instructions

1. Leave the car park and turn right, following the road (Long Causeway) with Redmires Reservoir Upper on your left.

Long Causeway leads from the top end of the Upper Reservoir onto the moors to Stanage Pole and then onto Stanage Edge, an area popular with climbers. This route was once thought to be a Roman road but is now thought to be part of a Medieval packhorse saltway used to convey salt from Cheshire to Yorkshire. Previously known as the Giant's Causeway, it is marked by indented flagstones, an indication of the route's use by heavily-laden, horse-drawn wagons.

2. After 450 m, bearing left, pass through a wooden "A" frame (2) and continue to the embankment.
3. Do not enter the embankment as this is part of the Nature Reserve; keep to the path on the right, towards Redmires Reservoir Middle. Using the metal bridge (3), cross the culvert and continue on the path as it bears left, then right.
4. Walk past the end of the dam and keep on the path as it runs alongside Redmires Reservoir Middle then Lower.
5. 200 m after the dam wall between the Middle and Lower Reservoirs, take the left fork (5).
6. There is a steep drop towards a stream. After the stream, bear left towards a kissing gate.
7. Pass through the kissing gate and turn left (7a), keeping the stone wall on your right and wire fence and reservoir embankment on your left (7b). Slowly descending, make your way to a wooden bridge.
8. Cross the bridge and turn right to follow the road for about 50 m. Using a second bridge, cross Wyming Brook. Turn sharp left, passing a metal barrier (8) and continue up the tarmac access road for 100 m. Turn right onto a marked footpath. This path runs alongside and then, through the wood, up to Redmires Road.



9. Turn left. Taking care as there is no pavement, follow the road back to the start.

En route opposite the compound, between Middle and Upper Redmires Reservoirs, you pass a stone sign situated by the roadside wall. This marks the site of the Grouse and Trout public house. The sign features a grouse and three trout, plus the Latin inscription: 'Ich Dien Dinner' ('I serve dinner'). Established, as a beerhouse, in 1828, the pub became a temperance house c1910. It closed in 1913 and was demolished in 1934. It was used by Irish navvies working on the construction of the Redmires Reservoirs.

You will also pass a right turn which follows a conduit (Oaking Clough Catchwater). The drain hole at Redmires Upper reservoir dam wall is clearly visible.



Below: Redmires Reservoir Upper (3)



Built by the Sheffield Water Works, 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 for the growing population of Sheffield. An open water course led to the Hadfield Dam in Crookes and then on to Barker's Pool in Sheffield centre.

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. They are fed from the Hallam Moors by various small streams and are visited by thousands of wildfowl and waders each year providing a habitat for mallard, Canada geese and wading birds.

Adjacent to Middle Reservoir is [Hammond's Field Nature Reserve](#), one of the few remaining areas of unimproved farmland around the moorland fringes. It is managed by The Wildlife Trust for Sheffield and Rotherham. The nature reserve forms part of the South Pennine Moors Special Protected Area.



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