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Watergrove Reservoir

Route Description

(1) From the main car park at the top of Ramsden Road, take the path on the far side of the car park (East) where the display signs below the dam stand. Take the path which leads in a straight line to the top of the dam and bare left to cross over the cattle-grid or through the gate. Continue to follow the broad path as it winds round past the large pond and eventually leads to the Countryside Centre behind the trees. Past the centre, the path turn right and up along a cobbled path.

(2) Turn right here and through the gate, turning left a few yards beyond through another gate. Follow the path as it winds through the trees and down some steps and out to another gate to a sign for a Nature Reserve. Go straight ahead through the other gate and follow the path round as it winds to the top of the reservoir and then down various steps across board walks and bridges, keeping to the main small path winding to the opposite bank of the reservoir. Here the path becomes narrow in places before the land opens.

(3) Follow the path down the west-side of the reservoir to the tower at the top of the dam. Here take the gate next to the tower and follow the grassy path atop of the dam, going back down the main path to the car park below.
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Wayoh Reservoir
Route Description

(1) Starting from the car park off B6391, (which should be the lower car park.) From the car park turn right across the dam and past the small bungalow on your right. Here bear right as the road leads up away from reservoir and follow this road as it snakes to the village of Entwistle. Turn right at the Strawbury Duck past the old phone box and follow the road down, which steeply descends to Wayoh Reservoir.

(2) Cross the reservoir on the pavement as the road goes across the reservoir and on the opposite bank turn right through the gate and follow the main path, which runs down the east bank of the reservoir. Towards the end it slopes up quite steeply before returning back down just as steep and rather narrow as well. Turn right at the bottom of the stone steps and back across Wayoh dam to the opposite bank and turn right at the bungalow to follow up the west bank of the reservoir. The path eventually splits two ways one ahead, one to the right.

(3) Keep ahead so you go under the viaduct and follow the path through the woodland. After passing a dry stone wall, the path widens to a track to a gate further beyond. But before reaching the gate, turn right down a small path that leads to the lower car park for Entwistle.
Holcombe Hill, Ramsbottom

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Map Details:
Explorer 287 SD 781/162
Grading: (D) Mild, medium gradients, steps, stiles likely.
Length: 2 miles
Time: 48 minutes
Start Location: Peel Tower car park, Lumb Carr Road

Time & distance are an estimate, use as a guide only

Start Location

Bus Service: Contact Rossendale Transport on 01706 212337 for more information.

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Holcombe Hill, Ramsbottom
Route Description

(1) Starting at the car park for Peel Tower, exit the car park and cross the road to the gate opposite. Go through the gate and follow the track up to another gate and out onto a cobbled road. Turn right and follow this road up to the top where you come to part of the village. Turn left as the road doubles backs and then right at the next divide, following the track as it winds round and then begins sharply to ascend the side of the hill. This path will bend at the top round to the tower itself.

(2) Keeping on the main path past the tower, the track leads down to a gate; go through and down to where the path divides several ways.

(3) Here turn right joining a main track leading into Holcombe Village. Pass down the slope as it drops over cattle grid past a couple of farms to the main road. Take the turning on your right which leads up away from the road past some cottages and leads you back to the cobbled road where a few yards down is the gate which takes you back to the car park and end of the walk.
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Cowm & Whitworth Village
Route Description

(1) From the car park at Cowm Reservoir, exit the car park, turning left and through the gate to the main track round the reservoir which heads north. Pass the small path that joins keeping ahead towards the picnic site. Before reaching the picnic site, the path divides, bear left as the path heads slightly up away from the reservoir so you over look the reservoir at this point. Keep to the path until you come to a set of ruins, old farm buildings.

(2) The path bends round to the left and then starts to ascend up. Keep to this path as it winds up given some impressive view of Whitworth before going down a gully through a series of gates finally to Fold Head. Follow the main track which slopes down till you come out near the primary school and the road divides. One path goes right steeply down towards the primary school take this path to the bottom and turn left onto Hall Street.

(3) Follow the road down to the main road, turn left and use the crossing to the opposite side then turn right and then left, but up the right hand road (Church Street) which comes to a small roundabout, turn left here up towards Whitworth Square and the Red Lion Pub, cross the square and up the steps at the far end turning left and as path divides.

(4) Turn left again to follow a footpath across a field passed High Barn Farm through a gate and up to Lower Long Acres Farm, passing a gate towards Long Ace Street. Turn left here down the street to the main road. Cross over and down Tong Lane which will come to a T-junction at the end near the Cock & Magpie Pub. Cross over and follow the lane up as it passes several cottages and finally on your left turns back into the car park at Cowm Reservoir and end of the walk.
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Map Details:
Explorer 287 SD 777/142
Grading: (D) Mild, medium gradients, steps, stiles likely.
Length: 2 1/2 miles
Time: 60 minutes
Start Location:
Bulls Head, Greenmount

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Start Location

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Tottington Circular
Route Description

(1) Starting from the Bull’s Head at Greenmount, exit the car park onto the main road and turn right. Follow down a few yards to the footpath on your right, turn right here and follow the main path which runs along the old railway line. Continue along this route over the viaduct, passed the school and also a playing field before you come to a crossroads, where two narrow paths meet the main tarmac path just after a barrier across the path.

(2) Take the left path which drops down and winds round past a large housing estate before bending right and joining an old path leading to Kirklees Farm. Turn left and follow the path through the farm estate, over the bridge, passed a couple of small lodges on your left, following the lane up out onto an estate. Turn right here along the road towards the playing field ahead. Turn right before the playing field to follow the path down, keeping left as the path comes to a brook. Cross the brook up to a large farm estate known as Tower Terrace & Court.

(3) With this on your left head up to the access road in front of you and turn left and head up Shepherd Street before turning right back onto the old rail-line heading back up to Greenmount and the main road. On joining the main road, turn left and left again back into the Bull’s Head car park and end of the walk.