

Route Fact File	
Location:	West of Ripponden, just off the A58
Difficulty:	Three Boots
Route Length:	2 Miles / 3.5 Kilometres
Walking Time:	1½ Hours
Terrain & Gradient:	Varied terrain – the reservoir path is wide and well- surfaced with minimal steep gradients. The remainder of the route includes sections over rough, uneven ground and includes steps and stiles. Some of the walk can be boggy and muddy at wetter times of year. Includes a section of steep climbing (about 250m long). We recommend sturdy walking boots.
How To Get There:	By car: You can use our free car park (HX6 4LR) which is just off the A58 (Rochdale Road), at the north-east corner of the reservoir (point 1).
	From Ripponden: travel 2½ miles west along the A58, until you reach the left turn into the car park.
	From Littleborough: travel 5 miles east along the A58, until you reach the right turn into the car park.
	By public transport: New Inn Cottage Bus Stop is on the A58, less than 100m from the car park entrance. Buses from both directions stop at the same spot.
	For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.
Facilities:	Ρ
OS Map:	Outdoor Leisure 21 – South Pennines

This walk runs through the woodland surrounding Baitings Reservoir and the adjoining fields at Ripponden. There are excellent views of the surrounding moors and down the valley towards Ryburn Reservoir.

Why not make a day of it – we also have a walking route around the adjacent Ryburn Reservoir!

Route Description:

From the car park (**point 1**), enter the path through the kissing gates in the south-east corner and follow the path between the fence and the wall down the hill. After going down some steps and passing in between a fence on either side, the path bears right. Continue down some more steps and through the gate on the left at the bottom of the slope (**point 2**).

Follow the path alongside the River Ryburn for about 100m and until you come to a kissing gate. Go through this gate and then through another gate towards the bridge over the river (**point 3**). Alternatively, at this point you can turn left towards Ryburn Reservoir (for which there is another walking guide available on our website).

Cross over the bridge and follow the path up the hill. At the ruins, take the path to the right, following the fingerpost for "Baitings and Car Park". Keep the stone wall to your right as you continue towards **point 4** at higher Wormald. Head through a kissing gate and continue past some buildings. Then follow the yellow way markers through another kissing gate to the right, heading towards the farm buildings at upper Schole Carr (**point 5**).

After the farm, turn right and follow the path down towards Baitings Dam. Here, at **point 6**, the path splits; either take the shorter route back to the car park via the reservoir embankment, or turn left along the permissive footpath alongside the reservoir shore. Follow the path until you reach the road (**point 7**). Go through the gate and turn right to along the road bridge. After crossing the water, turn right at **point 8** to enter the northern shore footpath. Follow the path alongside the reservoir's edge until you meet the road at **point 9**. Here, take a right along the footpath back towards the car park (**point 1**).

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