


RISHWORTH MOOR

200m



Key:

Road		Woodlands	
Path		River	
Route		Parking	

Route Fact File	
Location:	The walk starts at Ryburn Reservoir car park, 7 miles South-West of Halifax
Difficulty:	Four Boots
Route Length:	6 Miles / 10 Kilometres
Walking Time:	3½ hours
Terrain & Gradient:	The route is almost entirely on unsurfaced paths with stiles, steps and steep ascents in places. Suitable footwear and clothing is recommended as the moorland can be harsh and changeable.
How To Get There:	<p>By car: Car parking is available at our free car park on Swift Place, Ripponden HX6 4LE.</p> <p>From the M62: exit at Junction 22 and take the A672 heading towards Halifax, Ripponden and Sowerby Bridge. After 5 and a half miles, turn sharp left in Ripponden onto Rochdale Road, A58. Follow this road for 0.2 miles where the entrance to Swift Place will be on your left.</p> <p>By public transport: The closest bus stop is on Rochdale Road, a 0.2 mile walk from the beginning of this route.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
Facilities:	
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 ● This circular walk starting at Ryburn reservoir takes
 ● in the high Pennine Moors above the Ryburn
 ● Valley giving wide views across and exposure to
 ● the weather.

Route Description:

Leave the car park at **point 1** and walk over the embankment with the reservoir on your right. At the end of the embankment, turn right and then after 10 metres, turn left up the woodland path to the field. Cross the stile and head directly ahead of you towards a stile to the left of 'Cheetham Laithe Farm' **point 2**.

Keep heading directly ahead of you passing 'Cheetham Laithe Farm' on your right. Head through the farm entrance between 2 gate posts and turn right immediately after onto a surfaced track. Stay on this lane heading through 'Upper Cockcroft Farm' onto the public highway. Turn right on the public highway and immediately left walking up 'Long Gate' signed 'Pike End'. Please take extra care when walking along public highways.

Ascend the road to 'Pike Law Farm' **point 3** and pass through the pedestrian gate next to 'Pike Law Farm'. Continue straight ahead ascending a few steps and passing through another pedestrian gate. After the gate, bear right onto open moorland. Do not cross the boundary wall on your right. With 'New Laithe' farm buildings across the fields to your right, leave the boundary wall heading left and above the old quarry workings looking for the stile that crosses the wall at **point 4**.

Cross the stile and follow the trodden path which marks the line of 'Blackwood Edge Road'. The line of the path is marked by posts and cairns. After some time, cross the catchwater using the bridge at **point 5**. Turn right and follow the path with the catchwater on your right. At **point 6** cross the bridge back across the catchwater.

From here, follow the signs marked 'Blackwood Edge & Baitings Res' as the path heads uphill to a drainage ditch. Keeping the ditch on your right, follow the path to a larger concrete drain called 'Rishworth Drain' **point 7**. Turn right signed 'Baitings res' and follow the concrete drain keeping it on your right. Follow the path marked by posts and cairns which eventually moves away from the drain. Keep following the path to a wall corner at **point 8**. Follow the wall keeping it on your left down a grass lane to the public highway.

At the road, turn left and first right down a surfaced track signed 'Beeston Hall and Ryburn Res'. Continue down the track passing 'Higher Wormald Farm' on your right at **point 9**. Continue through a pedestrian gate just after the farm buildings. Follow this path until you reach a ruined barn on your right. At the ruined barn, turn left signed 'Beeston Hall and A58'. Follow the path steeply downhill keeping the wall on your left. At the bottom of the fields, cross a stile into the woodland. Cross the bridge in front of you and turn right to follow the path around the reservoir with the water on your right. Follow the path the full length of the reservoir back to Ryburn Reservoir car park **point 1**.

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