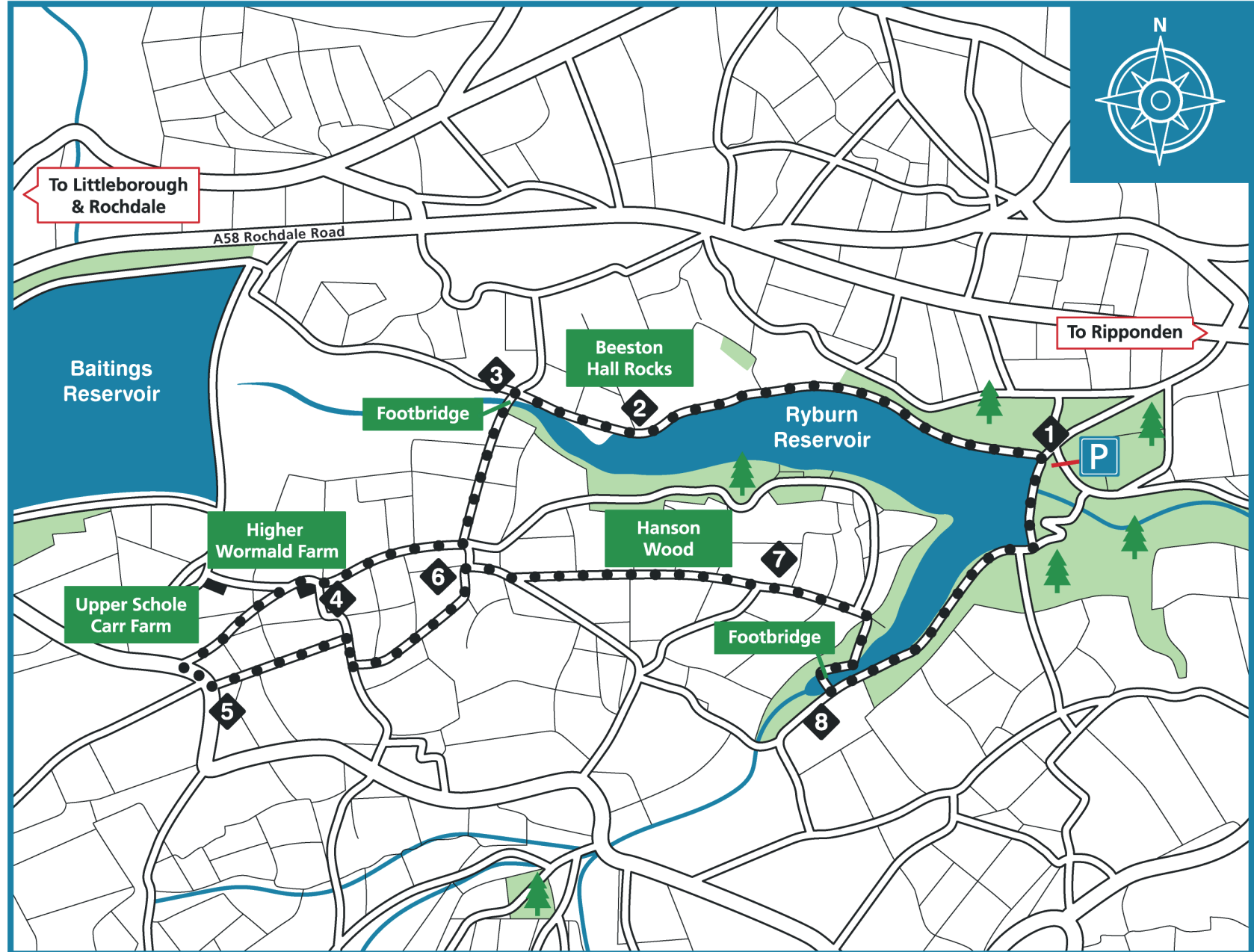



RYBURN

Key:

Road	
Path	
Route	
River	
Woodlands	
Parking	
Building	

200m



Route Fact File	
Location:	West of Ripponden
Difficulty:	Three Boots
Route Length:	2½ miles / 4 Kilometres
Walking Time:	2 hours
Terrain & Gradient:	Varied terrain - some established footpaths, but many unsurfaced sections through woods and fields over rough and uneven ground. There are some steps, stiles and narrow gates. Much 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:	<p>By car: You can use our free car park (HX6 4LD), which is near the reservoir dam wall and is the starting point of this walk (point 1). To get to here, turn off the A58 just over a mile south west of Ripponden, onto Swift Lane. After about 300m you will reach the bottom of the lane, where the car park is on your left.</p> <p>By public transport: Rochdale Road Swift Place bus stop is just at the top of Swift Lane, which leads down to the starting point of this walk. Rochdale road Nursery Lane bus stop is on the opposite side of the road if you are travelling in the other direction. Please take care as you walk down Swift lane, as it is not paved.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
Facilities:	
OS Map:	Explorer Map OL12

- A good hearty walk for avid explorers, this route
- weaves through woods and fields in the Ryburn
- Valley between Ryburn and Baitings Reservoirs.
- There are great opportunities to stop for breath
- along the way, to admire the views which are
- both magnificent and varied.
- Why not make a day of it! We also have a walking
- route around the adjacent Baitings Reservoir,
- which is just downhill from point 4 on this walk.

Route Description:

Starting from the top of the car park at **point 1**, cross the lane towards a gate and a stile leading into a field. Go through this field on a level track towards the next gate and stile. After crossing over here, continue on the path which takes you through the trees, parallel to the shoreline, and over a footbridge. Around the end of the reservoir, you will reach Beeston Hall Rocks at **point 2**.

The path now follows the feeder stream to a junction of paths (**point 3**). Turn left to cross the bridge over River Ryburn, following the sign to Back O'the Height. The path veers right and then immediately left, up some steps and over a stile shortly afterwards. Continue up the steep hillside for about 250 metres, keeping the wall to your right, until you reach the ruin of New House at the top. Here you can turn around to catch your breath whilst admiring the wonderful views across the valley, with Baitings Reservoir to your left and Ryburn peeking out to the right.

Next, take a right (if facing uphill), following the sign marked "Baitings and Car Park". This leads along a grassy lane to the old farm at Higher Wormald. Go through the gate and across the frontage of the building. Note the date 1796 over the barn doorway.

Here, at **point 4**, there is the option to extend your walk by visiting Baitings Reservoir. To do this, continue through the field gate to your right (closing it behind you) and follow the track across to the next farm - Upper Schole Carr. Go through the farmyard to the lane. Here, you can turn right towards the end of Baitings Reservoir Dam.

To stay on the Ryburn Reservoir walking route, follow the access lane as it veers left from **point 4**. When you

reach the road, turn left and walk for about 50 metres to **point 5** (please be careful as there is no pavement). Here, turn left, following a yellow waymarker. After about 50 metres, cross over the stile by the field gate, and continue along the old lane between the remains of stone walls. Stay on this old lane as it bends right and then left shortly afterwards, to arrive at the former Heights Farm. Pass the buildings on your right to head through a gap in the wall and continue onwards for roughly 250 metres.

The lane then bears right at **point 6** (ignore the wicket gate in the left-hand wall). Continue along the track until you reach a stile. Cross over into the field and follow the boundary fence (which becomes a wall) downhill, until you reach some gates in the corner. Follow the yellow waymarker, through the gate into an enclosed path along the side of the next field.

At the farm buildings (**point 7**), go straight ahead and over a stile into another section of old walled track (not into the open field). Shortly, the track turns right to a squeeze stile at the side of an iron gate. Go through the gap and immediately left down slope, keeping the wall on your left.

At the bottom corner of the field, go over a stile and down through the wood to a footbridge (**point 8**). Cross the bridge and turn left, to continue alongside the reservoir towards the dam. Cross the dam wall to return to the car park (**point 1**).

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