








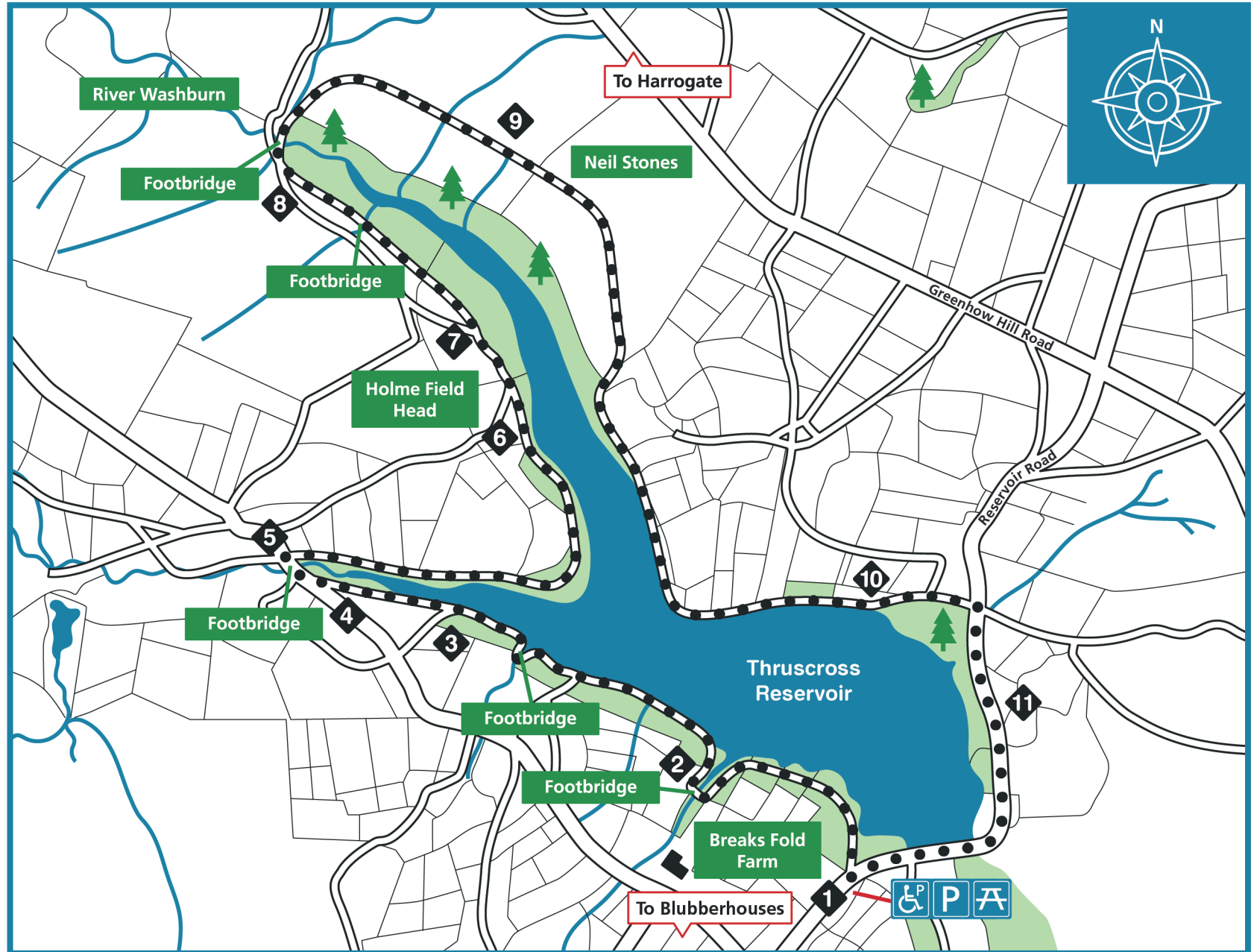





THRUSCROSS

Key:

- Road 
- Path 
- Route 
- River 
- Woodlands 
- Disabled parking 
- Parking 
- Picnic area 
- Building 

200m



Route Fact File	
Location:	North of Blubberhouses which is situated on the A59 Harrogate/Skipton Road.
Difficulty:	Three Boots
Route Length:	4½ miles / 7.2 kilometres
Walking Time:	3 hours
Terrain & Gradient:	The route features stiles, steps and steep muddy banks riddled with tree roots. We recommend you bring sturdy boots, warm clothing, waterproofs and extra food/drink for this adventurous walk.
How To Get There:	<p>By car: You can use our free car park at the starting point of this walking route, which is on Reservoir Road (HG3 4BB) next to the dam wall. Please note, there is a 1.8 metre height barrier.</p> <p>From Harrogate: Follow the A59 Harrogate/Skipton road towards Skipton for 8 miles and turn right shortly after a metal roadside barrier onto Hall Lane signposted for West End. Follow Hall Lane for another 0.5 miles and turn right onto Reservoir Road. Follow the road for 100 metres to find the car park on your right.</p> <p>By public transport: DalesBus services 820 and 821 run to Fewston every hour on summer Sundays and bank holidays from Otley and links from Keighley, Shipley, and Guiseley.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
Facilities:	  
OS Map:	The route straddles the edge of Explorer 297 and 298

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 • A more challenging walk, this 5 mile route runs
 • from the car park at Thruscross through rough
 • pastures and moorland alongside the edge of the
 • reservoir. The surrounding scenery is beautiful
 • with an array of interesting geographical features,
 • including crags, ghylls, streams and the River
 • Washburn.

Please be aware that this route includes sections through fields and moorland which are used for grazing. Please keep your dog on a lead and under close control, to avoid harming or distressing livestock.

Route Description:

Start from the car park **point 1**. Leave by the main entrance and cross the road into the woods following the green way marker signs. Continue through the woods to Breaks Gill at **point 2**. Cross the bridge and continue to **point 3** where there is a ruined mill in the water. Continue through the wood until you reach the gap stile at **point 4**.

Turn right onto a path alongside the wall to a footbridge over the stream which leads to a public road at **point 5**.

At **point 5** turn right onto the public road and turn right again after only a few metres to find a field gate with a green way marker arrow and a wide track. Follow the track with the reservoir on your right, passing the ruin of Holme Field Head at **point 6** and continue to **point 7**.

At this point, you will meet a dead hedge barrier where the permissive footpath through the plantation woodland has been closed due to hazardous windblown trees. Instead, follow the public footpath route which runs alongside the woodland boundary through farm fields. After about half a mile, some steps lead down a slope to the river at **point 8**.

After crossing the bridge over the River Washburn at **point 8**, cross the stile directly in front of you and head uphill over the moor to **point 9**.

From **point 9**, continue on the moor path crossing a field boundary with a ladder stile. After some time, the path gently descends to a ladder stile at the edge of the wood. Follow the path to the water's edge and turn left to follow the edge of the reservoir past a small plantation. At **point 10**, ignore the tarmac road off to your left and continue along the path until you reach the fence alongside the public road at **point 11**. Follow the fence line until you reach a gap. Exit via the gap onto the public road and turn right to follow the road over Thruscross Dam. Follow the path immediately on your left after crossing the dam. After a few metres on this path, turn right to follow a flight of steps back to the car park.

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