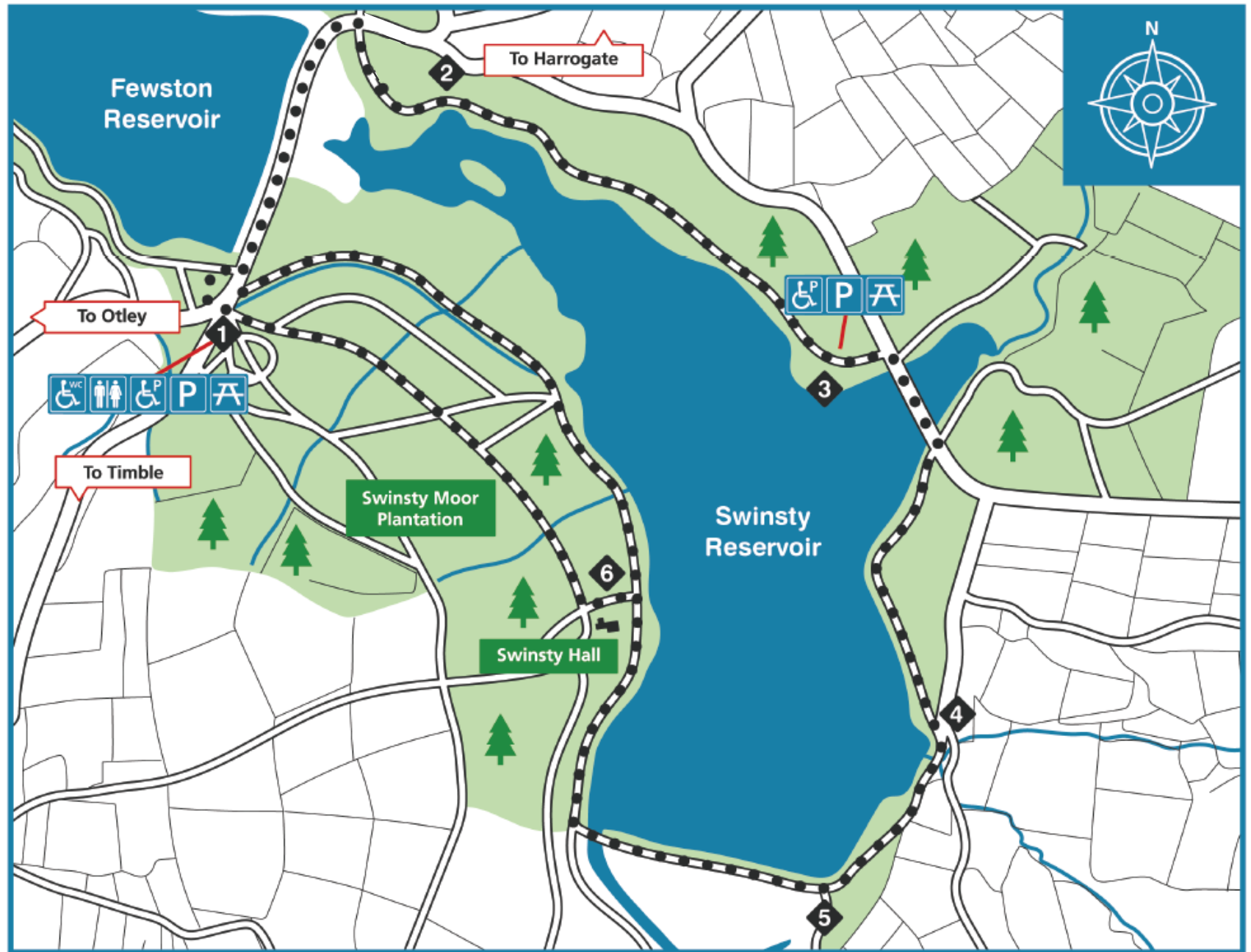







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Key:

Road	
Path	
Route	
River	
Woodlands	
Disabled toilets	
Toilets	
Disabled parking	
Parking	
Picnic area	
Building	

200m



Route Fact File	
Location:	Less than 10 miles west of Harrogate and north of Otley, just off the A59
Difficulty:	One Boot
Route Length:	3 Miles / 5 Kilometres
Walking Time:	1½ Hours
Terrain & Gradient:	Footpaths are consistently wide and well-surfaced. Mostly flat or gently undulating. There are no steps, stiles or gates on this route.
How To Get There:	<p>By car: The route starts at Swinsty Moor and Fewston Reservoir car park (LS21 2NP) (point 1) at the southern end of the Fewston Reservoir Embankment. Alternative parking is available at Stack Point car park (HG3 1SU), along the eastern edge of Swinsty Reservoir. Please note that both have a height barrier.</p> <p>From Harrogate: take the A59 heading west. Before you reach Blubbershouses, turn left at the roundabout onto the B6451. Take the second right onto Wydra Lane, which becomes Back Lane and takes you across Fewston Reservoir Embankment. Shortly afterwards you will reach Swinsty Moor and Fewston Reservoir car park.</p> <p>By public transport: Unfortunately there is no public transport currently available to Swinsty Reservoir.</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 297

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This route around Swinsty Reservoir nestles in the stunning Washburn Valley and provides breath-taking views across the water and the surrounding landscape, especially from the embankment near the River Washburn or various rest points dotted along the walk. The walk is roughly 3 miles long.

Why not make a day of it! You can also access the start of our Fewston Reservoir walk from Swinsty Moor and Fewston Reservoir car park. Check out the Fewston route in our online walking guide section.

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Route Description:

From Swinsty Moor and Fewston Reservoir car park (point 1), leave by the main entrance and follow the black way mark arrows. Cross the road and go through the gap in the stone wall opposite to enter the woodland on the corner of Fewston Reservoir. Immediately turn right and follow the path down to the public road (either via the steps or the access ramp). Turn left and walk along the road over Fewston Dam, where you will have an excellent vantage point to see across Fewston Reservoir to your left and Swinsty Reservoir to your right.

At the far end, you will pass a house on the corner where the road bends to the right. Shortly afterwards, cross the road to enter the wood around Swinsty Reservoir via the gap in the wall opposite a set of steps.

Please take extra care as you cross the road. The path now leads downhill through the woods towards the reservoir shore (point 2).

Follow the path around the perimeter of the reservoir. There are seats at intervals with excellent views across the water. After about 1 kilometre you will pass Stack Point car park and picnic area and meet the public road that crosses an inlet of the reservoir at point 3.

Turn right on the road (there is no pavement so caution is necessary) and when you get to the other side of the inlet, turn right through the gap in the wall next to a gate back into the grounds of Swinsty Reservoir. Continue your journey around the edge of the reservoir to meet a tarmac access road at point 4.

Turn right on the road, past a house on the left. Cross Swinsty Reservoir Embankment (point 5), using the level path on the left-hand side of the road. There are excellent views down the valley and across Swinsty Reservoir from here. At the end of the embankment turn right up the lane, passing Swinsty Hall on the left at point 6. At Swinsty Hall there's a choice; either turn left following the path through the woods back to point 1 at the car park (please note that the section of path alongside Swinsty Hall is quite steep), or continue along the lane to the main entrance to the car park.

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