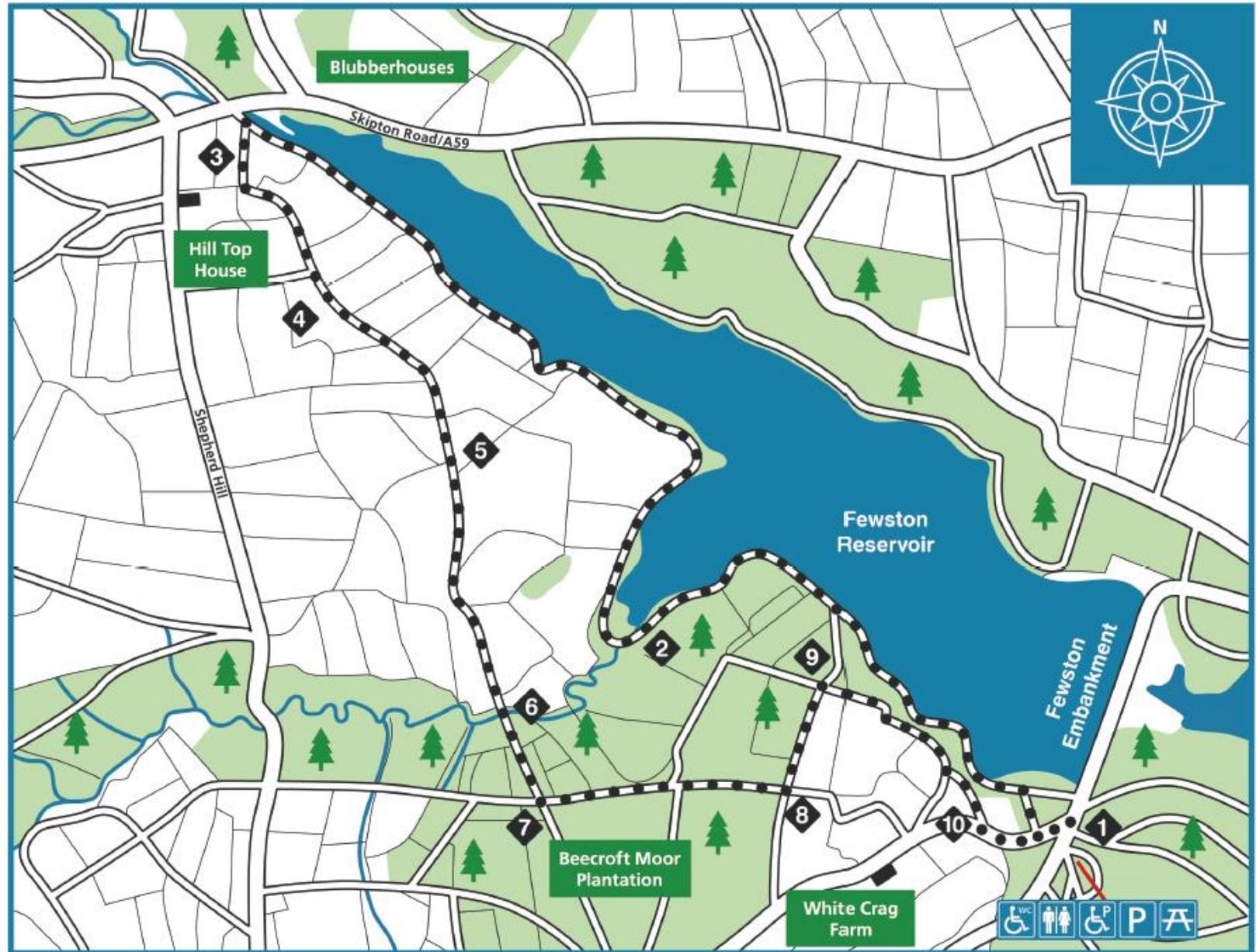


# FEWSTON & BEECROFT

## Key:

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

200m



Route Fact File	
<b>Location:</b>	10 miles West of Harrogate
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Three Boots
<b>Route Length:</b>	3.7 miles / 6 kilometres
<b>Walking Time:</b>	2½ hours
<b>Terrain &amp; Gradient:</b>	The route features stiles, steep climbs and muddy fields. The route has uneven ground for much of the walk but is a wide surfaced track between <b>points 1-3</b> .
<b>How To Get There:</b>	<p><b>By car:</b> 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><b>From Harrogate:</b> 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><b>By public transport:</b> 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>
<b>Facilities:</b>	    
<b>OS Map:</b>	Explorer 297

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 This exciting walk takes you on a journey along the water's edge, through pastures and woodland plantations. The route offers panoramic views of Swinsty and Fewston reservoirs from various angles. The walk is 3.7 miles long.  
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**Route Description:**

Start at Swinsty Moor car park **1** at the southern end of Fewston Reservoir Dam. Leave the car park by the main entrance, cross the road into the wood and take the path to the left downhill to the reservoir. When you reach the water's edge, take the path that runs along the western shore of Fewston Reservoir keeping the water on your right. The path is easy to follow and diverts uphill and through a woodland at around **point 2**.

Keep following the path with the water to your right until you reach the entrance to Blubberhouses car park (**point 3**). Turn left over a gated stone stile with a footpath sign and climb a steep pasture. Go through the gate at the top and head diagonally to the left, across a broken down wall and bear slightly right towards the next wall corner. Keeping this wall on your right, cross a broken wire fence and head for a mature oak tree with a gate to the right of it. Cross the gated stile at **point 4** and follow the edge of the field, keeping the wall on your left.

Pass through a metal gate and continue through the next field, keeping close to the wall on your left, towards another gateway. Go through the gateway and keep the wall on your right to head to a waymarked stone stile. Continue through the squeeze stile into an open field (**point 5**) and head for the gate straight ahead.

Cross the stile next to the gate, follow the remains of a wall that tapers out gradually, and then head uphill to a solitary tree in an old boundary line. Follow the track straight ahead across to the wire fence with some mature hawthorns beside it. Bear right, keeping the fence on your left, until you arrive at three gates. Go through the middle gate and follow the track as it heads downhill and becomes a walled lane with a squeeze stile and a footbridge into the wood (**point 6**).

Head up through the cleared plantation to a stone forest track (**point 7**). Turn left on this track, past the first junction, to a T junction at the edge of the wood at **point 8**. Turn left downhill and then take the next right at **point 9** onto a stone track along the edge of the wood. This is a permissive bridleway, so please be aware of any cyclists and horse riders. Follow this back to the road at **point 10** and turn left uphill to find your way back to the car park.

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