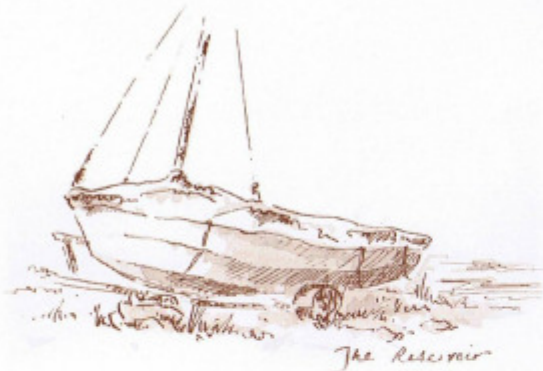


WALK No. 3 ~ 'Thornton Steward Reservoir'

What you can expect ~

A short walk up and around the reservoir with a return to the village the same way.
Magnificent panoramic views of Wensleydale.



Difficulty rating:



Distance: 3 miles

Time: ½ hour - Very brisk pace
1 hour - Family pace

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer, Sheet No 302, Scale 1:25 000

Description:

1. On leaving your vehicle walk up the village in a westerly direction, past the village water pump, cross the green and climb a short flight of steps up to The Village Hall (The Institute - see 18). Climb the stone stile immediately to the left of the hall and follow a narrow footpath over 3 flights of stiles before coming to a country road. Turn right and walk down the road for 100 yards, turn left off the road and go through 2 steel farm gates. Keeping the hedge on your left go up the footpath close to the hedge and pass the buildings of Glebe Farm, through a steel gate and straight on up the next field at the top of which is another gate leading onto the land surrounding the reservoir.

2. Once through the gate, you have a choice of going either clockwise or anti-clockwise around the reservoir (anti-clockwise for the best views looking west). If going anti-clockwise, soon after the group of wooden buildings, Thornton Steward Sailing Club, there is a car park with park picnic tables - time for a snack perhaps or to meet those having driven up to the reservoir!

Any person unable to walk far could drive or be driven up to this car park to meet and join you in the walk round part of the reservoir. The free car park has suitably sited wooden picnic tables.

There is quite a varied amount of birdlife on the reservoir and during the seasons, fishing and dinghy sailing - so plenty to watch!

3. Having completed a lap around the reservoir retrace your foot steps through the 2 fields. On reaching the road bear right and some 20 yards on turn left down the narrow footpath of Silver Street (see 11) in front of a row of terraced cottages. Carry on down the footpath, which leads you back to the village and the starting point.

