



Baitings Reservoir

Getting there and parking

Start at Baitings Reservoir car park on Rochdale Road, HX6 4LP. Free parking.

Other Information

Moderate ability - moderate inclines and descents, steps down (c.30 without handrail), 5 stiles (1 high stone stile).



Distance 2.9 miles.

No facilities en route.

Walking boots and poles recommended due to uneven and potentially slippery and boggy terrain, if wet.

Sheep in fields (keep dogs on leads)

Route Details and Reflections

Return to near the entrance of the car park, taking the public footpath (within the car park, wooden footpath sign) to the left of the metal gate.



Go through the kissing gate and head down hill on the footpath with wire fence on either side.

Take care of steps down, no handrail (c.30 steps). At the end of the steps go through the gate and proceed along the main path

Reflection - stream with iron hydroxide



- Take a look at the stream
- What do you think makes it that colour? Most likely, its iron hydroxide (produced when iron, dissolved in groundwater, reaches the stream and is exposed to oxygen).
- Would you drink that water? Would it be good for you?
- We know that worrying about things isn't good for us. So today we are going to try to get beyond anything that we are anxious about, handing over our worries and concerns to God.
- Things that worry us, flow through us like water, reaching our hearts and minds.
- Pure water refreshes us. This water is not good for us.
- The Bible tells us - Do not be anxious about anything, in every situation, pray to God about it.
- Is something worrying you? Bring it to mind. Picture it in this murky water. We are going to leave it here.
- And we are going to simply pray - Father, we leave our worries here with you. Amen

JOURNEY ON through two kissing gates and then turn left, do not go over the bridge. Keeping the stream on your right.

Continue ahead and walk down some steps by the side of a steel pipe across the metal bridge

As you exit the wall, pass through the hole in the fence, sign posted 'Yorkshire water permissive path'.

Reflection - Dam



- As we reach the dam, we see the water that has been collected for us to drink. It still needs some filtering but this rainwater is so much cleaner than the ironised water. After it has been treated we would all probably be happy to drink this water.
- However the ironised water is also flowing into this reservoir....but that too will get cleaned.
- Are we getting anxious about things when we don't need to, as they will eventually be taken care of.
- That early bible quote about not being anxious and praying about it, reminds us also to give thanks.
- These reservoirs are literally life savers. Without them we would not have the fresh water that is essential for life.
- We pause to give thanks for this water and for anything else that comes to mind as we simply enjoy the view.

JOURNEY ON

Exit through the kissing gate to the small car park. Walk down to the dam.

At the end of the dam turn right.

Continue on with the reservoir on your right-hand side, ignoring the track off to your left.

At the narrowing/end of the reservoir, turn right over the footbridge, do not go straightforward, i.e. take the first footbridge.

Follow the path up the hill.

At the top the hill go over the stile and follow the wall on your right.

At the top of the field, turn right through a narrow squeeze stile (gap in a dry stone wall) next to a rusty gate, following the public footpath sign.

Go over the wooden stile into a farm yard. Go straight forward and take the path to the right of the wooden shed. Note - Signposted wooden gate maybe open. Walk through the field with the wall on your left and exit through the wooden gate.

Possibly sheep in the field, so keep dogs on leads.

At the top of the field stop for a reflection

Reflection – 360 views



- Take a look around. 360 degree views in this peacefully part of the walk.
- Today's Bible verse about not being anxious but instead praying in every situation with thanksgiving, goes on to say 'and the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding, will guards our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ'.
- If we pray about everything that worries us, we can feel a peace that's beyond our comprehension.
- Earlier, in prayer, we left our worries at that murky stream. Let's enjoy the view and feel at peace.

JOURNEY ON

At the top of the field, go over the stile.

Go straight forward through the gap, ignoring the stile on your left at the same section.

After c.100 yards, at the junction with a stile on your left and wooden gate on your right, take the stile left. You will walk with a dry stone wall on your right and wires fence on your left.

Take care as it is uneven.

At the end of the wall, continue straight ahead towards the ruined farm building. As you get to the front of the buildings, follow the track as it bears right around the field boundary up to the next wall.

Turn left through the wide farm gate pillars.

Climb over the stone stepped stile with the metal gate to your left.

Continue to the road and turn right on to the road (take care as it can be busy). After 50 yards take the first right down the track.

As you reach the farm building, turn left (back on yourself) through the kissing gate.

Cross the field taking the gate on the left. Go straight across to the double wooden gate with the metal gate to your left and walk through the farmer's yard. After passing through the farm buildings, turn right and head towards the dam wall, passing through a wooden gate.

Reflecting - Windy dam



- Take a look at this dam wall. See how it winds. Have you ever seen a dam wall like it?
- On life's journey there will always be surprising bends in the path (some good, some bad). Can worrying about them change anything?
- A quote that may help (author unknown) - 'Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about the things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about the things he can change.'
- May the peace that goes way beyond our understanding, keep our hearts and minds safe today.

JOURNEY ON down to the dam wall and cross the dam to return to the carpark.