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Short Walk: Underbank Reservoir to Wind Hill Farm

- Length - 2.0 or 3.0 miles
- Grade - Well marked paths, some stiles, gentle ascents. Parts can be muddy and slippery
- Start - Yorkshire Water Underbank Reservoir Car Park, Oaks Lane, Stocksbridge S36 4GH
- Grid Reference - SK 246 991
- Maps – OL1 Dark Peak, OS Explorer 278
- Parking - Car Park (free)
- Public transport – 57 bus to the terminus (Unsliven Road). Then commence at 13
- Refreshments – none on the route
- Public Toilets – none on the route

Description - This is a walk through farm land and woodland by the reservoir. We climb from Underbank up to Wind Hill Farm before returning by an old pack horse road to the reservoir. This was completed in 1907, work having commenced 10 years earlier. There is an option to extend the walk.



Interpretation board, installed February 2013, at Underbank Reservoir

Route Instruction

1. Walk up from the car park (photo 1) back onto Oaks Lane. Turn left and go up the road
2. After 400 m, take the signed public footpath on the right up the farm track to Wind Hill Farm (2)

Shorter route

- 3a. For the shorter route turn left and proceed through the farm yard. Go through the gate and then over the stile at the next gate



- 4a. Continue in the same direction across the access land, keeping the fence on your left. Rejoin at (8)

Longer Route

- 3b. At the entrance to the farm yard take the footpath through the gate on your right (3b). Follow the path with the wall on your left, cross the field and go through the gate, cross over the stile which is 5 m on your left
4. Follow the path up the hill. Beware of the rocks and steep drop on your right. Keep the wall on your left, follow the path until it opens out on to Long Lane
5. Take the footpath, by the interpretation board (5), on your left, over the stile or through the metal gate. Go down the hill along the track, keeping the wall on your left, back to Wind Hill Farm
6. At the bottom of the field, turn right, onto the path across the access land. Keep the fence on your left

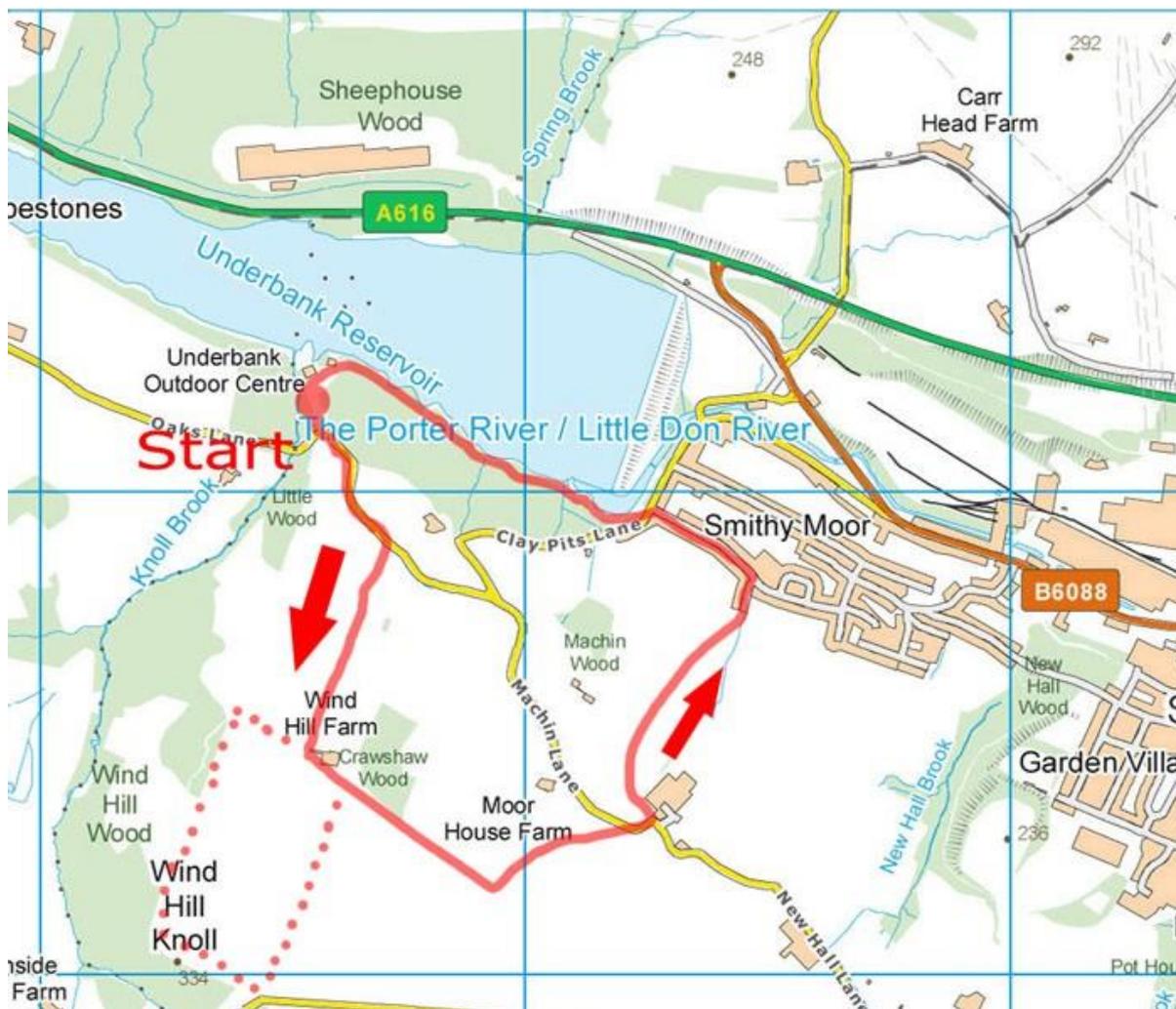
Both Routes

7. About 100 m before the end of the field, pass through the gate on your left (7). Continue to the stone stile in the bottom corner of the access land
8. Go across the next field, at the same elevation, aiming for the stone stile in the wall opposite (8)
9. Turn left and go down the old pack horse trail to the junction by Green Farm

There is an old Guidestoop at this junction (1794). These were set up in the late 17th. Century following a 1697/8 Act of Parliament. This stone has Penistone, Bolsterstone and Uden carved into it. The convention was that the traveller turned right at the inscription to follow the required route.

10. At the junction take the entrance to the left of the farm buildings (10), down the 'no through road' lane
11. At the end of the track take the signed footpath. Follow the path down until it opens out on to Green Lane. Continue and turn left on to Cross Lane
12. At the end of Cross Lane, go through the gateway onto the path round Underbank
13. Go left along the path back to [Underbank Outdoor Activity Centre](#). Turn left just before the building and go up the access lane back to the car park





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