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Short Walk: More Hall and Broomhead Reservoirs

- Length - More Hall 2.2 miles, Broomhead 2.7 miles, combined 4.6 miles
- Grade – these are level walks. The private road and dam wall both have good tarmac surfaces suitable for wheelchair users and buggies. The paths by the side of the reservoirs are varied and can be muddy.
- Start - **More Hall and the combined walks.** The dam wall, unnamed lane parallel to More Hall Reservoir. This is a turn off the A6102 opposite Ewden Water treatment works - Grid reference - SK 287 958
- Start - **Broomhead.** Ewden Village - Grid reference - SK 274 960
- Maps – OL1 Dark Peak, OS Explorer 278
- Parking - on the road
- Public transport – the 57 and SL1/1A services both use the A6102 between Deepcar and Wharnccliffe Side. The start of the More Hall route is a level $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walk from this road
- Refreshments – none on the route. [The Castle Inn, Bolsterstone](#), is 0.5 miles, uphill, from the start of the Broomhead and combined walks
- Public Toilets – none on the route

Description

You will walk on private roads and through woodland bordering reservoirs. The Ewden Valley is a popular spot for a gentle stroll: a beautiful quiet location, with views across the reservoirs ('*The Switzerland of South Yorkshire*'). The dam wall and the lane are flat and level with a good surface and are suitable for both wheel chair users and those who find uneven surfaces difficult. The majority of the paths on these walks are [Yorkshire Water](#) permissive paths. The upper reservoir (Broomhead) is used for drinking water while More Hall is used as compensation water.



Route Instructions

More Hall Reservoir

- 1a. Start from the lane at the eastern end of More Hall reservoir near the dam wall.
- 2a. Heading south, go through the metal gate (2a) and cross the dam wall, keeping More Hall reservoir on your right.
- 3a. At the end of the dam, turn right and follow the path by the side of the reservoir until it opens out onto New Mill Bank.



- 4a. Turn right and cross over the bridge (4), heading towards Ewden village. The run-off from Broomhead Reservoir is on your left.
- 5a. At the junction turn right and, keeping More Hall Reservoir on your right, go down the Yorkshire Water private road back to the dam wall.

Combined More Hall and Broomhead Reservoirs

- 1b. Follow 1a-3a, above (*More Hall Reservoir walk*).
- 2b. As you approach New Mill Bank, turn left (2b), then take the bridleway opposite into 'Horse Wood.'
- 3b. After a gentle ascent, continue to follow the path along the southern side of Broomhead reservoir.
- 4b. When the path meets New Road go through the gap in the fence on your right (4b) and, turning left, continue along the permissive path to the top of the reservoir.
- 6b. At the western end of the reservoir the path opens onto Yew Trees Lane. Do not exit at this point but continue to follow the path through the woods on the shore of the reservoir.
- 7b. When you rejoin the road, turn right. This is a main road and traffic can be moving quickly. Turn right and cross the road bridge which is 10 m in front of you.
- 8b. After about 100 m go through the gateway on the right (8b) and follow the permissive path along by Broomhead reservoir.

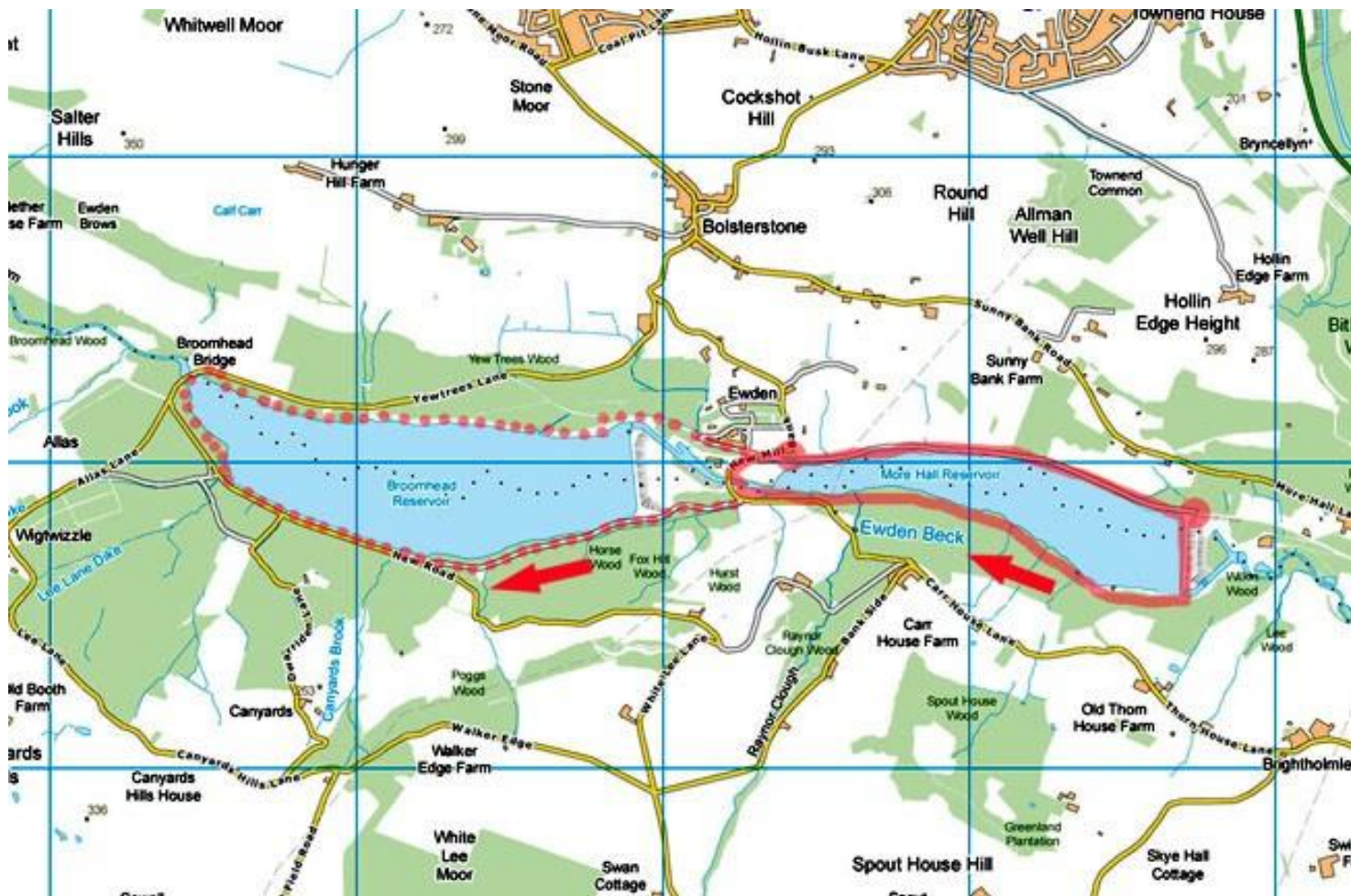
Much of the land just north of Broomhead Reservoir is forestry plantations of pine, Sitka spruce and larch.

- 9b. When the path reaches the dam wall, take the lane right and head down towards Ewden Village, passing through a metal gate en route.
- 10b. At the junction go straight on down the Yorkshire Water private road.
- 11b. Continue down the road back to the starting point at the More Hall reservoir dam wall.

Broomhead Reservoir

- 1c. Park on the private road near Ewden Village. Then, take the road across to the other side of the valley, towards Bradfield.
- 2c. 100 m after the bridge take the bridleway on your right into 'Horse Wood.' Then follow 3b-9b, above (*combined reservoirs walk*) before returning to Ewden Village.





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