

Chellow Heights

2½ miles (4km) circular

Walk Start Point

The small rough surfaced car park at the entrance to Chellow Dene, off the B6144 Haworth Road near Sandy Lane crossroads, Bradford. Grid ref: 113353.

Public Transport

Bus service 619 passes the car park at Chellow Dene; also services 615/616 operate past the nearby Sandy Lane crossroads. For further information contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking

On the small rough surfaced car park at the entrance to Chellow Dene, grid ref: 113353.

Route Information

A lovely family walk with lots of interest, using mainly good, easy to follow paths, some surfaced including two short but very steep climbs through surprisingly rural countryside in an urban setting.

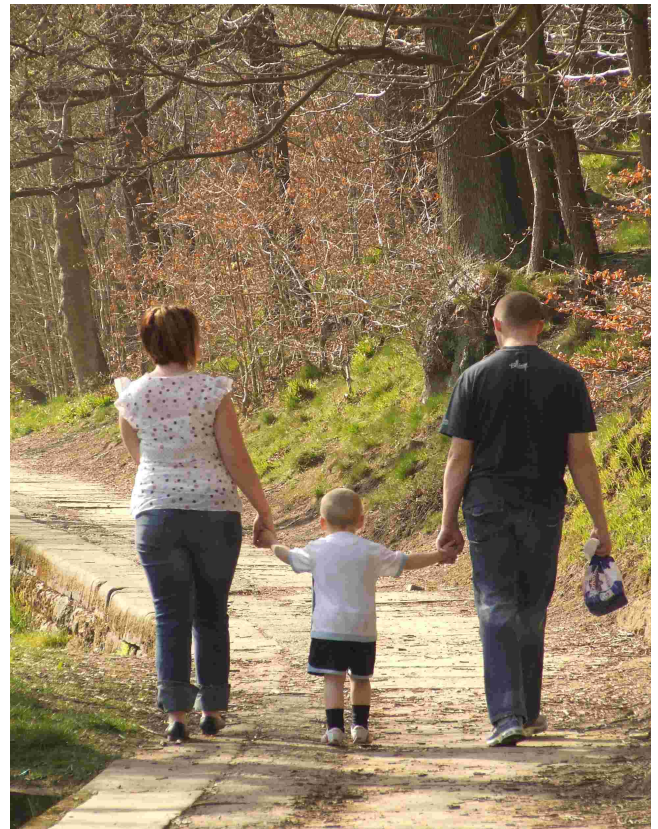
The route takes you alongside the two reservoirs of Chellow Dene. Please take extra care especially if walking with children. **Be SAFE - Stay Away From the Edge.**

No special walking equipment is required for this walk, but we do recommend sensible shoes and for you to take a picnic. Most of the walk is not suitable for people with limited mobility, pushchairs and wheelchairs, although the paths around the two reservoirs do offer a good alternative for you to devise your own shorter walks on level paths.

The Route

From the rear of the car park take the wide rough track leading into the woodland where after only a short distance the track divides. Here our route continues straight ahead along the level track for quite a distance, passing a housing complex over to your right and eventually walking parallel to a small stream as you make your way gently downhill to the head of the top reservoir. Here near the metal safety barriers the track divides again and although either of the paths will bring you to the same destination, our route turns right over the small water inlet now walking with the stream on your left.

Off to feed the ducks at Chellow Dean Top Reservoir



After only a short distance you will be walking along the side of the top reservoir following the path until you eventually reach the dam wall and the water overflow at the far end. Here the surface of the path changes to tarmac and our route ignores the path off to the left across the dam wall and continues by going straight ahead down the quite steep path leading to the lower reservoir. On reaching the bottom of the hill, continue straight ahead by again following the path along the side of the lower reservoir until you reach the second dam wall and water overflow.

Turn left here crossing the water overflow and along the top of the reservoir embankment to exit Chellow Dene via the path at the right hand side of the former reservoir keeper's house, which can be seen ahead, bearing right through the wide gateway out onto Chellow Lane. Walk straight ahead along the right hand side of Chellow Lane for approx 250yds (228m) to where the road narrows, here turn left to cross the road to go steeply up Malvern Road to the very top. On reaching the top of Malvern Road and facing Hazelhurst Brow Farm, turn sharp right to walk along the rough surfaced track between the houses, all the way to its junction at the end with Shaftsbury Avenue.

Turn left here uphill crossing Hazelhurst Brow at the top, to continue by going steeply up the narrow walled path opposite to exit at the top near Sunny Bank. Here where the path joins the rough track which crosses from left to right turn second left to follow the track through the two concrete bollards. Continue straight ahead ignoring any other paths which lead off from left to right to go along the tree lined track between the broken down walls across the fields. Eventually the track bears right as you start a gentle climb to the highest point along the route, where a panoramic view along the Aire valley can be seen, with Baildon, Bingley and Morton moors along the distant skyline.

Just beyond the crest of the hill, 50 yds (45m) or so and just before reaching the dry stone wall ahead our route turns sharp left through the gap in the stone wall, to follow the path gently downhill passing the cricket pitch and a few old containers on your right. Just beyond the containers at the bottom of the incline our path joins a wider rough track as you make your way between the golf course on the left and the waste ground on the right until you reach a large metal barrier. Make your way round the left hand side of the barrier and continue straight ahead to follow the narrow rough track behind the houses as it first bears right between the road end on the right and the wildlife pond on the golf course to your left, before bearing left to follow the hedge round to a second metal barrier.

Through the barrier the path starts a gentle uphill climb for a short distance to a third metal barrier, before continuing uphill across the golf course straight ahead. Follow the very obvious wide track to eventually be walking parallel to the perimeter wall of the water treatment works on your right. Where the wall finishes continue straight ahead for a short distance further to the bottom of the dip in the track. Here our route leaves the track by bearing left across the grass between the two golf greens and over a narrow hard surfaced path, before joining a woodland path to go through a gap in the stone wall. Through the gap and in the woodland turn sharp right to follow the wide woodland path, level at first before starting a steady descent beneath the trees eventually turning right at the bottom of the incline at the junction with the main path which crosses from left to right, to walk the short distance back to the car park from where you started your walk.

Footnote

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at:

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The Countryside and Rights of Way Service
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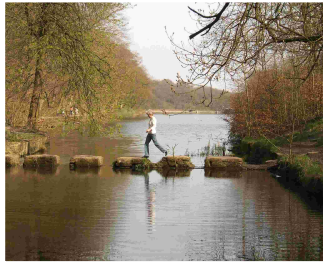
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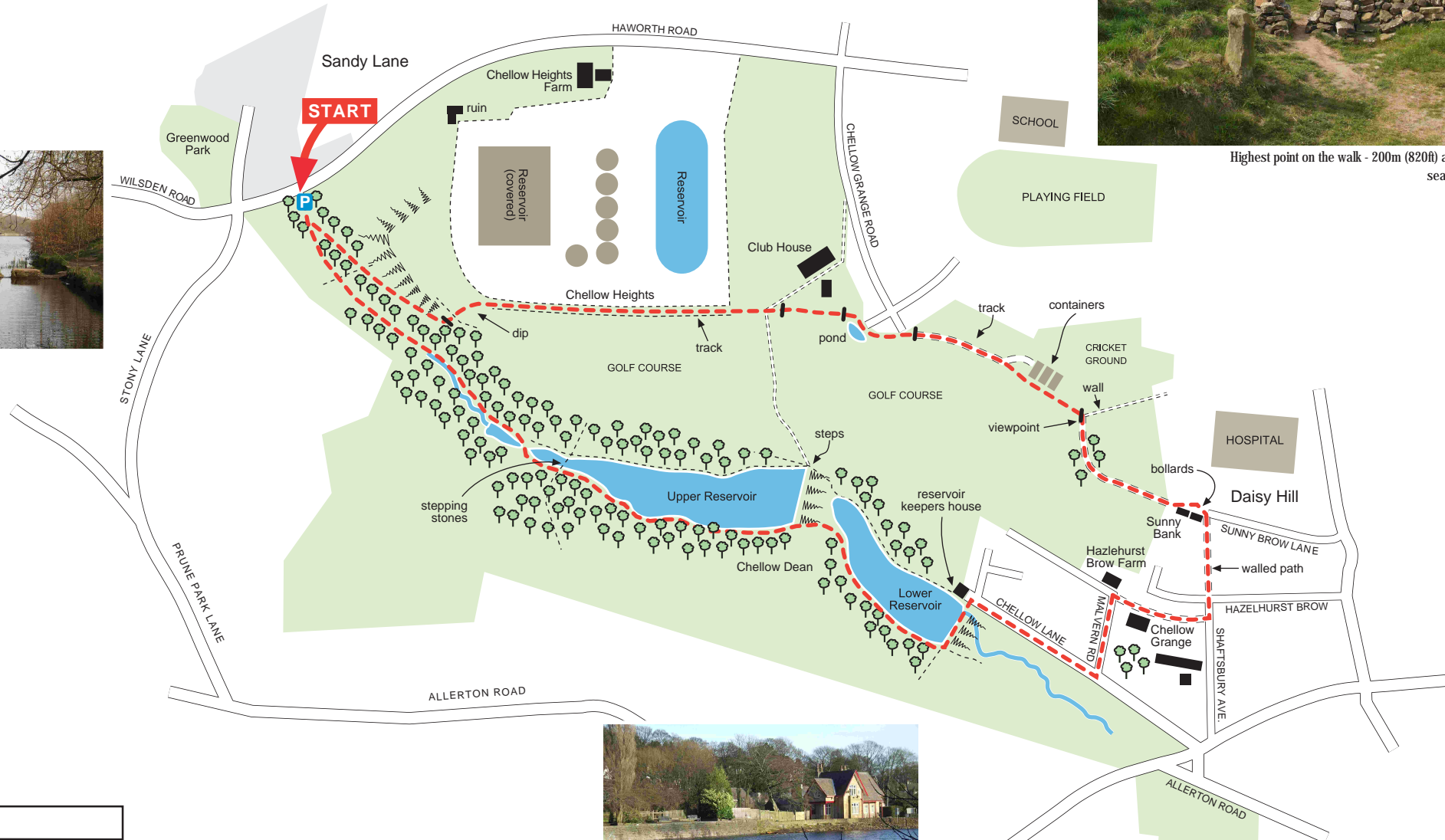
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Head of the Top Reservoir



Highest point on the walk - 200m (820ft) above sea level



Key

- - - Route
- - - Footpaths
- Gap/Barrier



Reservoir keepers lodge - Lower Reservoir