

Countryside & Rights of Way

Around Doe Park Reservoir, Denholme

Circular 3 mile (4.8km) Walk

Walk Start Point

Foster Park gate, School Street, behind the Co-op supermarket in Denholme.

Public Transport

A regular bus service 696/7 operates between Bradford and Keighley via Denholme. Also bus service 504 from Halifax to Denholme runs hourly Monday to Saturday. For further details call Metroline: 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking

There is plenty of on street parking near Foster Park, please park with care and consideration.

Walk Information

Denholme, not necessarily the first place you would think of to go for a countryside walk but you're in for a surprise. An ideal family walk for most reasonably fit occasional walkers, along narrow lanes and field paths, which circles the fringe of the urban area of the village. Comfortable waterproof footwear is essential, along with outdoor clothing to suit the season. A light snack is advisable especially if walking with children. This walk is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with limited mobility.

The Walk Route

Starting from the gate into Foster Park, walk along the narrow surfaced path (School Street), between the top of the park and the houses. At the end of School Street cross over the road (Foster Park View) and continue straight ahead along Foster Park before turning right after bungalow no:24, to walk along the narrow rough surfaced path for approx 100yds (91m) to where the path divides. Our route is over the stile bearing left down the grassy path eventually passing another path which joins from the left and continues downhill keeping close to the post and wire fencing on your left and under the trees, to another fence which crosses from left to right.

Turn right here and follow the fence on your left to a stile in the corner of the field. Climb the stile into the next field to follow the path downhill by bearing slightly to your right to walk with the broken down dry stone wall on your left, eventually turn sharp left between the gap in the wall opposite a wooden electricity pole. Once through the gap the path turns sharp right to again follow a broken down wall on the left downhill to cross a small bridge via a gate/stile. Over the bridge turn left to walk in front of a row of cottages (Wheel Race), following the rough access road as it bears right uphill passing in front of a large house Hollin Park. Just beyond Hollin Park the access track bears to the right, follow the track to its junction on a very bad corner with a surfaced road. Turn right here uphill following the road around the next bend to the right, passing a house drive on the right to continue uphill for a further 150yds (136m), before climbing the stile over the dry stone wall on the right.

Over the stile the faint path bears to the left as you walk beneath the trees of Cripple Croft plantation (this section of path is quite boggy in places), keeping approx 25yds (23m) from the dry stone wall up to your left. At the far end of the wooded area the path goes over a stile in the dry stone wall and continues by following the well trodden path as it gently climbs uphill to the wall up to your left. On nearing the top of the hill, very close to the wall, climb over a large stone between the fence to follow the path as it bears to the right across a short level plateau overlooking Doe Park Reservoir. At the end of the plateau the path divides, our route bears to the left uphill towards the drystone wall. On nearing the wall follow the well defined path keeping the wall on your left, walking parallel with the reservoir, to eventually turn right downhill to join another path which crosses from left to right. Turn left here following the well-trodden path, still walking parallel to the reservoir and keeping close to the wall on your right as it bears right to a small gate at the head of the reservoir. Go through the gate following the path a short distance to go through a second gate. Here turn left along a narrow walled path (slippery in places), to eventually turn right across a small footbridge spanning Denholme Beck, and climb the steps on the opposite side of the bridge into a field. From here the path goes steeply uphill walking close to the wire fence on your right, passing a gate as you go.

On nearing the top of the steep grassy hill the path bears to the left to cut across to a wall corner, on reaching the corner turn right and follow the wall on your right all the way to the electricity pylon which can be seen ahead.

On reaching the pylon turn right over the stile in the dry stone wall and follow the path keeping again close to the wall on your right as it bears left, then right to a small metal gate.

Once through the gate turn immediately left off the well-trodden path to follow the much less used path along the top edge of the field keeping the fence/wall on your left as you walk through the reeds and brambles.

Continue straight ahead along the top side of the steep hillside, keeping as near as possible to the wall and the fence on your left, until you eventually reach a stile in the dry stone wall. Once over the stile continue straight ahead to follow the rock-strewn path along the line of the broken down wall on your left, which will eventually lead you to a gap stile out onto a rough track (Old Road). Turn right down the track continuing straight ahead at the farm buildings to the bottom of the incline, here cross the bridge over Carpeley Beck and leave the track by turning left to walk up the walled footpath and through a large gap at the top, out onto the main Halifax Road.

Turn right and walk along the pavement following the main road around the bend for approx 250yds (227m), before turning left to cross the main road just beyond 7 Acres (the access road to the new housing estate) from here walk down the side of building No.24 and up the long straight walled rough surfaced track (Clock Lane) to its junction at the very top near to Hill Top Farm. Turn right here and continue along the track to eventually join the top end of a surfaced road (Hill Crest Road). From here walk down the right hand side of Hill Crest Road before turning second left along the narrow surfaced path between houses No. 25 and 31. Continue straight ahead where another path crosses from left to right to walk between the railings and down the steps to emerge between Denholme Primary School and Denholme Conservative Club.

Continue straight ahead here, following the road as it bears left at the first junction, then right at the second and then left again at the third junction to join the main Halifax Road. Here cross the main road to walk down Parkinson Road to bring you back to your walk start point at Foster Park gates.

Footnote

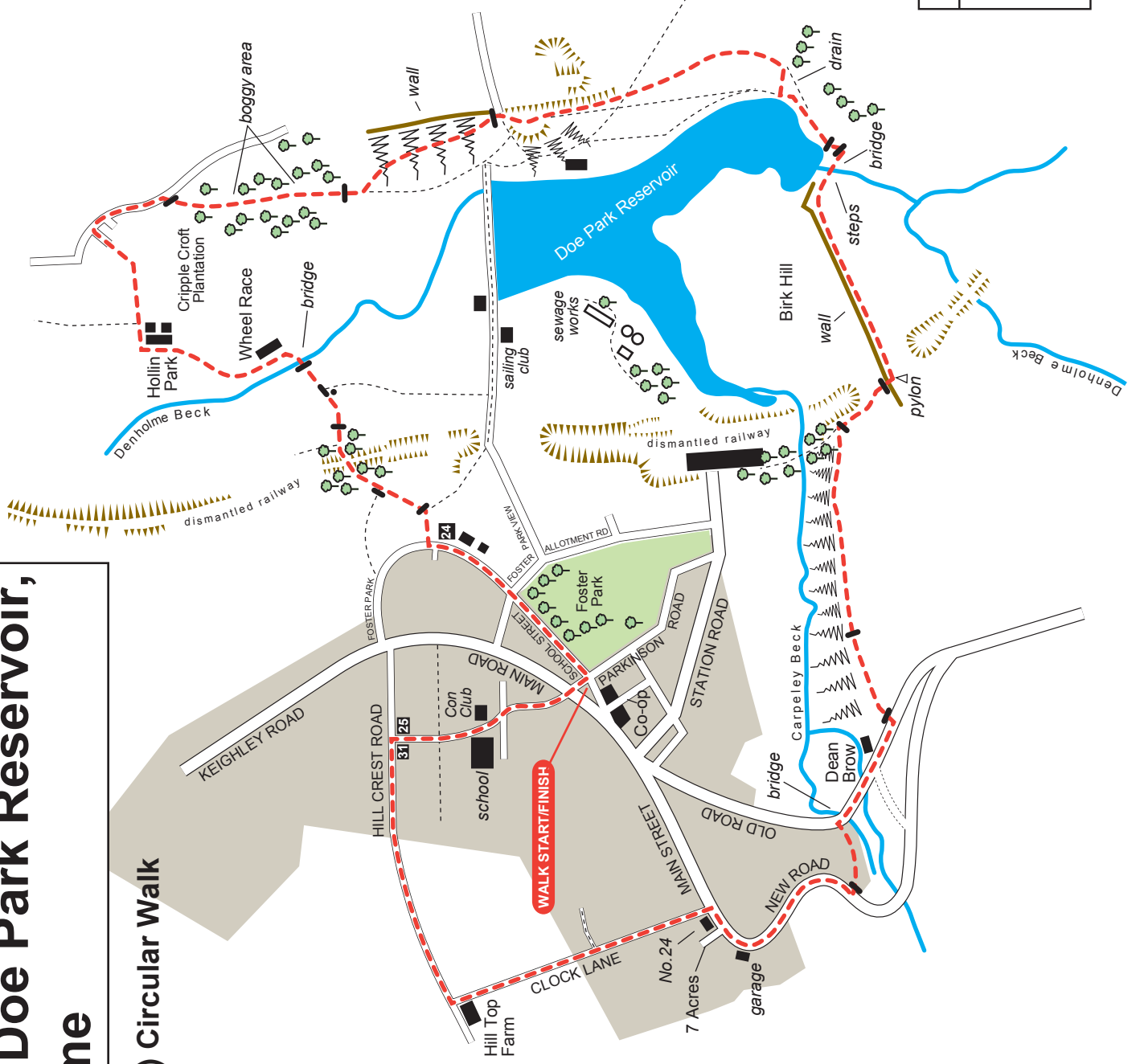
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