

WALKS FROM WWW.MIKES-WALKS.CO.UK --- 3 more Reservoirs

Where – West Pennine Moors				
Distance – 8.92km 5.5 miles				
Ascent – 103 m 337 ft				
High Point 245m 803ft				
	Grid Ref	Direction	Dist	
1	620 161			From the top of the car park access road, go through the tubular steel stile signposted 'Anglezarke Trail'. Take the tarmac path, carrying straight on where another path joins from the left
2	619 193	375m		The path continues through a large but abandoned quarry, emerging onto a track at the edge of the reservoir. Go right along the track. As you come into woodland, where the signs say 'woodland trail' and 'woodland trail – short route' go straight on up the track, which bends left then right
3	619 167	833m		Where the track bends to the right, take the narrow path into the woodland on the left, by the information board. This path takes you round the headland above the reservoir, then drops down into a valley
4	617 170	1.6k		At the path junction, go neither left or right but carry on along the base of the dam of High Bullough reservoir. Carry straight on up (and it is up) this path, through the small field towards Manor House
5	620 171	2k		In front to Manor House, turn right and go up the road
6	623 169	2.4k		At Jepson's Gate, where the road has a 90' right turn, go through the middle of the three gates and down the rough track. In the distance, Rivington Tower and Pike should both line up with the track. Follow this track keeping the fence on your left and after about 700m it starts to drop down into Leadmines Clough
7	629 164	3.2k		Having entered the fenced area of the clough and read the information board, do not take the obvious gravel path, but rather the narrow path to its left, which goes uphill to the memorial, which commemorates an RAF bomber crew who were lost on the moors in 1943. The location has a few benches and offers great views on a clear day. Also, the cache GCBEC is nearby. Suitably rested, head off down the path by which you came, but take the (narrow) path off to your left halfway down. This will take you to the main path in the clough bottom. Go left, to the top of the path then right over the bridge and back down the other side of the clough. Stay on this path, keeping the stream on your right
8	629 162	3.9k		Here the path crosses the stream on a stone bridge, and then in 300 or so metres, you come to the road at Alance bridge. For a short cut, take the road right back to the car park. For the full route, go left over the bridge (care, traffic !)
9	629 158	4,4k		At the signpost on the left, enter the field. Keep the row of rushes and trees on your left, until the break, then go to the left of the fenced line of trees. Ahead of you there is a stile with a post in the fence on the far side of the field. Head for this, or for the gate gap further up hill (head for the gap is probably better). Cross over/through the fence, and stay at the top of the field, heading for the waymark
10				From the waymark head for the small spoil heaps near the wall at the bottom of the field, where the path runs between the spoil heaps and the wall, with Yarrow Reservoir on far side of the wall. At the end of the reservoir, through the stile and onto the track at Dean Wood house. Follow this track for quite a while

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11	624 146	5.6k		By the wall, the track off to the right offers another shortcut back to the car park – alternatively, carry straight on
12	624 143	6.1k		At the road, go right over the causeway between the two Rivington Reservoirs, then go right again just before Horrobin Cottage, along the pleasant tarmac track
13	619 155	7.9k		At the end of the track, right again over the causeway between Upper Rivington and Anglezarke reservoirs, and follow the road back to the car park (and that nice steep access road !)

RESOURCES

Car Parking	At Anglezarke car park
Toilets	None
Refreshments	None
Map required	Explorer 287 West Pennine moors
Warnings	
Points of Interest	Leadmines Clough – scene of mining since ... Information leaflets available from the Information Centre at Lower House Barn, Rivington
Website	
Feedback	Email any comments to feedback@mikes-walks.co.uk and please let me know if you do the walk