

15km/9¼ miles 4½ hrs

LADYBOWER RESERVOIR

Ladybower Reservoir is generally accepted as one of the prettiest locations in the Dark Peak and yet it is man-made. It was completed in 1943, submerging the two villages of Derwent and Ashopton, and was the practice area for the Dambusters. This fabulous walk also explores the fascinating gritstone rock formations that line Derwent Edge, high above the valley. Allow time to potter amongst the rocks and marvel at the sculptural powers of weathering. By Andy Latham.

The walk

- From lay-by, walk east, past junction with A6103 and on to Ladybower Inn. Pass inn and take rising track signposted Ashopton. Upon reaching another track, take sharp L and after short climb there is an impressive view down the reservoir. The path drops to a gate and joins a track. Turn R, through another gate, and follow sign for Whinstone Lee Tor. Follow wall and when path opens out, bear R to head uphill, straight for the tor. Path bears R and upon reaching the rise, expansive views are revealed. Turn L to continue uphill to rocks of Whinstone Lee Tor.
- Way ahead now is very straightforward as you follow path that runs along edge to various tors visible in distance. At a crossroads, continue straight on towards prominent stack of rocks, Wheel Stones. Continue on to White Tor and at group of rocks after that, look out for Salt Cellar, a pillar of rock, prominent from valley below but just set below and to L of

moderate

DETAILS
Country Walking ID
2622
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Region East Midlands
Area Derbyshire
Length of walk
15km/9¼ miles
Time needed 4½ hrs
Difficulty Moderate

IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?
Terrain A stiff climb on to the tops; mostly clear paths and tracks, some muddy sections
Sites 4
Parking Large lay-by on the A57 at Ashopton, just east of the viaduct across the reservoir, grid ref SK196865
Start grid ref SK195864
Nearest town Hathersage
Refreshments The Ladybower Inn
Public toilets None
Limited bus options from Sheffield and Glossop, call Traveline on 0870 608 2608.
Also train from Sheffield to Bamford (4km away)

MAPS
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