



## DARREN AND CEINWEN'S GREAT BRITISH RESERVOIR CHALLENGE!

*12 Reservoirs in 12 Counties  
in 12 Months!*

**Month 3 – March 30th 2010**

### **Reservoir 3 – Derwent & Howden Reservoirs, High Peak, Derbyshire**

Walk three took us to the tranquil Upper Derwent Valley in the Peak District, where our challenge was to walk around Derwent and Howden Reservoirs, a pleasant but challenging 13 mile walk.



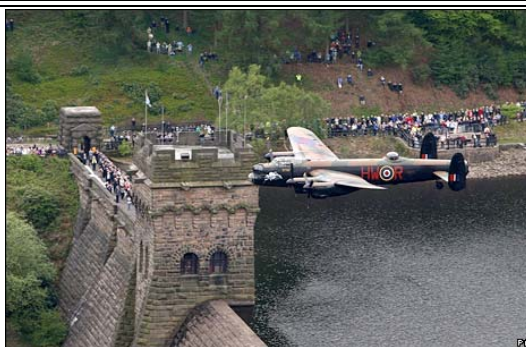
While we technically walked around two reservoirs, it is in fact not possible to walk around one without walking around the other, since they are both joined at Howden Dam (which you cannot walk across). There are three reservoirs in the valley, Howden is at the top, Derwent sits below Howden Dam in the middle of the valley above Ladybower Reservoir. Ladybower is, however, difficult to walk around since for a large part this means walking on the A57!



We began our walk at 11.40am from Fairholms car park, and, you've guessed it, it was raining! The rain stopped for about an hour, although there were showers throughout.

We walked clockwise around the reservoirs and returned to Fairholms at 3.40pm moments before the most horrendous thunderstorm arrived, the sky went purple and we just managed to get our boots and waterproofs off and get into the car as the rain and hail came flooding down. How smug were we!

## Derwent & Howden Reservoirs – Key Facts



<b>Location</b>	Bamford, High Peak, Derbyshire.
<b>Grid Reference</b>	SK 173894
<b>Managing agency</b>	Severn Trent
<b>Surface area</b>	133.8 ha
<b>Water volume</b>	4205 Million Gallons

**Fascinating Fact:** Derwent and Howden Reservoirs and their Victorian Dams were used for training by the 617 ‘Dambusters’ squadron in 1943. This was because of their similarity to the Möhne and Eder Dams in the industrial heart of Germany.

**Did you also know** that the reservoirs, built nearly 100 years ago, were built by over 1000 people, who were housed in a purpose build temporary community known as ‘Tin Town’.



**When staying in the High Peak** we stay at Underleigh House in the Hope Valley. Philip and Vivienne, who have won numerous hospitality awards, will make you very welcome, advise you of things to do, walks to try and places to eat, as well as tease your taste buds at breakfast with local foods and home made jams and preserves.



**We fully recommend it.**

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