



DARREN AND CEINWEN'S GREAT BRITISH RESERVOIR CHALLENGE!

*12 Reservoirs in 12 Counties
in 12 Months!*

Month 4 – April 1st 2010 Reservoir 4 – Winscar Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire

A couple of days after our walk around Derwent and Howden Reservoirs, the month changed and only a fool would undertake another Reservoir walk, which is why we were walking around Winscar Reservoir on 1st April.




Winscar is Yorkshire Water's largest reservoir, and the walk was different to the three previous walks in that the circular walk is not an established path. Obviously you can walk around the reservoir, or there would have been no point in including it on our list, but the land is access land and involves hill walking along some tricky paths and sometimes there is no path! Consequently, this is not a trainers walk but a walking boots walk; and although only 5 miles, in some ways is just as hard (if not harder) than the 13 mile walk around Derwent and Howden's hard surface path.



The South and West Yorkshire moors provide a completely, yet equally relaxing setting, from that of the Peak District. Much of the walk was muddy and boggy, yet the landscape is truly inspiring.

We began our walk at 12.20pm from car park, which involved a steep ascent to the dam, which is 53 metres high. This took us 10 minutes, so our walk began at 12.30pm and for once we

walked anti-clockwise around the Reservoir. The Reservoir was constructed between 1972 and 1975 and provides a reliable yield of 22 Ml/day of water. We finished at 3.05pm.

Winscar Reservoir – Key Facts	
	
Location	Dunford Bridge, South Yorkshire.
Grid Reference	SE 157239
Managing agency	Yorkshire Water
Surface area	47 hectares
Water volume	8.3 Mm ³

Did you also know that Winscar was regularly used for filming scenes from last of the Summer Wine? Rocks along one edge of the Reservoir, along with the height above sea level, which created a breeze and waves, allowed for safe filming of what appeared in close up shots to be a beach and the sea.

Visiting Holmfirth – when visiting Winscar, it is only a couple of miles drive to Holmfirth (where Last of the Summer Wine was based). You can have tea and an Ivy’s cream bun at Sid’s Café, and walk along the riverside and have a Cream Tea in Nora Batty’s House (Wrinkly Stocking Tea Rooms). Parking after 4pm is free, although the Town is pretty, leave plenty of time to get around since it is a traffic bottleneck.

Next month we are going to a wedding in London, ideal excuse to walk around a reservoir while we are there! On Monday 3rd May we will be walking around London’s largest reservoir - King George V Reservoir.

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