



DARREN AND CEINWEN'S GREAT BRITISH RESERVOIR CHALLENGE!

*12 Reservoirs in 12 Counties
in 12 Months!*

Month 5 – May 3rd 2010 **Reservoir 5 – King George V Reservoir,** **Lee Valley, Enfield, Greater London**

On May Day we were in London for the wedding of Thomas and Sophie, who you probably don't know, however, it was a good opportunity, while we were in the area, to walk around London's largest reservoir: King George V.



Construction of the reservoir started in 1908 and was completed in 1912. The reservoir was opened in 1913 by His Majesty King George V, hence the name (he didn't build it!).



Today the reservoir is part of the Lee Valley Regional Park, a 10,000 acre linear park, which follows the route of the River Lee for 26 miles from Ware in Hertfordshire to the River Thames.


The park offers a range of walks, cycle routes, nature reserves and recreational and sporting activities.

We started our six mile walk at 1.10pm and walked clockwise around the reservoir. The first section was along a Canal towpath, before walking along a right of way through fields to the road at Chingford. We then walked along the Southern edge of the reservoir to the south-west corner, and then we walked between the reservoir and the River Lee back to the Car Park, arriving at 3.10pm.



The weather was good, a mixture of sunshine and cloud, with the temperature just right.

Did you also know that King George V Reservoir doesn't have a Dam; the reservoir has been formed by the construction of a continuous embankment on the floodplain of the River Lee. This meant that we couldn't actually see the water when walking around the perimeter!

King George V Reservoir – Key Facts	
	
Location	London Borough of Enfield
Grid Reference	TQ 371953
Managing agency	Thames Water
Surface area	420 acres (170 hectares)
Water volume	12492 ml

Next month, on June 21st, we are going to England's smallest county, which is home to the UK's largest reservoir by surface area – Rutland Water. We aim to start the 26 mile walk at 10am from Eggleton, walking anti-clockwise around the Reservoir, we aim to complete it (including walking the peninsula) by 10pm.

If you would like to sponsor us, it is not too late; all proceeds are for Access for All Phase 2. There is a sponsor form at the back of church or you can speak to one of us.