



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

*12 Reservoirs in 12 Counties  
in 12 Months!*

### **Month 6 – June 21st 2010 Reservoir 6 – Rutland Water, Empingham, Rutland**

Wow – what a mighty reservoir! And we conquered it! Not only did we walk the 18 mile perimeter of the Reservoir, we also walked 8 miles around the peninsula and all in eight hours and forty five minutes.




We started our walk from our Bed and Breakfast in Egleton at 9.45am, walked anti-clockwise around the reservoir towards Manton and with various stops to eat, drink and put on sun cream, we arrived back in Egleton at 10.20pm. The weather was perfect, sunny spells and high cloud, dry, a light pleasant breeze and temperatures of 20 degrees.



Walking around Rutland Water, it is hard to believe that it is only 32 years old. For us, the construction and management of the reservoir epitomises how things were designed to be.

Human beings created by God to be stewards of the earth and all creation, using their God given talents to create an environment which mutually benefits man and nature alike. Rutland supplies half a million people, in five counties with drinking water (averaging 270 million litres per day). While being a site of special scientific interest, it hosts a nature reserve along with watersports, a museum, cycling and of course – walking!

Rutland Water – Key Facts	
	
<b>Location</b>	Empingham, Rutland.
<b>Grid Reference</b>	SK942078
<b>Managing agency</b>	Anglian Water
<b>Surface area</b>	1211.9 ha (2994.7 acres)
<b>Water volume</b>	124,000 million litres

**Fascinating Fact:** Rutland Water is host to a project to reintroduce Ospreys (a fish-eating bird of prey known as the sea hawk or fish eagle) to the Midlands after 150 years.



Find out more at <http://www.ospreys.org.uk/> where you can view a webcam and watch this year's chicks being reared.

**Did you also know** that when the reservoir was first envisaged in the 1970s it was known as Empingham Reservoir, the name was only changed in response to local views, Rutlanders were keen to keep the Rutland name and identity alive having recently lost their status as a County.

**When staying in Rutland** we stay at Forge Cottage in Egleton.



John and Sue offer an attractive “Garden Suite”, which includes a bedroom, living room and bathroom. It is perfect for a couple of days break and to wind down. Especially **We fully recommend it.** since you can have breakfast as late as 10am!

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