

- Take your litter home
- Close gates behind you
- Keep dogs under close control at all times



10 Reach a stone barn on your right, take the path on your right leading downhill. At the barn, continue to follow alongside the wall. When you come to a wall corner 50m after the barn, take the right fork, and descend to pass a house (Green Top with date 1671) on the left, and join Old Mount Road.



8 1 km after crossing the stream, turn sharp left (almost back on yourself) on a broad path and drop down to ford a stream. Turn right, cross a bridge over another stream, and climb up a broad path to the road.

Turn right along the road for 140m to reach a junction with a road on your left.

As you cross the second stream examine the structure of the old stone bridge. In 1852 a house called "Old Bridge House" stood here.



9 Take the road to the left (Old Mount Road).

This is the route of the *First Turnpike*, constructed by John Metcalfe around 1759.

After 50m take the broad track which leads off to the left towards Hades Farm. Continue along the track for about 800m.



11 Turn left down Old Mount Road. Continue down for 900m to the A62 Manchester Road.

The *Foundlers*, London workhouse children brought to Marsden to work in the cotton mills at the start of the 19th century, lived at Throstle Nest or nearby.



12 Cross the road, go downhill and past the church on the left. At the junction, turn left onto Station Road and follow it up to the railway station.

Opposite the church is the site of the former church built in 1758 to replace an earlier chapel. Notice the old gravestones and family tomb of Enoch Taylor, ironfounder.

All of our walks are way marked and along public rights of way.

To report any issues please follow the link on our website, www.marsdenwalkersarewelcome.org



Marsden is situated off the A62 at the head of the Colne Valley, west of Huddersfield. It is well served by bus and rail.

All walks start and end at Platform 3 of the railway station where there is a large free car park (HD7 6AX)

Marsden Walkers are Welcome is a voluntary group.

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THE CUCKOO'S NEST
PEEL STREET, MARSDEN



Marsden Walkers Are Welcome Swellands Walk

6.5 mile/10.5 km - 3 hour* walk

Difficult



Discover the scenic Wessenden valley, ancient woodlands and deep upland reservoirs

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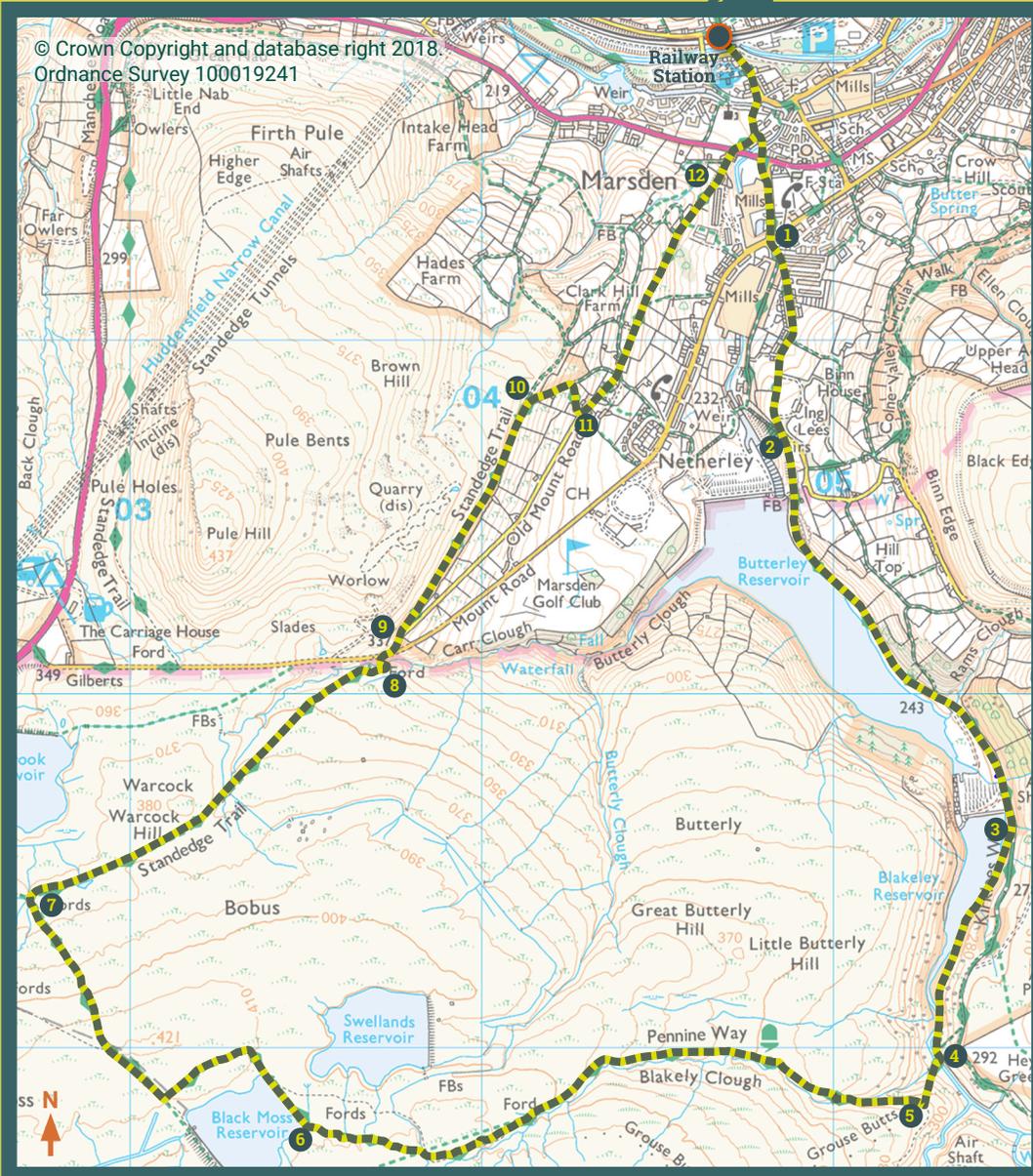
* Walk times given as a rough guide only

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Swellands Walk

The walk is graded as **Difficult**: Longer walks around 5-16km. These walks require a good level of fitness, crossing hilly ground or moorland with rising and falling levels. Paths may be rough and uneven, with some steeper slopes or longer sections of ascent and descent. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing essential.

This route takes you to the scenic Wessenden valley, with ancient woodlands and reservoirs, on the Pennine Way and Standedge Trail close to the watershed and above Swellands reservoir.



Directions

From the Railway Station, go down Station Road towards the village centre.

At the junction take the right fork, crossing the bridge over the river onto Church Lane (church on your right).

Leave the road as it bends up to the right and bear left along the road between the houses.

Pass the Old Cobblers on your left, cross the river and continue under the road bridge to your right.

Join Fall Lane and continue away from Marsden to the roundabout.



1 Cross the roundabout onto Binn Road.

Here stood Ottiwells Mill, run by William Horsfall. In 1812, he was shot by the Luddites. Three men were later hanged for his murder.

Walking up Binn Road, 290m after the last housing on your right, you pass many steps leading down the damside.



2 Take the wide track ahead on the right, and continue along it with Butterley Reservoir on your right, passing the spectacular listed spillway.

Note the Yorkshire Water information boards near the top of the spillway, installed in 2017 following remedial work.



3 Continue to Blakeley Reservoir, staying on the main track, passing a ladder stile on your right. Cross a cattlegrid and 50m past the embankment pass through a gate in the fence on your right and down a track beside the reservoir.

Blakeley Reservoir was constructed in 1903 to supply water to Huddersfield.



4 Continue on the path for 700m until it turns to the right and crosses a bridge. Noting the National Trust 'Wessenden Moor' marker, climb a steep path, and at the top, turn right past the stone Marsden Moor Heritage Trail marker and follow the path as it passes above a deep valley to your right.



5 The path crosses a stream, and climbs a steep stepped slope. Continue on this partially flagged moorland path upward for 1.7 km with the stream on your left. Arrive at Black Moss and Swellands Reservoirs.

Our Way Markers will guide you along the route



6 Cross the small bridge and the embankment. Turn left and continue to follow the flagged path until you arrive at a kissing-gate. Continue, pass through another kissing-gate. As you descend you cross a stream and arrive at a standing stone.

Ahead is Redbrook Reservoir.



7 Do not continue on the path to your left, but go straight ahead keeping the standing stone on your right, and almost immediately drop down to a raised causeway. Turn right to follow this path across a stream.

The route continues past a pond on your right, through a cutting, and over a conduit that goes under the path. You will pass a number of smaller tracks off to the left.

You are on the 1815 "Second" Wakefield to Austerlands Turnpike Road.

