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Scar House Reservoir

B4



Brief Description: A 5.5 mile (8.8 km) out and back walk on accessible tracks, which can be made into a 5.4 mile (8.6 km) loop for ambulant pedestrians. This trail takes in beautiful and bleak Upper Nidderdale, featuring spectacular views, historical sites and lots of wildlife.

Access and Facilities: 5 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilet (RADAR Key).

Features of Interest: Benches, Birdwatching, Café Kiosk Selling Refreshments, Picnic Benches (3 Accessible), Remains of Construction Village and the Farming Hamlet of Lodge, Rural Landscape, Scar House & Angram Reservoirs, Shelters, Spectacular Views, Wildlife.

Public Transport: Dales Bus 821 operates a seasonal, out and back service from Keighley via Pateley Bridge to the Café at Scar House. The 24 bus runs regularly between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge.



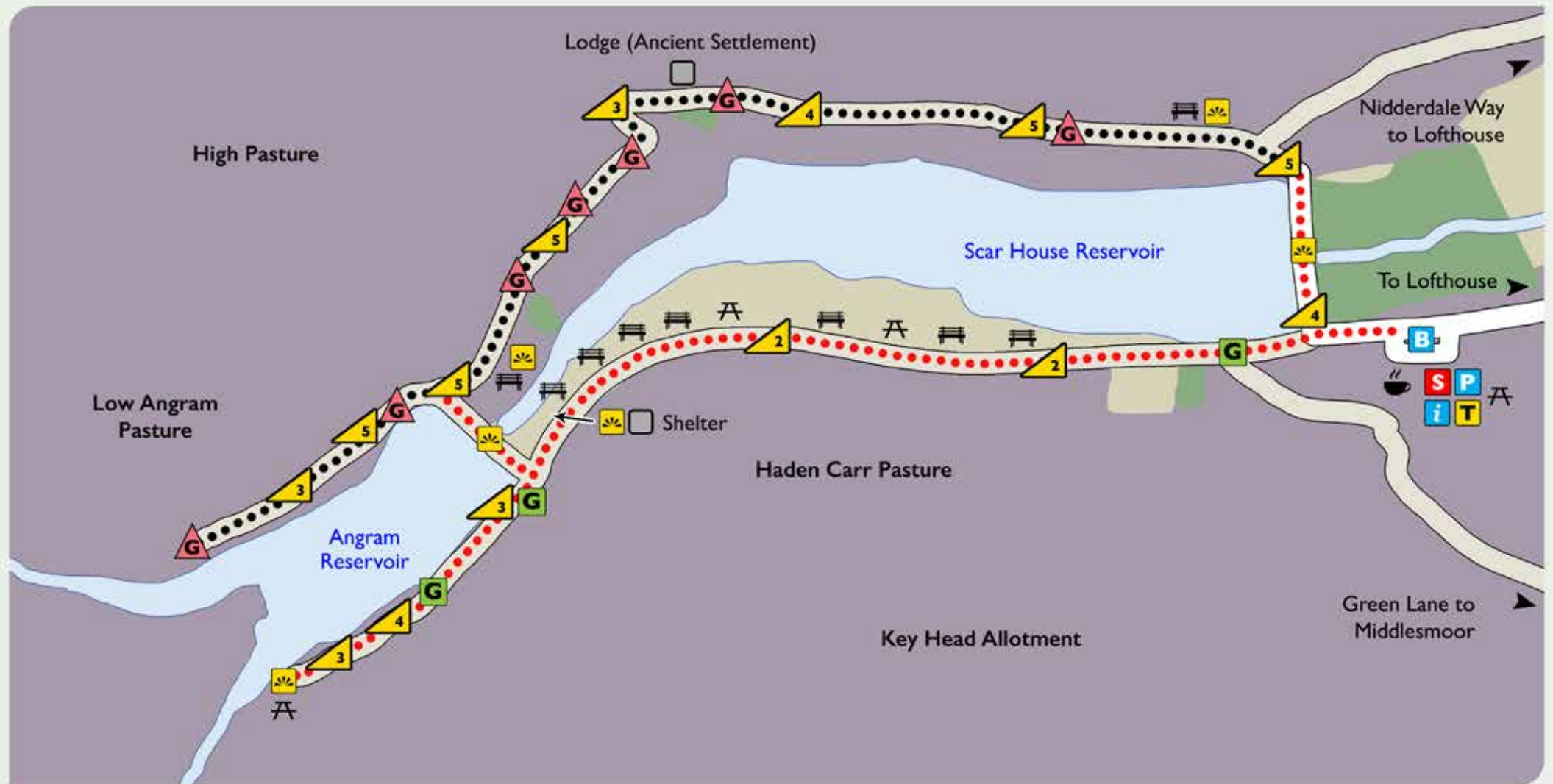
Location: The car park is situated at the end of a private road, from Lofthouse in upper Nidderdale, HG3 5SW. Follow the brown tourist signs from the village.

What3Words: surface.refrain.trifling.



Route Details: The south side of the reservoir is accessed via a worn tarmac surface (B2). Both reservoir dams are flat tarmac, although there is a short descent to Scar House Dam (A4). The north side of the reservoir is much more challenging, with an undulating, uneven path (D), including multiple gates and steep inclines (5). Access to Angram Reservoir is on a track made of crushed stone (C). It is undulating in places (up to 4) and leads to an accessible viewing area.





TRAIL CARD & MAP KEY

	Suggested Route		Viewpoint
	Alternative Route		Motorcycle Barrier
	Slope/Hill (Level)		Speed Humps
	Linked Trail		Steps (and how many)
	Suitable for Cycling		Café
	All-Terrain Chair Route		Public House
	Trail Start Point		Bench/Seat
	Parking		Picnic Area
	Information Board		Playground
	Bus Stop		Cattle Grid
	Accessible Toilet		Trees/Wood
	Accessible Fishing Platforms		Lake/Pond
	Accessible Gate (Manual Wheelchairs & Scooters)		Landmark Building
	Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs		
	Caution		

Each card has a letter & number (for example **A3**) in the top right hand corner. It describes the **surface** and **slope** of the **most difficult** parts of the main route. With the map and text, this will help you to decide whether to do the whole route or just the easier sections. The bicycle symbol indicates all or part of the route is suitable for cycling.

Surface Quality (in dry weather)

- A** - Smooth (tarmac, paving, concrete, etc.)
- B** - Quite Smooth (short grass, compacted earth/stone, etc.)
- C** - Uneven (worn grass, loose stone, some ruts, tree roots, etc.)
- D** - Rough (long grass, soft earth, sand, gravel, severe ruts, roots, etc.)

- 1** - Gentle (up to 1:20)
- 2** - Quite Gentle (up to 1:16)
- 3** - Fairly Steep (up to 1:12)
- 4** - Steep (up to 1:8)
- 5** - Very Steep (over 1:8)



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