



Brief Description: An accessible 3 mile (5km) circular walk around a picturesque reservoir in the beautiful Washburn Valley.



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



Features of Interest: Accessible Angling, Accessible Picnic Tables, Benches, Boot Washing Facilities, Car and Cycle Parking, Information Boards, Waterfowl, Woodland.



Location: Swinsty Moor Car Park, Fewston, Harrogate, LS21 2NP. **What3Words:** quietest.surging.mascot.



Public Transport: The 821 bus operates a seasonal service between Keighley and Scar House Reservoir, which stops at the entrance to Swinsty Moor Car Park.



Route Details: The majority of paths are made of compacted stone (B), with a few steeper slopes (3). The rutted track adjacent to the reservoir's south/west bank should be avoided by wheelchair users in favour of the slightly higher, less rutted path from the car park, indicated on the map below.



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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