

WALKS FROM THE COTTAGE DOOR

NO 3 THE LINACRE RESERVOIRS WALK 3-6 KM, TIME 1-3 HOURS

Go through the stone squeezer (stile) by



the black gate at the top of the cart track that goes down between our fields, then through the open gateway at



the bottom and bear right, following the stone wall (follow yellow arrows).

Pass through the new metal gate (stile)



and follow a faint path through the grass to a steep bank. In front of you is



a large rectangular field that has a stone wall bordering a wood. Walk diagonally across this field (wood in front of you) to the corner of the wood where there is a wooden stile (beside a metal gate),



and then climb over it. Follow the path which is boggy, with the wall and the wood on your left, just past the gorse bushes, till you come to two new wooden gates in the wall. Go through



Or, go straight on keeping the reservoirs on your right.

You can go round all 3 reservoirs or cut across over the dams at the top or middle ones.



the 2nd lower gate and follow the narrow, twisting path and steps to a wooden bridge (on your right), over the stream that feeds the reservoirs.

Here you have a choice. Turn right over the bridge and walk down the valley keeping the 3 reservoirs on your left and walk along the board walk.



The quickest way back to Cowclose Farm is to follow a steep path uphill from the top dam (not the end of the dam where the overflow channel is). This path leads to a wooden stile, which you must climb over

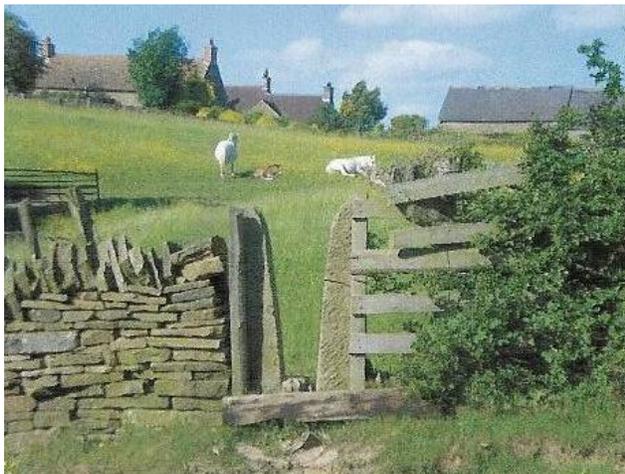


Finally across a meadow to a stone step stile in the wall by a footpath sign.

and then immediately negotiate a muddy patch. Follow the path through the meadow for 200-300 yards to a stone squeezer in the hedge and fence on your



right. Go through that then uphill and through a 2nd squeezer.



The old house in front of you is Pratt Hall which dates back to Stuart times. Turn left and follow the pavement past Pratt Hall Farm and then past the terraced cottages, to join the main road. When you see the Gate Inn you are almost back to where you started your walk.

This walk can take between 1 hour and 3 hours depending on how many reservoirs you go round.