

## Middleton and Grassholme

Meet at Bridge Street, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0QB for a 8 mile **BLACK** circular walk (with 1033ft of ascent) on fairly good hill paths with views of the prehistoric site of Kirkcarrion and then easy low level paths around Grassholme Reservoir.

Walk out of Middleton-in-Teesdale on Bridge Street signposted as the road to Brough. Cross over County Bridge and go uphill for a short way before turning right along a road signposted for Holwick.

Follow the Pennine Way uphill crossing an old railway track-bed to climb to a gate. Keep right and climb up a grassy track to cross the crest of Harter Fell. On the descent head for left of a ruined barn, then go down to the right of another barn.

Head past Wythes Hill Farm and follow its access road down to the B6276. Cross the road and head through fields to Grassholme Farm. Turn left on leaving the farm to follow a minor road over Grassholme Bridge.

Climb steeply uphill for a short distance then turn left through an iron gate to enter the enclosure of Grassholme Reservoir. A shore walk runs between the reservoir and its boundary wall. At the dam of the reservoir visit the Visitor Centre and Cafe if it is open.

Follow the access road up from the dam and turn left long a minor road, A short road walk leads to a footpath signpost. Go through the second gateway down the hill on the right, through a wall beside the first field, then follow the wall downhill. At the bottom go through a gate and on stone slabs over the beck. Turn right to go through another gate then walk uphill towards Westfield House and continue along its access road.

Turn right down a narrow tarmac road to a three arched railway viaduct. Turn left to cross it on the Tees Railway Walk. Continue along the track-bed through a cutting and turn right at a sign for Middleton. Pass a farm at Lonton to reach a road.

Turn left along the road then right to pick up a field path leading to the River Tees. Follow the riverside path upstream, past a farm at Step End to reach County Bridge. Turn right over the bridge to return to Middleton-in-Teesdale.





