

## **Dewsbury Ambulance Charitie**

*The Ambulance Station. Dewsbury District Hospital, Healds Road, Dewsbury. WF13 4HS.* 

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## Reservoir Ramble Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Meet at Langsett Barn on the A616 for 10-30am start

From the car park walk around to the front of the Langsett Barn National Park centre and continue through the small group of posh houses to the road by the Waggon and Horses Pub. Turn right at the road and right again on the road marked "To Strines" The road crosses Langsett Reservoir Continue along the road to the end of the water till you see a Public footpath on your left. Go over the stile and walk down the field through the gateway (yellow Marker) then watch for another stile marked on your left. . Go over the walled stile and follow the path down to the Little Don River. At the bottom before the river take the stile on your right and continue with the wall on your right and river, on your left. Continue along, first through one gate then onto and through another gate until you reach the road. At the road turn left and follow this road till you reach the village of Midhopestones. In the village opposite the farm is the small church of St James. (Circa 14<sup>th</sup> c) The doors probably locked but I am told it should be open, otherwise peep through the windows and soak up the history. . Do an about turn at the church and walk back up the road to the farm on the right, (Stonecroft) opposite here on your left is a short track leading to a Public bridleway.( by the dog poop/scoop sign) Follow the narrow bridle way up to the top where it bears left and comes to a gate. Through the gate the path widens but keep to the right continuing on the bridleway till it reaches a muddy farm track path at another metal gate. Go through the gate turning left and the road is 20yds or so away.

At the road turn right and continue down the road to the woods on your right. Take the sign indicating Public footpath passing the "Yorkshire Water" sign towards the woods.

After 200yds or so, in front of you is a wooden 5 bar gate, turn right before the gate following the path and then left at the wall and continue with the wall on your right. Follow this footpath down till you reach an opening in the wall on your right where the easy to

follow this footpath down till you reach an opening in the wall on your right where the easy to follow path swings right and uphill through the woods.

At the top of the path turn left at the wall (don't cross it) and follow the path with the woods now on your left and wall on the right.

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## Langsett Walk

Continue along reaching the wooden spring gate which leads down to the road. At the road turn left, downhill to the reservoir wall and then continue on the road as it bears left and up to the village of Upper Midhope.

At the village join the main road and continue left passing" Sycamore Cottage" on your left.

When you reach the road sign for "Strines" stay on the road going left then right and then before the next bend go straight ahead following the "Privilege Footpath" sign. The back up is here; enjoy your cup of tea!

Continue down to the gate where "Yorkshire Water Langsett Woods "are and straight on through the gate and down to the reservoir where you come to another gate which leads to a footbridge over the small river which flows into the dam.

Cross the footbridge and follow path up beside the wood and eventually up to the moor and a derelict farmhouse which is just beyond the gate (North America!) High point here so enjoy the view if you can.

Walk straight ahead past the farmhouse over the moorland to where the path joins Cut Gate Bridleway indicated by one wooden and two stone gateposts at the junction.

Turn right and follow the wide path down towards the trees and reservoir and onto Brookhouse Bridge over the stream.

Cross the bridge and up the steep path which leads to a couple of paths on the right, Turn right at the second path passing between the newer trees on the right and established woodland on the left. This path leads you back to Langsett Barn car park, the reservoir can be seen occasionally down on your right through the trees

> Well done Walking time is about 3 to 4 hours

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## Reservoir Ramble

Langsett Barn and Midhopestones On the A616 Post code S36 4GY Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 10-30 am start

Join Dewsbury Ambulance Charities on a sponsored circular walk of 6/8 miles taking in the views and wildlife along the way visiting the quaint 14<sup>th</sup> century church at Midhopestones continuing to "North America" before returning via woodland and waterside back to Langsett



For more information/sponsor forms/car sharing contact no's below or visit web site/Facebook Route is undulating mostly public footpaths and quiet roads. Dogs/Leads welcome.

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