

Thirty HADFIELD –TINTWISTLE & RESERVOIRS.

This short trip to the western edge of the Pennines includes great views and a feeling of remoteness – but you're only a mile or two from Hadfield station. You see some of the important Longdendale reservoirs.

Take the train to Manchester Victoria and from there a tram to Manchester Piccadilly Station. From here catch the train (usually platform two) to Hadfield.

Alight at Hadfield. Outside the station door go straight ahead and you will see the library and war memorial on your left. Keep going down cross the road and down to the river bridge.

Cross the bridge and go immediately right onto Bank Lane. *On your right you will see the Manchester Corporation Water Works 1879 and also a rather large (aerating?) fountain.*

Ascend to the main road and cross. Then go up the setted path and you will see another war memorial. *This is Tintwistle.*

Bear right past the Bull' Head. *Notice the 1820 Jubilee Day and Sunday School on your left.*

Later bear left at the Ebenezer Chapel. *1830 Wesleyan Methodist with gothic windows.*

The track trails down onto Manchester Road – go ahead a short distance. At the national speed limit signs there is a building with the appearance of a tollhouse.

Immediately fork left onto a rising track. Go up between the walls and later keep going with a single wall on your right. Descend before woodland to the main road.

Here cross the road and go left then turn right down a track with a gate at the warning sign. Cross the dam. *Valewood reservoir is on your right and Rhodeswood on your left. Enjoy the views up and down the Longdendale valley.*

Follow the reservoir road to the right at the end of the dam, through a farm and at a fork go left and up to a stone bridge. *This is over the once extremely busy Woodhead line to Sheffield – the first main line to be electrified!*

Cross the bridge and take the footpath on the right through the bottom of the fields. Keep going ahead until you join a track that takes you into the stone hamlet of Padfield.

Turn right down to the curve on road. *The Reeds Arms is on Temple Street on your left.*

Go left at Wayside Cottage bed and breakfast and walk down to the bottom of the street. Then turn right to go past the mill, meander under a railway bridge.

At the library go left to the railway station.

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 OLD HOUSES, COUNTRYSIDE, HILLS,
 RAIL FARE – category ONE

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