

Sixty five BROMLEY CROSS – JUMBLES RESERVOIR

This is an attractive countryside walk around one of Bolton's many reservoirs. It fits easily into a half day. There are a number of picnic tables provided on this walk and a café at the visitor's centre.

Catch the train from Eccles to Manchester Victoria. At Victoria catch a Blackburn/Clitheroe train and alight at Bromley Cross. Leave the station and turn immediately right across the line. Then turn right behind the station towards a road island with tree.

At the Road Island take the left-hand curve round the bungalow and walk along Grange Road. Follow this road through Grange Farm stables and along past the sailing club.

Cross a small bridge and turn right. *There is a good view along the reservoir here.*

After a short way fork left off the road to go above the left hand side of the cottages ahead.

Continue then go right onto a bridge over the reservoir. *There is full view of the reservoir here and a view up the Bradshaw Valley upstream.*

At the end of the bridge go right again to return along the other side.

Follow the route into a car park where there is the visitor centre and café. Continue into a second car park and through a stile at the far end.

Descend on this path below the dam and then zigzag down some stone steps to a wooden footbridge over the outflow. Take the left-hand path up hill.

Where this path meets Grange road go left till you come to the roundabout again where you curve right. The station is immediately on your left. Go onto the nearest platform for a train back to Manchester.

CLASSIFICATION: A MEDIUM LENGTH WALK. EASY.
COUNTRYSIDE, VIEWS, PICNIC SPOTS,
CAFE, PUB.
RAIL FARE: category one

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N.B. the return journey with the current timetable (2010) gives you generous time for a break in Manchester, but in the afternoon rush hour the connections are very convenient.