






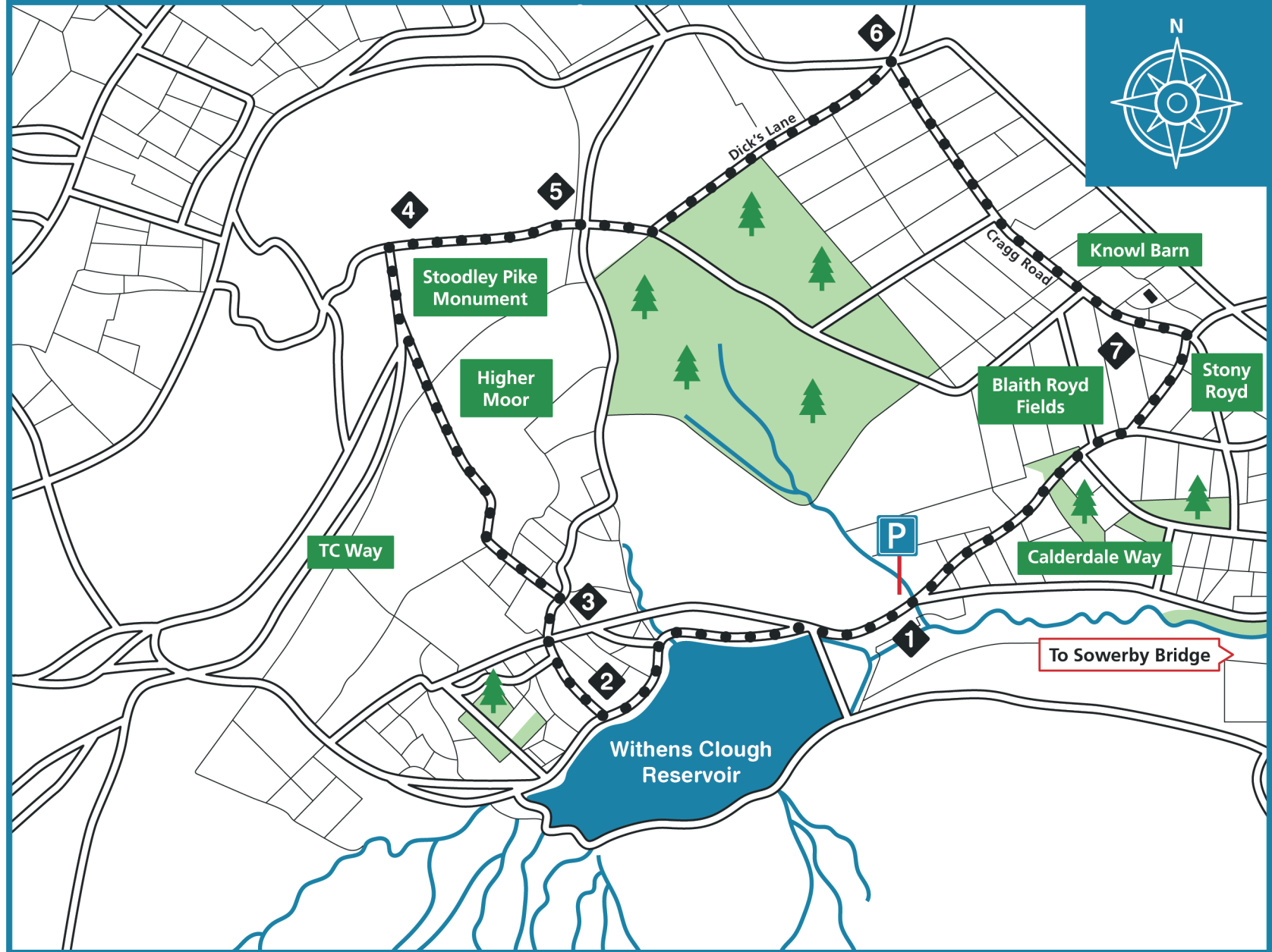



WITHENS CLOUGH & STOODLEY PIKE

Key:

- Road 
- Path 
- Route 
- River 
- Woodlands 
- Parking 
- Building 

200m

Route Fact File	
Location:	West of Cragg Vale, situated to the south of Mytholmroyd.
Difficulty:	Four Boots
Route Length:	4½ miles / 7.2 kilometres
Walking Time:	3 hours
Terrain & Gradient:	The route features stiles and steep muddy fields. Stoodley Pike is very exposed, and the weather can turn quickly. We recommend you bring sturdy boots, warm clothing, waterproofs and extra food/drink for this high level walk.
How To Get There:	<p>By car: You can use our free car park, the starting point of this walking route, which is on Rudd Lane (HX7 5TD), 300 metres before the reservoir embankment on the left. Please note, there is a 1.8 metre height barrier.</p> <p>From Mytholmroyd: take the B6138 (Cragg Road) which follows Cragg Brook heading south towards Cragg Vale. After 2 miles, when you reach Cragg Vale, turn right onto Church Bank Lane which becomes Rudd Lane. In about ¼ mile, turn right to stay on Rudd Lane for another mile, until you arrive at Withens Clough car park on the left.</p> <p>By public transport: Unfortunately, there is no public transport currently available to Withens Clough Reservoir.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
Facilities:	
OS Map:	OL 21

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 • A more challenging walk, this 4.5 mile route runs
 • from the car park at Thruscross through rough
 • pastures and moorland alongside the edge of the
 • reservoir. The surrounding scenery is beautiful
 • with an array of interesting geographical features,
 • including crags, ghylls, streams and the River
 • Washburn.

Route Description:

From the car park **point 1** turn left uphill, through a gate on the access road to Withens Clough Dam. Follow the road keeping the house on your right onto a walled track with the reservoir on your left. Ignore the first signpost on the right and take the second at **point 2** signed 'Calderdale Way' heading right, away from the reservoir.

Walk uphill straight ahead passing a path off to the left next to a wall corner. Walk past another path off to the left with a small step stile. Follow the path as it bears right between 2 stone walls. Turn left through a gate next to a signpost for YW permissive footpath at **point 3**. Follow the visible path straight ahead through 3 steep fields. At the top of the third is a way marker on a gate post.

Head through the gateway and head towards the right of some stacked boulders along a trodden path. After the boulders, aim for a white capped marker post. If the weather is clear, you'll see the Stoodley Pike Monument ahead. Continue forward to a wall with a ladder stile over it. Cross the ladder stile, where the path immediately takes a half right and joins a broader path in about 100metres. Turn right and continue to Stoodley Pike Monument **point 4**.

At the Monument, turn right and follow the stone path downhill to a gate in the wall at **point 5**. The path now bears left before a woodland and continues to a stile along the walled lane. Continue along the lane until you reach a 4-way crossroad of paths at **point 6**. Turn immediately right through a gate into another walled lane. Follow the lane (which

can be muddy) for some time passing a gate via a stile **point 7**.

The track now becomes a tarmac road called Stoney Royd Lane. Follow the tarmac road downhill as it bears right ignoring any tracks off to the left. Eventually, the car park will come into view **point 1**.

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