

# WIDDOP & GORPLE

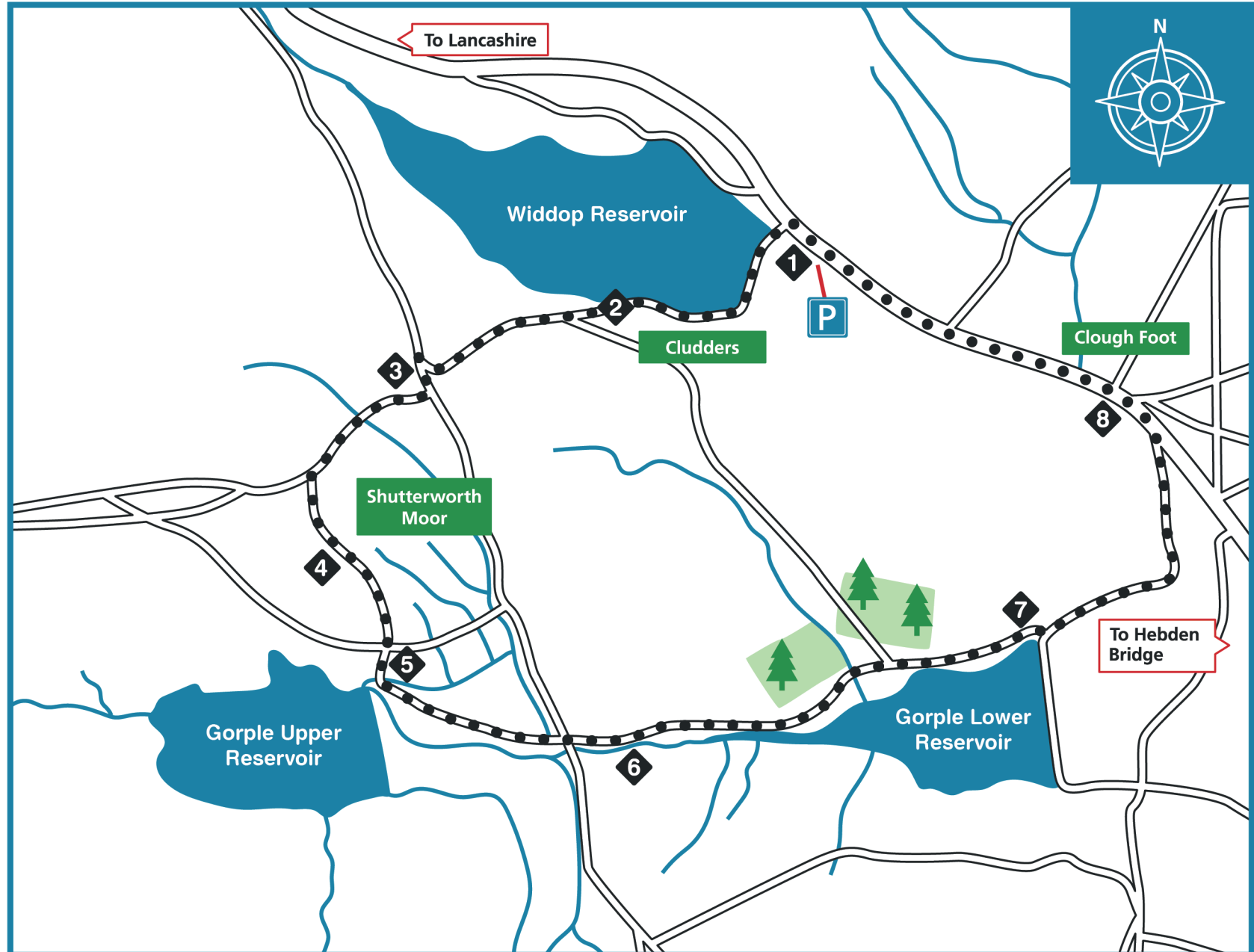
## Key:


Road	
Path	
Route	
River	
Woodlands	
Parking	

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Route Fact File	
<b>Location:</b>	North-West of Hebden Bridge
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Four boots
<b>Route Length:</b>	4 miles / 6.5 kilometres
<b>Walking Time:</b>	2½ Hours
<b>Terrain &amp; Gradient:</b>	The paths are mostly well surfaced paths but there is a long, steep and rocky climb at the beginning followed by a rocky/grassy climb down the other side (point 2-5). There are no steps or stiles on this walk, but the climb can be quite intense and exposed on a bad day.
<b>How To Get There:</b>	<p>Our free car park can be found on Widdop Rd, HX7 7AZ and doesn't have a height barrier.</p> <p><b>By car:</b> From Hebden Bridge take the A646 heading towards Burnley. After 0.7miles, keep an eye out for a turning area on your left to turn around and head back towards Hebden Bridge on the A646. After 0.3miles take Heptonstall Road, heading towards Heptonstall. After 2miles turn right onto Widdop road heading towards Widdop. Follow this road for 10 miles when the car park will appear on your right.</p> <p><b>By public transport:</b> Unfortunately there is no public transport currently available to Widdop Reservoir.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
<b>Facilities:</b>	
<b>OS Map:</b>	Explorer Map OL21

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 ● This remote, bleak and exposed moorland walk  
 ● is situated in an area of natural beauty with  
 ● stunning scenery. Brushing the edges of 3 local  
 ● reservoirs, Widdop, Upper Gorple and Lower  
 ● Gorple, the route is within easy access of the  
 ● Pennine Way. The walk is 4 miles long.  
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### Route Description:

Start from the car park east of Widdop Dam at **point 1**. Leave the car park heading towards the dam and follow the defined path to a footbridge with gates at both sides. Cross the bridge and ascend a short flight of steps onto the dam wall. Turn left and cross the dam, then bear right and continue on a broad track close to the water's edge. At **point 2** the track veers left away from the reservoir, below a small woodland, then climbs up the hillside which can be quite steep in places, through a series of bends to a path junction at **point 3**.

Turn left here, signed Public Bridleway Worsthorne and continue on the wide track uphill onto open moorland. The track levels out and meets another footpath junction with a sign post on the right-hand side at **point 4**. Turn left at this junction, following the Yorkshire Water Permissive path across open ground with major rock outcrops first on the right and then on the left. The path eventually descends down a narrow path to the access track at the north end of the Upper Gorple Reservoir Dam at **point 5**. This path can become boggy in places so please take care.

Turn left taking the access track for a further mile ignoring a signed footpath to Widdop Road on the left. Walk past some trees on your right immediately below Gorple Upper Reservoir and proceed beyond a long timber hut at **point 6** with trees on your left and Lower Gorple Reservoir on your right. At the Lower Gorple Reservoir Dam, **point 7** turn left, signed Pennine Bridleway and continue along the

track to Widdop Road at Clough Foot, **point 8**. Leaving the track via a bridle gate, turn left onto the tarmac road and walk on the right-hand side of the road for a further ¾ mile until you return to the car park at Widdop **point 1**.

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