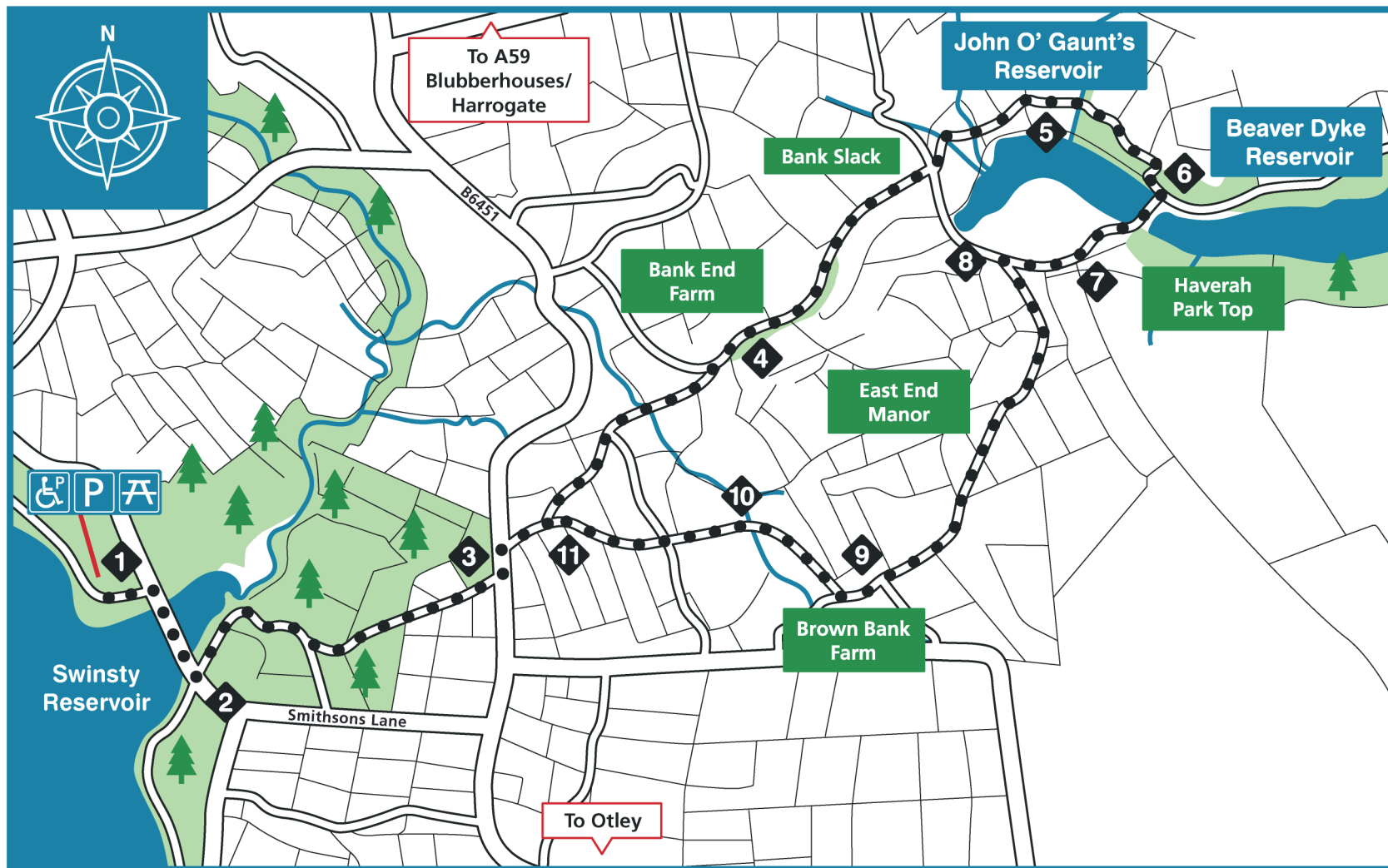





SWINSTY RESERVOIR TO BEAVER DYKE

Key:

Road	
Path	
Route	
River	
Woodlands	
Disabled parking	
Parking	
Picnic area	

200m



Route Fact File	
Location:	Less than 10 miles west of Harrogate and north of Otley, near Fewston
Difficulty:	Four Boots
Route Length:	4¼ Miles / 7 Kilometres
Walking Time:	3 Hours
Terrain & Gradient:	Varied; including uneven terrain, undefined footpaths and some steeper sections and stiles. Parts of the route can be boggy after periods of heavy rainfall.
How To Get There:	<p>By car: The route starts at our free car park at Stack Point (HG3 1SU), along the eastern edge of Swinsty Reservoir. Please note that there is a 2.2m height barrier.</p> <p>From Harrogate: head west, either via the A59 or Penny Pot Lane. When you reach a junction with the B6451, turn left and then shortly afterwards turn right onto Wydra Lane (signposted Fewston 1 mile). After about half a mile, when you reach a crossroads, turn left onto Cobby Skye Road. Shortly afterwards, at the T junction, turn left again and continue for less than ½ mile until you reach the car park on your right.</p> <p>By public transport: DalesBus services 820 and 821 run to Fewston every hour on summer Sundays and bank holidays from Otley and links from Keighley, Shipley, and Guiseley.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
Facilities:	  
OS Map:	Pathfinder 663 - Harrogate

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• This varied walk takes you on a journey through pleasant fields and woodland. Along the way, you will get impressive views across Swinsty Reservoir and an excellent vantage point over John O’Gaunt and Beaver Dyke reservoirs.

• Why not make a day of it! You can also access our Swinsty Reservoir walk Stack Point car park.

• Check out the Swinsty route in our online walking guide section.

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Route Description:

From Stack Point car park (**point 1**) on the eastern side of Swinsty Reservoir, leave by the main car park entrance, turn right and follow the road. Please take extra care as there is no pavement. After about 200 metres, turn left through a gap in the wall following the public footpath finger post onto the path between the wall and a hedge.

After a few hundred metres, follow the track as it bends to the right. About 250 meters later at a fork in the path, take the path to the left alongside a dry stone wall. Continue for about 150 metres, where the woodland opens up and meets a field.

Enter the field through the pedestrian gate and follow the public footpath, which bears slightly left to the top corner of the field. Cross the stone stile beside the gate and continue, keeping the wall to your left, towards the sheep shed. Go through the gate here and follow the short track to the road.

Carefully cross the road and head through the pub car park (**point 3**). Continue walking, with the pub to your left, and you will find a gap in a stone wall leading to a lane. Follow the lane past Twin Paddock, Barn until shortly afterwards at the bend in the track you will reach a footpath way marker sign to direct you onwards.

Follow the footpath through the wall and then head diagonally left through three fields until you reach a waymarked gate. After crossing through here, continue following the way markers and head uphill towards Bank End Farm and a small wood. Go along the sunken lane (**point 4**) on the upper edge of the wood and through the gate at the end.

Follow the lane, which is an ancient earthwork until, after almost half a mile, the path turns left through a gateway onto a track. After about 30 metres, turn right just before the metal gate and cross two pastures towards a ruined farm building and two benches overlooking the Reservoirs. Cross several more pastures heading towards **point 5**. Keep parallel to and above John O’ Gaunt’s Reservoir, descending through woodland to the edge of the dam between the two reservoirs. Cross the stile next to the gate and walk over the dam at **point 6**.

At the far side of the dam, go through a small gate on the right and walk up a sunken lane to the buildings at Haverah Park Top (**point 7**). Pass these buildings and follow the footpath downhill (rather than continuing uphill along the track), back in the direction of the head of John O’ Gaunt’s Reservoir. After a short descent, cross a stile (**point 8**) and then head back uphill, passing some ruins to your right, towards East End Manor.

Follow the waymarked route around the perimeter wall of the garden and then through a few pastures until you arrive at Brown Bank Farm (**point 9**). Go through two gates, then at the far end of the buildings turn right and through a gate into a large pasture. Head downhill towards a large holly tree and down the bank to its left to cross a footbridge (**point 10**).

After crossing the bridge, go through the stile and then cross several more pastures, keeping the wall immediately to your left. You will arrive at a stile next to the gate (**point 11**) that leads back along the lane to the Sun Inn (**point 3**). Here you can retrace the start of the walk back to the car park (**point 1**).

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