



The route round the back of the reservoir is approximately 10km (6.25 miles) with 420m climb. The highest point on the route is 450m so it's often used on a Thursday night by groups looking for a relatively short run if conditions are such that they don't want to do anything higher or longer.

Start in the Royal car park (1), turn right past the pub and go up the steps to Kinder Road. Turn right and continue up the road for around 400m until you come to the left turn onto Snake Path (2), which leads up past Twenty Trees to the open moor. There are a number of gates and stiles to cross but the path is obvious. Bear right as you go through the fell gate, following the track to the Shooting Cabin (3).

Turn right just before the cabin and take the higher path out towards White Brow. The bridleway is signed down the hill but you want the small path that contours above it. As you come round the corner of White Brow, at the corner of the wall, take the rough path that descends steeply down to Benny's Bridge (4) at the end of the reservoir.

Cross the bridge and take the low level path to the right, jump the small stream, and go through the gate ahead of you. The path now follows along the top of the woods, through another gate and then drops diagonally down to the right. Cross another small stream and stay above the wall. From the wall corner, the path drops down to the footbridge over the river Kinder (5).

Cross the bridge and follow the track up the hill as it curves round to the right. Just before you get to the woods, there is a small trod that cuts a corner across to the path that leads very slightly uphill to the gate at the top. Go through the gate and drop steeply down the grassy track to the stile at the bottom (6).

Cross the stile and then the stream and follow the path to the right. Just before you get to the stile, turn left, on a small trod, up the steep hill in front of you. The trod crosses another stile and continues to climb steeply. As the ground starts to flatten, the bridleway joins in from the right, and you continue alongside a wall to the gate at the top, below Kinder Low End (7).

Go through the gate and follow the path to the right, to another gate in the wall. Go through this gate, across the field, through the gap in the wall and continue down Tunstead fields. In the dark, the path isn't always obvious at first but it becomes more distinct as you approach the first stile. Go down through the fields before joining the road by the houses at the bottom. Go straight on at the crossroads and follow the road round to the campsite by Bowden Bridge (8). Continue on the left side of the stream, past the campsite, and head back into Hayfield.

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