

4-6 Mile Walking Group  
Balderhead Reservoir  
Tuesday, 8 August  
Alan Kenwright

Twelve walkers met at the car park adjacent to Balderhead Reservoir for a 5 mile walk. Luckily, after what has been a miserable start to August, the day was sunny and breeze - perfect walking weather.

The route briefly returned to the road before descending the Pennine way through Hannah's Meadow to the north shore of Blackton Reservoir. The route then proceeded eastwards along the north shore of the reservoir to the second dam at which point we crossed over the top end of Hury Reservoir and followed the track to join the road. We then walked west along a very quiet road and returned to Blackton Bridge. The choice was now to take either the Pennine Way, which was very wet and also contained some challenging stiles, or to take the tarmacked route past Clove Lodge. We agreed that the tarmacked route with beautiful views was preferable.

As we walked though Clove Lodge we discovered, to our delight, that the owners had laid out a welcome area in one of their (very clean) barns with a kettle, fridge containing milk & ice-cream and selection of other treats. Payment was by donation. Angela explained that as they had sometimes been asked for fresh water from passing ramblers they would set up a little refreshment area.

After a short break and a chat to Angela we climbed up the track to return to the starting point.

