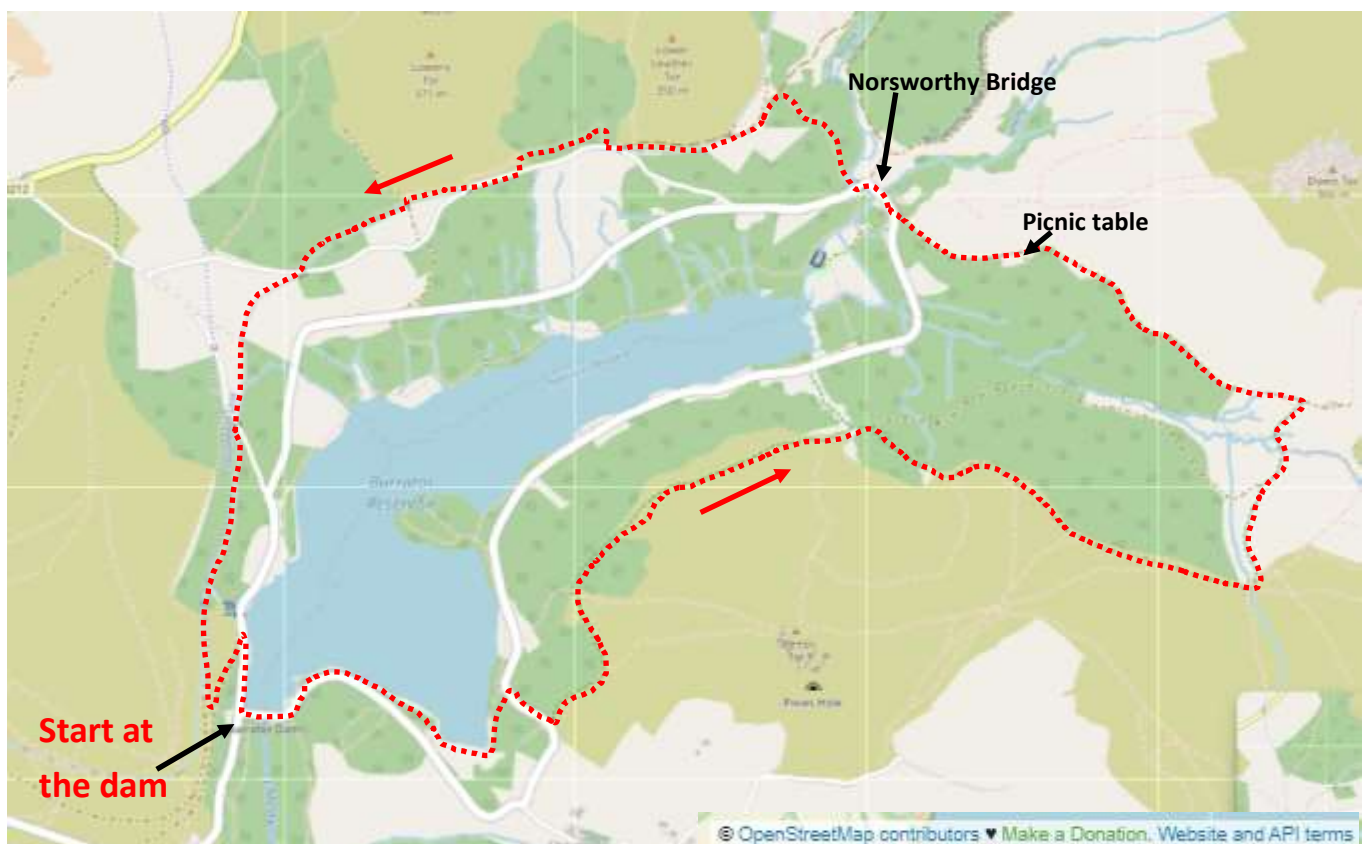


# A walk all the way around Burrator Reservoir



There is a road that goes all the way around the reservoir its about 4 miles and is very popular for walkers, cyclists and CARS. This 6 mile (3½ hour) walk although 2 miles further goes all around the reservoir hardly touching this road. This walk will take you along an old railway track, on a path right next to the water, past abandoned 13th Century farm buildings and along the banks of the Devonport leat. You will have some lovely views and see the moors. If you are taking lunch with you there is a picnic table at Middleworth Farm about 2 hours from the start.



**Park where you can either in the Quarry car park or on the side of the road. Walk on down to the dam read all about it and cross over taking a photo as you go.**



**Having crossed over the to the other side stay on the road for just another 50m**



**Go through the gate on your left and down the steps. Follow the edge of the water which should be on your left.**



**Cross over the next dam and stay on the track until you reach a gate**



**Go through the gate, turn right and walk up the road for about 100m until it widens out**



**Turn left and walk up to the moor gate**



**Go through the moor gate remembering to shut it behind you and walk on for just another 20m**



**Fork left onto the bridleway soon to follow wall on your left.**



**The wall soon dives down hill but you stay on the track ignoring any gates you may see.**



**Keep right**



**The wide track eventually peters out but keep going straight ahead to walk close to a wall/fence on your left.**



**Ignore the stile on your left and go down the slope and around a left hand bend**



**Up ahead you will see a wooden fence and a yellow warning sign which when you get there will say Mine Shaft Keep Out. Walk around the mine shaft fence and then through a gate and down the hill on a wide track which probably once served the mine.**



**The track is a bit rough and rocky and also a bit steep in places so watch where you are walking and take care.**



**Ignoring all stiles and gates stay on the track and cross over the stream on the little granite bridge.**



**The path on the right of the tree goes through a permanent muddy puddle so stay left of the oak tree.**



**Having navigated through the wet bit you will come up to this clearing. Here turn left but before you do you might want to explore the long since abandoned Deancombe farm which is on the right just out of the picture. Here is a link to the Heritage Gateway that tells you all about it.**

**[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV12725&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV12725&resourceID=104)**



**In about 10 mins walking along the track you will arrive at Middleworth farm also long since abandoned but does have a picnic table.**



**The track ends at a popular car park. Walk through the car park and at the road turn right. you will soon arrive at Norsworthy bridge, but first you may want to read the information board.**







**Go over Norsworthy Bridge and having gone over turn immediately right.**



**Go through the gate and stay on this path as it winds up through the pine forest.**



**At the top of the hill go through the gate and turn left**



**Go over Devonport Leat and keep left**



**When you reach the road ( which is not the reservoir perimeter road) turn right and walk along the road for about 50m.**



**You now have a choice to stay on the road, and its not well used, or walk parallel with road in the woods on your right. Both routes end up at the same place. Turn right if you want to do the woodland walk.**



**Go through the gate and up the track for no more than 30m (if you reach some rocks on your left you have gone too far.) Turn left onto a hard to see narrow footpath. This will take you all the way through the woods to a gate/stile.**



**When you reach the gate/stile go through and walk back down to the road.**



**Turn right when you reach the road. If you are already on the road just keep going.**



**Just before the leaf goes under the road fork right and follow the footpath again approximately parallel with the road. On your way you will go through a gate and walk on a wide track through a pine forest.**



**When the track starts to go up hill keep a look out for a gate on your left.**



**Go through the gate and down the steps. Cross over the road and go through the gap in the wall. Turn right to walk next to the leat which should be on your left, following the sign to Yennadon Down.**



**When the leat goes under the road cross over. Go up the steps and keep following the leat which is now on your right.**



**When the leat disappears down a hole walk up to a wider track and keep left to walk past a mast.**



**You are now walking on the line of the Princetown Railway that was closed back in 1956 as it couldn't pay its way. When you arrive at this flat area ( Burrator Halt) turn left and using the steps walk on down to the track below.**



**At the bottom of the steps turn left on to the wide track and walk on down to the waterfall.  
(If you are wanting a challenge and you are fit enough to do so go straight across and down through the wood on a steep sheep track which does end up on the road by the dam.)**



**When the leaf disappeared down a hole it went into a pipe that comes out here at a much photographed waterfall.**



**When you reach the road turn right and walk about 150m along the road to the dam and back to your car.**



**You may find an icecream van at the dam.**