

Stocks Reservoir



Start Point



School Lane Car Park

★ SD 732 565

Distance/Time



8 Miles

3 Hrs

Terrain

Roads and tracks
Some stiles.

Public transport

Bus Service **B10** to
Clitheroe, Tosside and Settle.

Key to Facilities

Not on map

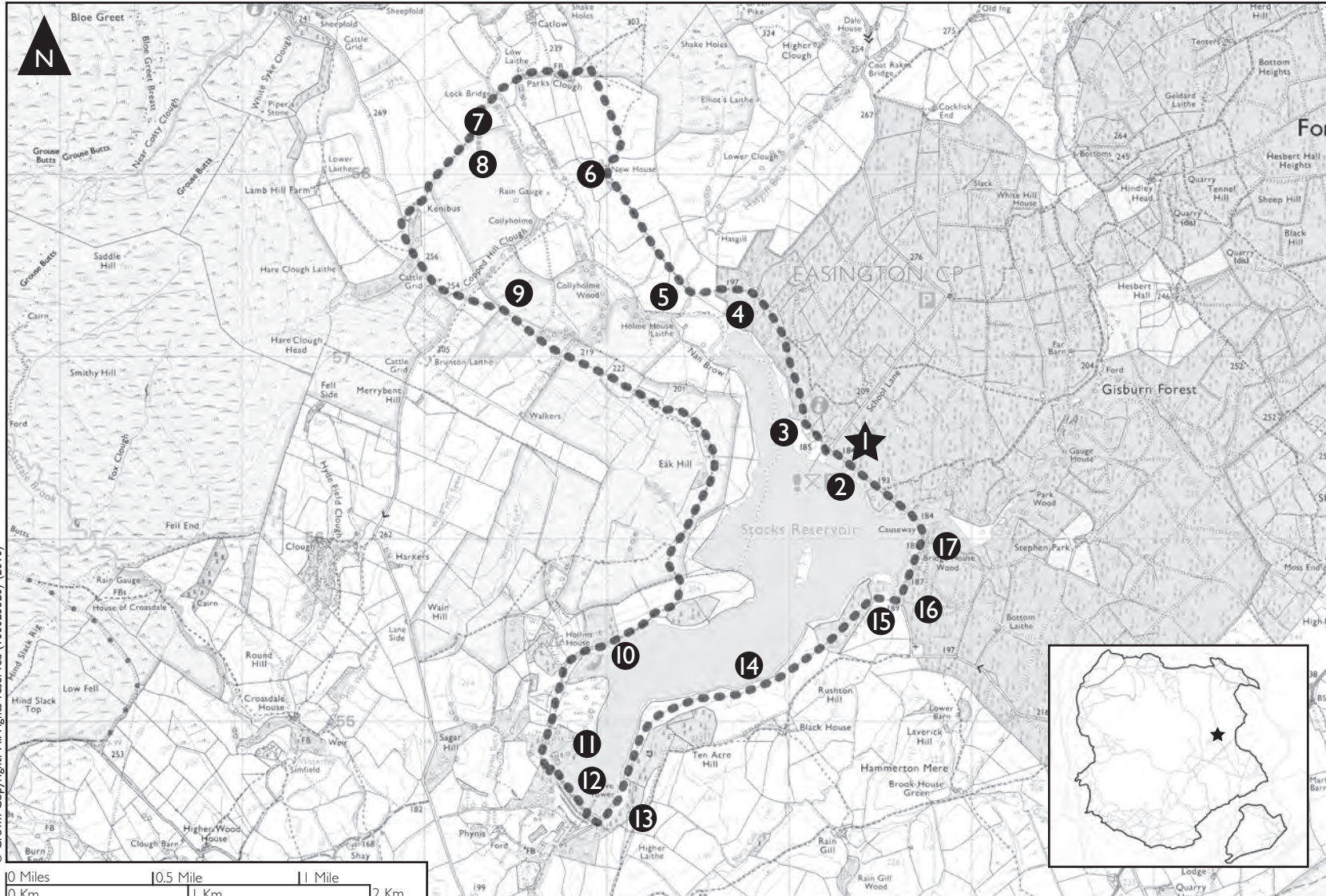
☒ Pubs, ☒ Cafes, ☒ Toilets,

☒ Shop (Slaidburn)

☒ Pub (Tosside)

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

- ★ SD 732 565
- ② SD 732 565
- ③ SD 731 565
- ④ SD 728 573
- ⑤ SD 724 573
- ⑥ SD 720 579
- ⑦ SD 714 584
- ⑧ SD 715 577
- ⑨ SD 714 573
- ⑩ SD 718 553
- ⑪ SD 717 548
- ⑫ SD 718 546
- ⑬ SD 719 544
- ⑭ SD 724 551
- ⑮ SD 734 556
- ⑯ SD 736 556
- ⑰ SD 736 558



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Points of interest along the way

★ GPS: SD 732 565
School Lane Car Park makes a good starting point for the reservoir walk and also for many forest trails.

The walk is approximately 8 miles through fields and woodlands.

② GPS: SD 732 565
Picnic area and former site of St Marys Church which was reconstructed at its present site.

③ GPS: SD 731 565
Bird Hide. Excellent observation point for many water related birds, ducks, geese, with the occasional rare visitor.

④ GPS: SD 728 573
Site of Birch Hill Farm. The small building is all that remains. Many farms became unviable when the reservoir was constructed and afforestation of the land took place.

⑤ GPS: SD 724 573
Lock Bridge over Hasgill Beck carried the old road which would connect the farms of Hasgill, New House and Collyholme.

⑥ GPS: SD 720 579
New House Farm. Whilst the house and barn are derelict, the land is still farmed.

⑦ GPS: SD 714 584
New footbridge replacing one which was washed away when the River Hodder was in flood condition.

⑧ GPS: SD 715 577
Ruined remains of Collyholme Farm.

⑨ GPS: SD 714 573
Route of old railway track taking walkers to the Fishing Lodge.

⑩ GPS: SD 718 553
The Fishing Lodge - fishing is available during the season. Refreshments can also be obtained when open.

⑪ GPS: SD 717 548
Stocks Board House - formerly offices of the Fylde Water Board. Now United Utilities Bowland Estate Office.

⑫ GPS: SD 718 546
Stocks Reservoir Dam with huge overflow returning water to the River Hodder.

⑬ GPS: SD 719 544
At the far end of the dam, cross the stile to join the old railway track.

⑭ GPS: SD 724 551
Follow the path around the edge of the reservoir.

⑮ GPS: SD 734 556
Wildflower Meadow - during the summer this is a good site for many wild flowers, including Orchids.

⑯ GPS: SD 736 556
Cross the stile and turn left along the road.

⑰ GPS: SD 736 558
Follow the path behind the hedge on your left to your starting point at School Lane Car Park.

About This Walk

The reservoir

Stocks reservoir was opened by HRH The Prince George on July 5th 1932. Annual rainfall here is about 1500mm (5 feet) and when full the reservoir covers an area of about 192 hectares, the equivalent of about 500 football pitches. After treatment, the water from Stocks goes mainly to the Fylde area of Lancashire.

Forestry

Gisburn Forest, to the north east of the reservoir, is a major part of the Stocks catchment area. The coniferous trees generate a useful raw material, contributing to the regional demand for timber. Small areas of ancient woodland are being supplemented by the creation of new native woodland providing a range of important wildlife habitats. The forest has also become an important recreation destination for locals and visitors alike.

Farming

The massive catchment area for the reservoir is split between three farms, all of which produce sheep as the mainstay. The principal breed is Swaledale and around 3000 animals are present for most of the year. It is important that visitors, especially those with dogs, take extra care to avoid disturbing the flocks.