



Waymarked Walk No. 12

Leg 9

# WINSCAR to INGBIRCHWORTH

**Starting Point**  
Winscar Reservoir.

**Distance**  
9.5 miles (15.2 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself half a day or longer to enjoy this strenuous walk.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

**Waymarks**  
The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

**How to get there**  
The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations.

You can make your own travel arrangements using the South Yorkshire Travel Lane. Tel: 01709 515151.

If you do use a car please use the car parks where these exist, and be considerate of others when parking elsewhere.

**Additional Information**  
The route is covered by OS Explorer Maps No's:  
OL1 The Peak District  
278 Sheffield and Barnsley

### Big Skies over a Watery Landscape ...

Beyond Winscar Reservoir and Harden, the walk leaves the Peak District National Park behind and departs the Barnsley boundary for a brief excursion into Kirklees District around Hepworth. This departure provides a flavour of 'Last of the Summer Wine' country.

Hepworth is also visited by the Kirklees Way, a long distance route through the equally varied landscapes of Kirklees District.

Beyond Hepworth we climb back to the elevated landscape of Low Common. We follow quiet lanes through a patchwork of drystone walled fields, big skies and long views descending gradually to Ingbirchworth Reservoir.

A last short climb and final descent brings us to Ingbirchworth village and the end of our journey.

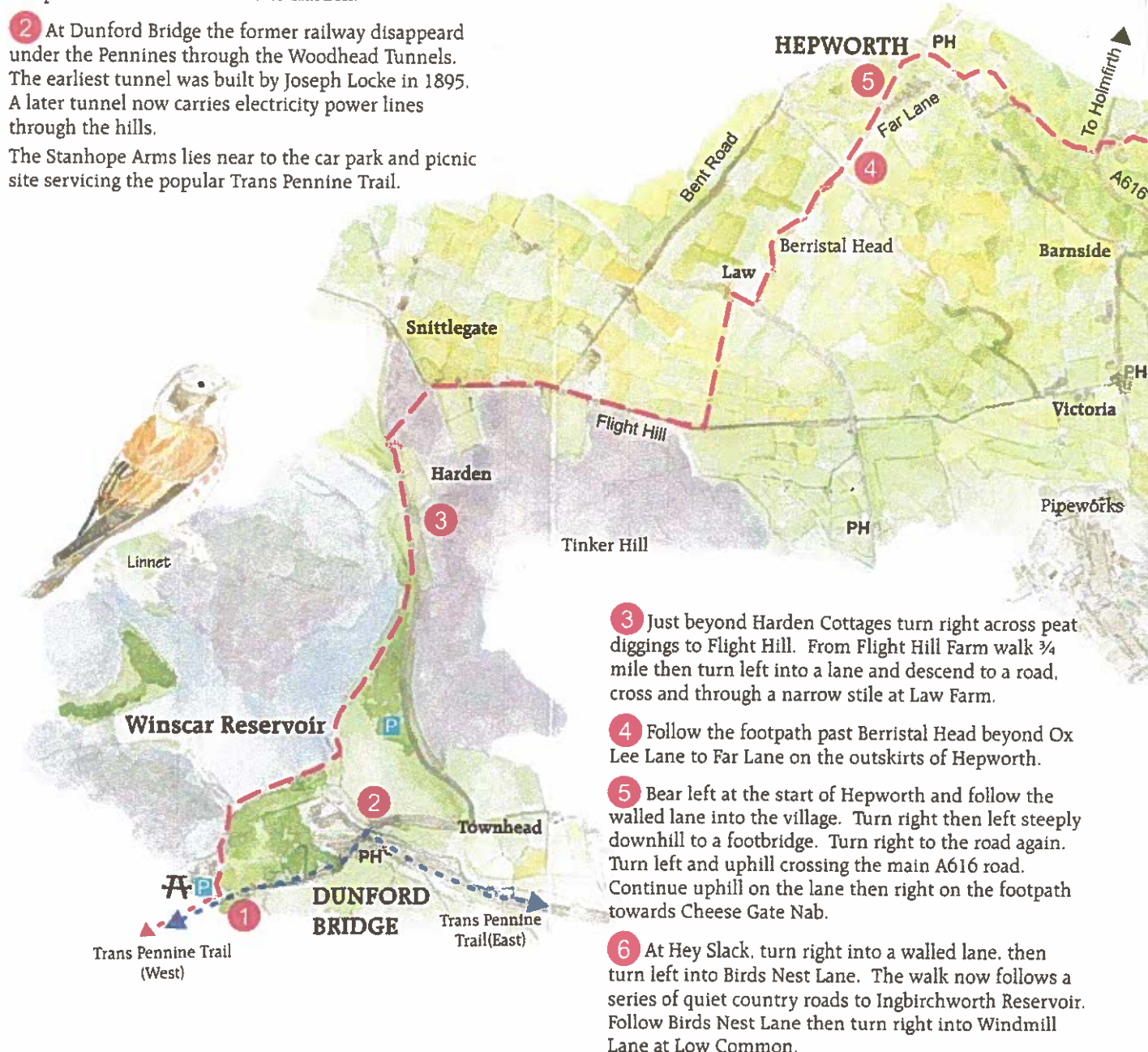
Ingbirchworth Reservoir & Royd Moor



**1** Our walk starts at the car park and picnic site at Winscar Reservoir, off Windle Edge. There are public toilets at the far end of the reservoir dam. Follow the footpath around the reservoir to Harden.

**2** At Dunford Bridge the former railway disappeared under the Pennines through the Woodhead Tunnels. The earliest tunnel was built by Joseph Locke in 1895. A later tunnel now carries electricity power lines through the hills.

The Stanhope Arms lies near to the car park and picnic site servicing the popular Trans Pennine Trail.



**3** Just beyond Harden Cottages turn right across peat diggings to Flight Hill. From Flight Hill Farm walk 3/4 mile then turn left into a lane and descend to a road, cross and through a narrow stile at Law Farm.

**4** Follow the footpath past Berristal Head beyond Ox Lee Lane to Far Lane on the outskirts of Hepworth.

**5** Bear left at the start of Hepworth and follow the walled lane into the village. Turn right then left steeply downhill to a footbridge. Turn right to the road again. Turn left and uphill crossing the main A616 road. Continue uphill on the lane then right on the footpath towards Cheese Gate Nab.

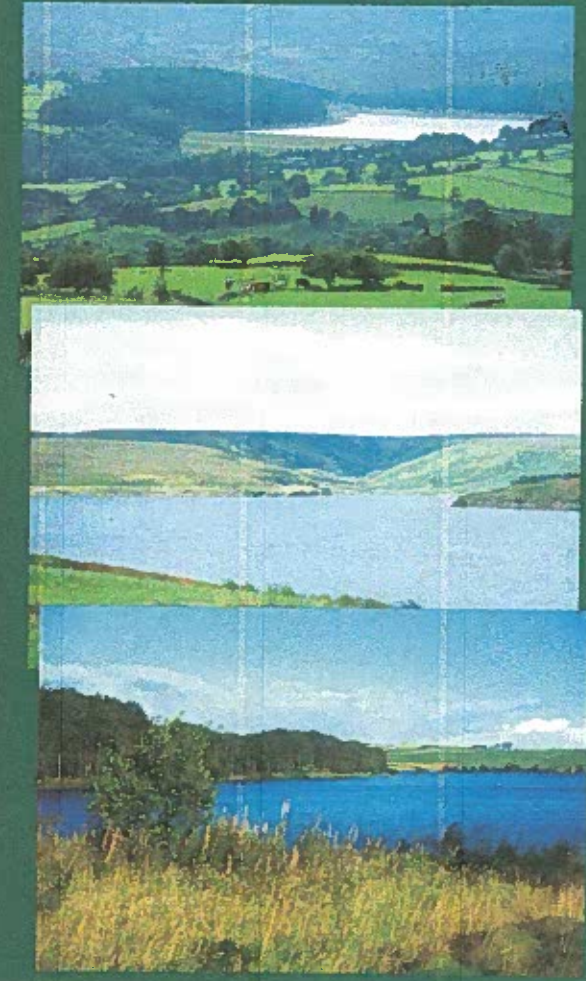
**6** At Hey Slack, turn right into a walled lane, then turn left into Birds Nest Lane. The walk now follows a series of quiet country roads to Ingbirchworth Reservoir. Follow Birds Nest Lane then turn right into Windmill Lane at Low Common.



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## LANGSETT to INGBIRCHWORTH

### Barnsley Boundary Walk

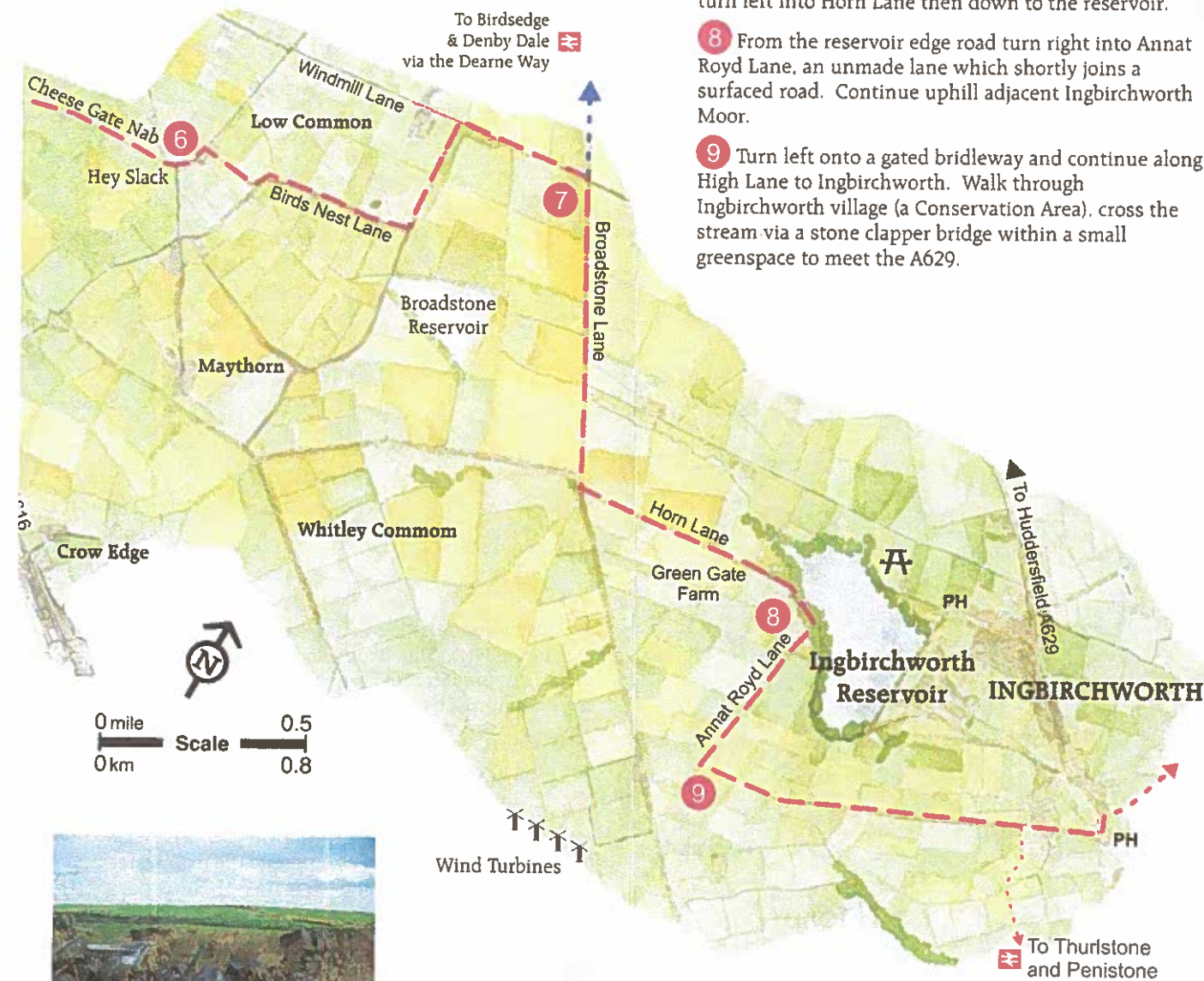


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7 Turn right again onto Broadstone Road; after  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile turn left into Horn Lane then down to the reservoir.

8 From the reservoir edge road turn right into Annat Royd Lane, an unmade lane which shortly joins a surfaced road. Continue uphill adjacent Ingbirchworth Moor.

9 Turn left onto a gated brideway and continue along High Lane to Ingbirchworth. Walk through Ingbirchworth village (a Conservation Area), cross the stream via a stone clapper bridge within a small greenspace to meet the A629.



Wallscape at Low Common

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# Waymarked Walk No. 1 INGBIRCHWORTH to CANNON HALL

**Starting Point**  
Ingbirchworth village.

**Distance**  
5.2 miles (8.3 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself up to four hours for exploring at a leisurely pace.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

**Waymarks**  
The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

**How to get there**  
The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations.

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**Additional Information**  
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## Historic Villages and Parkland ...

The old village of Ingbirchworth is a Conservation Area rich in fine buildings.

The reservoir dominates the landscape to the west, and those at Royd Moor and Scout Dike complete the watery cradling of the village. All are important for wildlife particularly wildfowl and Scout Dike hosts a trout fishery.

The village of Upper Denby, "the farmstead of the Danes", straddles the Barnsley / Kirkstall boundary, and is also a Conservation Area with an imposing church completed in 1843.

Gunthwaite is secluded and charming, with its impressive barn, magical Spa and idyllic Dam. Beyond the A635 the influence of the Cannon Hall estate becomes apparent. Deffler Wood, north of Spring House and Jowett House farms, is well worth a detour, or a return visit.

## Cannon Hall Country Park



1 Our walk starts from the A629 Huddersfield Road at Ingbirchworth. The green space opposite the ~~Rose and Crown Public House~~ *new houses*, with its stone clapper bridge over Ingbirchworth Dike is a likely place to pause and contemplate the journey ahead.

Carefully cross over the busy road and follow the path towards the village of Upper Denby.

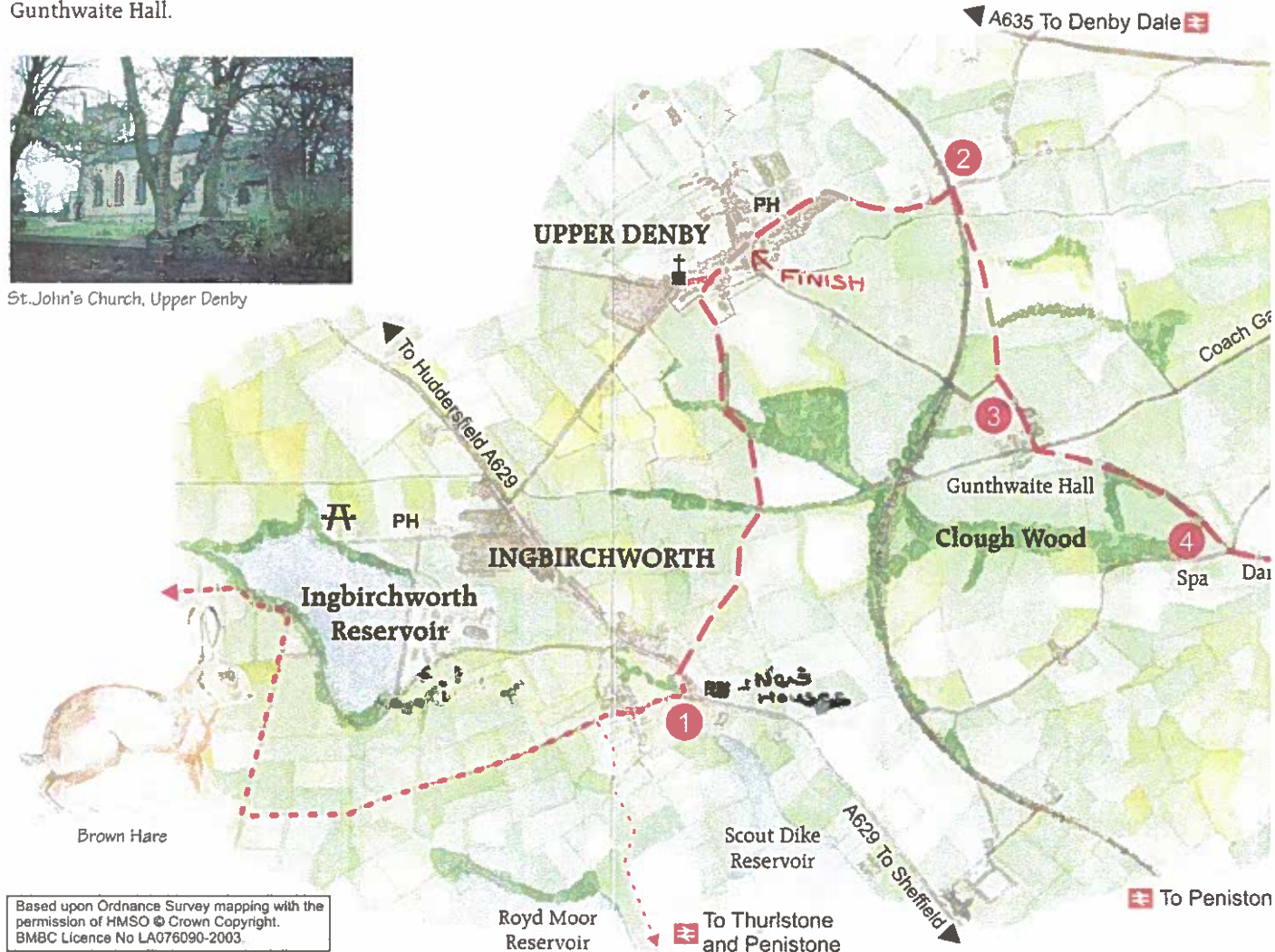
Nearby Ingbirchworth village is now a Conservation Area with many fine buildings.

2 After passing through Upper Denby village turn right immediately after the railway bridge and ascend the stone steps. Follow the path and lane towards Gunthwaite Hall.



St. John's Church, Upper Denby

Home Farm, Cannon Hall Country Park



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