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**Starting Point:** The White House Public House.

**Finishing Point:** The White House Public House.

**Walk Profile:** 7.2 miles / Ascent 365ft / Descent 373ft.

**Required Time:** 3.00 - 3.25 Hours (2.5mph).

**Difficulty:** 

**Transport:** Regular bus services from Littleborough.  
Ample parking next to White House.

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**Warning:-** This walk should be only be undertaken in good weather, as it can get very boggy in places.

**Please Note:-** The climb up to the trig point (approx. 1 mile) is completely over open access land. There is no visible footpath. You will be following the course of a new fence, and in places, there are tractor tyre marks and small clearings to make walking easier. Otherwise its a ramble through moorland heather which can be up to knee height in places.

1....From the White House, head up the main A58 for approx.500 feet, where and on the left, you will be greeted with a small metal gate and a sign post marking the route of the Pennine Way (point 1).

2....Pass through the gate and follow the Pennine Way as it crossed the dam wall of Blackstone Edge reservoir and heads off towards the overflow that you can see in the distance (point 2).

3....From there, continue to follow the Pennine Way as it bears off to the left. Keep on the Pennine Way until you arrive at a sign post pointing the way (the reservoir circuit and White Holme) (point 3).

4....Here, turn right and follow the gravel track towards White Holme reservoir. En-route please do not take any turn offs. Once at the reservoir, follow the track along the Southern edge of the reservoir to the bridge and overflow (point 4 and 5).

5....From here, bear off to the left and cross the dam wall to the far end. At the other end of the dam wall, the track bears off to the right and after a short distance, you will arrive at some sluice gates in the drainage channel to your left (point 6).

6....Using the concrete walkway at the side of the sluice gates, cross the drainage channel. You will have to duck down under the handrail at the far side.

7....From here, and as I have already said, is purely open access with no visible footpath. You will be following the course of the new fence slightly off to the right. Keeping within 10-20 yards of the fence head off up the reasonably steep hill.

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8...The terrain is a mixture of short ankle height and knee height moorland heather with a number of clearings. Also when the fence was installed, the occasional vehicle tracks make walking easier.

9...Once you reach the boundary stone (point 7) you are approx. 2/3 of the way up the hill. proceed on following the line of the fence and eventually passing two stiles (points 8 and 9).

10... From the first stile, the walking gets much better, and in the distance, the brightly painted Blake Moor trig point is directly ahead and a very welcome sight.

11... The trig point is prominently mounted on a rocky outcrop and commands great views particular through North to South and down to the reservoirs below (point 10).

12...Once finished at the trig point, walk to the right hand side of the outcrop that the trig point is mounted on, and proceed straight ahead towards a single large boulder that you can see in the distance, which is just in front of a much larger outcrop of rocks.

13...Initially this un-marked footpath is quite hard to see through the moorland grasses, however, as it passes through the moorland heather, it becomes more visible and has plenty of footprints from other walkers in it.

14...From the large single boulder, the footpath takes you towards the right hand side of the much larger outcrop which is directly ahead (point 11).

15...Shortly you will start to descend down to the West side of Warland reservoir where, you will join the footpath that skirts the edge of the reservoir (point 12).

16... Here, turn left and follow this footpath all the way back to the Pennine Way, passing en-route a small footbridge (point 13).

17... As you approach the end of this footpath, you will walk along the edge of Little Hazzles reservoir and down to a small footbridge (point 14).

18...You will now find yourself back on the Pennine Way, here, turn left and follow the Pennine Way. Eventually, you will arrive back at the sign post and turn off (reservoir circuit and White Holme) (point 3).

19...From here, the return route is the same route that you took earlier in the walk. Stay on this gravel track as it firstly heads towards Blackstone Edge reservoir, and then across its dam wall the small metal gate that you passed through earlier in this walk (point 1).

20...From the metal gate, it is only a short walk back down to the White House Public House and the finishing point on the adjacent car park.

# Blake Moor Trig Point Map.

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