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**Starting Point:** Car park at Embsay reservoir.

**Finishing Point:** Car park at Embsay reservoir.

**Walk Profile:** 6.52 miles / Ascent 966ft / Descent 966ft.

**Required Time:** 3 - 3.5 Hours (2.5mph).

**Difficulty:**



**Transport:** Regular bus services from Skipton.  
Limited parking at reservoir car park.

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1....From the reservoir car park, head towards the boat house and the gravel road behind **(point 1)**. Head up the gravel road (sign posted Bridleway Embsay Kirk and Crag).

2....At the far end you will arrive at a sign post, stile and an information board **(point 2)**. Climb the stile and head off to the right and behind of the notice board towards a damaged sign post.

3....From there follow the well worn footpath as it bears off to the left and starts to climb steeply up hill. The first part of the climb is the steepest but as you approach a large outcrop of large boulders **(point 3)** the footpath will gradually get less steep and become more of a long up hill drag. You are now walking next to a stone wall.

4....As you approach the top, the footpath becomes covered with small loose boulders but persevere and carry on up hill. From this point on, the footpath is now no more than a gentle climb.

5....On the way to the trig point you will pass a stile **(point 4)** and slightly further on some large wooden ladder traversing the stone wall that you are at the side of **(point 5)**. **Please Note:- you can use either of these crossing points and use the footpath on the other side of the wall but if you do, there are some very steep drops near the footpath.**

6....Carry straight on until you arrive at yet another set of wooden steps traversing the stone wall. The trig point is directly opposite on the other side of the wall.

7....After taking in the excellent views, cross over the wall again and turn left continuing on the same footpath. The footpath soon starts to descend very quickly and steeply in places and also can be very boggy in places.

8....Follow the footpath as it follows the edge of a large wood. If you undertake this walk in the summer months this section is overgrown with large ferns which make seeing the footpath difficult in places.

9....After you have reached the second set of rock outcrops **(point 6)** the footpath leaves the wall edge and starts to bear off to the right and towards a small waterfall.

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10...The decent to the waterfall (point 7) is reasonably steep and can be very muddy in places. On the way down look out for the footpath that climbs steeply up the other side of the river. Use the large boulders to cross the small river and follow the footpath up the other side.

11...As you approach the top of the hill you will see a stone wall. From here, the going gets much easier as you follow the footpath adjacent to the wall and heading North. Shortly, you will arrive at a footpath that crosses the footpath that you are on and a wooden gate to the left (point 8).

12...Here, if you fancy an extension to this walk, you can carry on heading North for approx. 0.375 miles to visit Rylstone Cross. This cross is situated on a rocky outcrop and provides excellent views to the North.

13...If not, at the gate turn right and follow the mainly flat footpath East. For nearly 1 mile, this footpath is very well defined and popular with walkers and cyclist alike and provides easy walking.

14...After approx. 1 mile and at the top of a short climb, you will arrive at a sign post and junction near a couple of small stone houses (point 9). The track of to the right takes you directly back to Embsay reservoir. Here, turn left and follow the track.

15...For the next half mile or so, the walk is a long and gentle drag unto the top of the hill and the sign post that you will find there (point 10).

16...Here, leave the track and turn right following the sign post directions. Initially the footpath can be difficult to see but after you have crossed a small stream and entered the moorland covered in heather, the footpath becomes much more well defined.

17...This footpath offers very easy walking as you head South and towards a large stone pile acting as a marker post on top of the hill directly in front of you (point 11). Stay on this footpath for approx. 1.2 miles.

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18...From the stone pile, the footpath starts to gradually descend downhill. Near the bottom of the hill, and as you get close to Embsay Crag, you will come across a fork in the footpath (point 12). At this fork, bear off to the right following this un-marked footpath uphill and through the heather.

19...You will now have Embsay Crag directly in front of you and is your next goal. Continue along this footpath and eventually you will start to climb Embsay Crag. Once at the top, you will have excellent views over the local area, especially down towards Embsay reservoir.

20... Once at the top, look out for a large boulder which appears to have been painted white on one side and also has some graffiti carved into it (point 13). Here turn right and follow the footpath as it descends quite steeply in places downhill. **Please Note:- There are many routes downhill however, some can be very steep and dangerous.**

21...As the footpath descends you will arrive at another footpath crossing your path (point 14). Here, turn right and continue to head downhill. A series of 5 blue topped marker posts will guide you on your way.

22...At the side of the reservoir, cross the small wooden bridge (point 15). Continue straight ahead passing a sign post and two marker posts and the footpath bears of to the left (point 16 and 17).

23...After a short distance, you will arrive back at the notice board, sign post and stile that you visited earlier in the walk (point 2).

24...At this point, turn left and head back down the gravel road and back towards the car park next to the boat house. Once here, you have finished this walk.

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