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Starting Point: Turton and Entwistle reservoir car park.

Finishing Point: Turton and Entwistle reservoir car park.

Walk Profile: 6.21 miles / Ascent 769ft / Descent 749ft.

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

Difficulty:



Transport: No bus service available.
Ample parking at reservoir car park.

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1.... The walk starts from the car park at the side of the dam wall of the Turton and Entwistle reservoir. Head for the rear of this car park where you will find a small gate of to the left (point 1).

2....Pass through the gate and follow the path for a short distance, where you will arrive at a dirt track (point 2). For a short distance, follow the track downhill until it bears of sharply to the left. Here, follow the footpath that you can see ahead and of to the right.

3....Follow this footpath as it descends down to the rear of Wayoh reservoir and shortly, you will arrive at an impressive railway bridge (point 3). Continue to follow the footpath under the railway bridge, heading down towards the reservoir.

4....You will shortly arrive at a footpath that leads off to the left, and crossing the rear of Wayoh reservoir (point 4). Ignore this, and continue to follow the footpath at the side of the reservoir towards the dam wall of Wayoh reservoir.

5....From the dam wall and the rather impressive overflow (point 5), pass through the gate and turn right. Head up hill on the reservoir access road. Shortly you will arrive at the Wayoh reservoir main gates. From here, continue directly ahead towards the main road.

6....From the main road (point 6), turn left and follow the main road towards the small village of Chapeltown. After approx. 0.2 miles, you will arrive at the Chetham Arms public house (point 7). From here, turn right and head down the narrow lane (Kay Street).

7....Follow the lane passed the traffic restriction road sign, to the junction at the bottom of the hill (point 8). Here at the junction, turn right and follow the cobbled road up to the railway level crossing (point 9).

8....Once safely across the railway line, and continuing in the same direction, you will notice a small wooden gate slightly off to the left, and at the side of a single house. Pass through this gate and follow the footpath directly ahead and uphill.

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9....After approx. 250 yards, you will arrive at a pair of small gates (point 10) which are either side of a farm track (Witton Weavers Way). Pass through both gates and continue to head up hill and towards the farm building that you can see in the distance passing through a small stile (point 11) en-route.

10...At the side of the farm building, you will see another stile (point 12), cross the stile, and head up the hill and towards the small wooded area.

11...Once at the small wood, pass through the gate (point 13) and for a short distance, walk through the small wood. Once at the other side of the wood, and having passed through another stile (point 14), follow the footpath uphill towards the two large standing stones a short distance away.

12...The footpath uphill is very well defined, and one at the top, you will arrive at a farm gate (point 15). From here, turn right and follow the footpath uphill. From here, the footpath is not accurately marked on the OS map of the area. Also for the next 1 mile, the footpath can be very wet and boggy underfoot especially after bad weather.

13...The footpath will lead you directly to the Druidical Circle trig point on Turton Heights. From the trig point, continue straight ahead until you arrive at a fork in the footpath (point 16) (this is marked by a small upright stone).

14...here, turn left and head down to the small gate that you can see in the distance (point 17). From here, the route ahead is clearly visible. Again, this section of the walk can be very boggy underfoot.

15... En-route you will pass a couple of marker posts (point 18 and 19) before reaching another stile (point 20). Shortly you will come across a fork in the footpath. Either footpath can be used however, the left hand fork is more well defined, and also offers slightly better walking underfoot.

16...Shortly you will arrive at a small hollow and stream (point 22). Look off to the right, and you will see a narrow but well defined footpath at the side of a small stream. Follow this footpath up the gradual climb to the top of the hill.

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17...Once at the top of the hill, you will have some great views of Turton reservoir below and, in the distance, a single tree and a stile just behind (point 23). Head downhill towards the tree and stile.

18...From the stile, head straight ahead and downhill, until you arrive at a farm track. Here, turn left and follow the farm track towards the gate a short distance away (point 24).

19...Continue along the same farm track and head down to the next gate at the side of the minor road (Green Arms Road) (point 25). Here, turn right and for approx. 350 feet follow the road until you arrive at the Life for Life Memorial garden ([see here](#)) (point 26).

20...At the side of the Memorial garden you will notice a gate and a farm track leading down hill. Climb the stile and head down hill. Once you reach the wooden fence, the track turns into a much narrower footpath as it enters the wood.

21...It can be very easy to lose sight of the footpath as it winds its way downhill through the dense woodland. However, proceed downhill and having crossed a small stream, you will arrive at the boundary wall of the reservoir. Here turn right, and follow the footpath until you arrive at an opening in the wall (point 27).

22...Follow the reservoir footpath off to the left, and towards the rear of Turton and Entwistle reservoir. Once there you will see a footbridge (point 28). Cross the footbridge and follow the footpath as it bears off to the right.

23...You are now on the far bank of the reservoir, and a very pleasant walk to the finish. On the way back, look out for the ornamental sculpture of a bird on the bank of the reservoir (point 29).

24...As the footpath approaches the dam wall you will see a small gate (point 30). Pass through the gate, and turn right.

25... Follow the narrow tarmac road across the dam wall to the gate at the far end of the dam wall where, and on the left, you will see and arrive back at the car park that you started from. Once here, you have finished this walk.

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