Drop down to the dam at Ladybower to link the shores of the Peak District’s largest expanse of water. Section on pavement.

**Access For All Route:**
1. From the car park, head south past the building and along the tarmac path for elevated views of the dam.
2. Return to the car park at the northern end and drop down through the woodland to meet the road.
3. Cross the road to the pavement southwards to access the dam.

**Access for Many Route:**
1. Turn right at the far side of the dam.
2. Follow the forest track uphill to benches and a view.

**Alternative:**
Consider taking out the wheelyboat at Ladybower Fisheries.

The three linked reservoirs of Howden, Derwent and Ladybower cover 210 hectares to give the largest expanse of water in the Peak District.

At times of exceptional drought, the remains of the submerged Ashopton village may be seen near the concrete A57 road bridge.

The two giant plugholes drain away excess water to prevent damage to the dam.

**Distance:**
- 400 m for views of the dam, 1 km along the dam,
- 1.5 km to extend

**Start Point:** Heatherdene Car Park, off the A6013 Bamford road

**OS Grid Ref:** SK 2023 8588

**Post Code:** S33 0BY

**Nearest Facilities:** Heatherdene Car Park