



## #PeakDistrictConnect

For kids!

Here's one way you can connect to the National Park on your walk:

### Draw your own map

Seen a tree that looks like a dragon? Why not add some of your own landmarks and 'special spots' to your map so you can come back and see them next time (sketch the tree and add an arrow and a label).

For more child-friendly activities to do on your walk go to [peakdistrict.gov.uk/connect](http://peakdistrict.gov.uk/connect)



Family walk 1

Explorer

# Dambusters, Forests and Forgotten Farms

Explore the Upper Derwent Valley

## Your walk details

Distance	1 mile/1.5km
Duration	Less than 1 hour
Buggy friendly?	An easier route is to follow the path opposite the refreshment kiosk down to the dam wall, or to follow the signposted nature trail
Dog friendly?	Yes
Facilities	Information centre, toilets, cycle hire
Extra information	Car park charges apply. Cash only at machines. Additional parking spaces close to the main car park on Derwent Lane

## Start from here

### Fairholmes car park

The car park is well signposted on the Derwent Valley Road, off the A57



Postcode (satnav)	S33 0AQ
Grid ref	SK 172 893
What3Words	Intensely.branched.writers

## Be Peak District Proud

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Keep your dog on a lead to avoid disturbing birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife.



Be prepared. Weather conditions can change quickly and phone signal varies.



Leave no trace. Use bins for litter and dog waste, or better still take it home with you.



Stick to your rights of way whichever way you access the park, by foot, bike or horse.



Use the gates and stiles provided. Close and re-latch gates you have opened.



Be Dronesafe. Unauthorised drone use is against the law.



Camp fires, BBQs and naked flames are not permitted. Picnics are great, but please take your rubbish home.



Look and listen. Discover the wildlife and its habitat around you.



Drive with care and park in designated car parks.



### Get in touch

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[www.nationalparks.uk/visit-us](http://www.nationalparks.uk/visit-us)



### Find further walks at

[www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/familywalks](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/familywalks)



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# Dambusters, Forests and Forgotten Farms

Explore the forests and see the best view of Derwent Dam. Then head downhill to have a closer look at the dam wall from below.



**1** With your back to the Visitor Centre, pass to the right of the information shelter and cross the zebra crossing. Turn right and walk around the edge of the car park, with the reservoir on your left. This route is marked by red arrows.

### Look out for...

Derwent village and several farms were flooded when the reservoirs were filled. Can you spot the remains of Fairholmes Farm just after you leave the car park?

**2** Follow the path to the road, passing the site of the old Fairholmes Farm. Cross the road and go straight ahead through the gate signed Lockerbrook.

### Look out for...

There was also a railway built to help in dam construction. Can you spot the remains of an old railway bridge as you walk up the hill through the woods?

**3** Cross the concrete water channel and immediately turn right, either up the steps or by the short zig-zag ramp (signed to Derwent Dam).

**4** Follow the path through the trees until it reaches the wider forest track and turn right.



**5** Follow the track past the Derwent Dam view point, down through a gate and to the road.

**6** Cross the road and turn right through the pedestrian gate. Follow the footway, with the reservoir on your left, to the reservoir viewpoint.

### Did you know?

During World War II, the valley was used by pilots of the 617 Squadron for practising the low-level flights needed for Operation Chastise, commonly known as the "Dam Busters" raids.



**7** After Derwent Dam, carry on along the road past the car park. The easiest route back to the Visitor Centre is to follow the footway on the left of the road all the way down to Fairholmes. Or if you wish to stand at the bottom of the dam you can turn left part way along the car park and go down the steps (dotted route on map).

**8** If taking the latter option, follow the path until it forks and take the left fork down more steps to the road. Turn left over the bridge and cross the grass to the dam.

### Did you know?

Construction of Derwent Dam began in 1902, but it wasn't completed until 1916.

**9** Finally retrace your steps over the grass, to the road and follow the road until you see a path on the left leading to the Visitor Centre.

### Did you know?

Workers building the dams lived in a temporary "tin town" at Birchinlee. Almost 900 people lived there, and there were shops, a school and even a hospital!