

# Derwent Dam



Explore the drama of the Derwent Valley and the home of the Dambusters with the option of tramper and cycle hire. Local traffic on the road sections of the route.

### Access For All Route:

- 1 Descend the tarmac paths by the visitor centre to meet the road.
- 2 Turn right down the road and cross the bridge to meet a turning area and path on the left.
- 3 Pass through the gap at the side of the gate and continue to the base of the dam tower and interpretation panels.

### Access For Many Route:

- 1 Continue up the road to the top of the hill.
- 2 Turn left at the road junction and continue at a less steep gradient to the gate at the top of the dam where the tarmac finishes and the path levels out.
- 3 Continue along the side of the reservoir, stopping where the path begins to descend.

- i** The River Derwent is Derbyshire's and the Peak District's major river.
- i** The RAF's celebrated 617 squadron flew practice sorties here with their 'bouncing bombs' in preparation for their epic 1943 raid on the dams of the German Ruhr.
- i** The twin-towered dam is at its most impressive when the water cascades over it.

**Distance:** 600 m to base of the dam tower, an additional 3 km along the reservoir

**Start Point:** Fairholmes Visitor Centre, north of the A57 Glossop to Sheffield road

**OS Grid Ref:** SK 1724 8942

**Post Code:** S33 0AQ

**Nearest Facilities:** Fairholmes Visitor Centre and Cycle Hire

