

Feel Good!

Countryside

Walks in Tameside



Distance: 2 miles

A hilly walk on
sometimes muddy
paths

Castle Clough Trail

A walk through a beautiful oak woodland and up to a small reservoir providing you with a sense of wilderness and a getaway from it all.

Castle Clough Trail

Start from Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ

Turn right out of the car park and immediately right into a quiet lane. (Carrbrook Road).

Follow the lane, right at the junction in 200 yards. Follow it for a further 400 yards, going through the gateway en route, until, as the lane is bending left, go right immediately past some cottages on the right, along a wide stone lane.

This descends between heathery banks to the B6175 (Huddersfield Road). Cross the road with care, and turn right. Wind down into a dip and up the other side. The road curves right.

Towards the top of the rise look out for a grassy track doubling back sharp right. Take this, following it uphill to a road (Castle Lane). Turn right to a junction with a quarry road by Castle Farm.

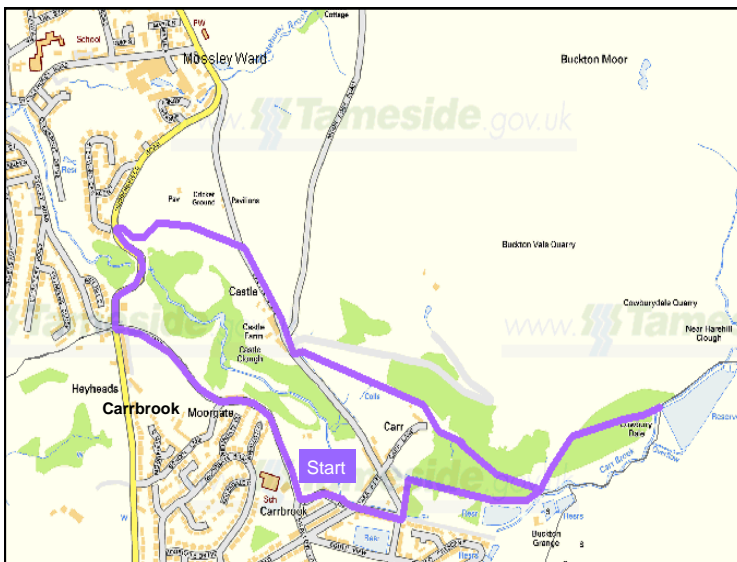


Go left up the quarry road for just 15 yards, then right across a small ditch and a stone bridleway (part of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail), to a stile into a field. Aim across this field to its far left hand corner and another stile. This can be very muddy.

Go forward on a narrow path through the heather, to pass behind Carr Cottage and reach the top end of the access lane to the cottage. Turn left on an old walled way, which soon becomes a path (rather muddy) with a fence on the left, through an oak wood.

Descend on a faint path, keeping the fence on your left, to a wide track near a gate. A 'there and back' detour into Cowbury Dale is recommended. Turn left over the stile and up the track. Fork right in 200 yards and go as far as Cowbury Reservoir, where the track ends.

Return the same way to the gate and forward on the track for a further 150 yards. Go through the gateway on



the left and follow the surfaced path to its far end at a road in Carrbrook village.

Turn left and immediately right down a one-way street (Long Row), which leads back to Buckton Vale Road and the car park.