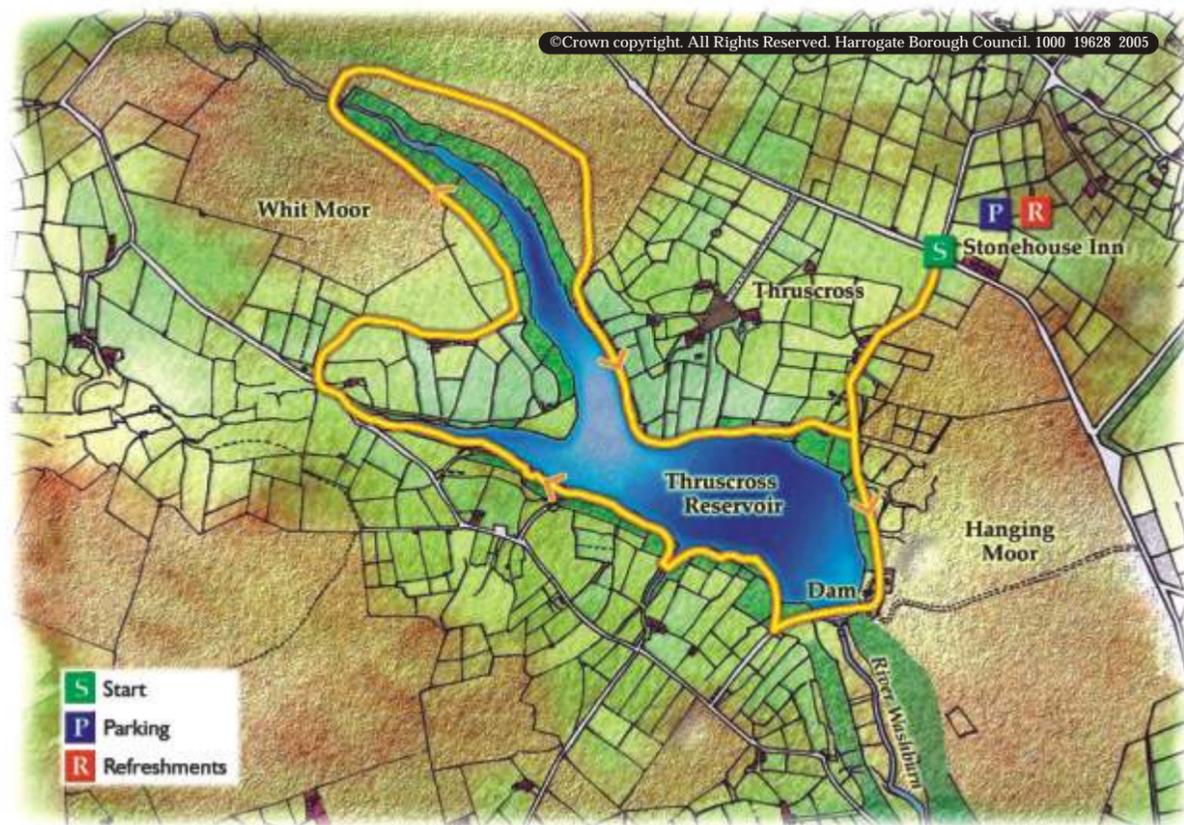


The Stonehouse Inn Walk, Thruscross



Pub Information

The Stone House Inn is situated in the beautiful Washburn Valley. The location of the pub offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding area. With its real wood fires and log burning stove, the pub is warm, friendly and welcoming.

The whole pub is non-smoking for the benefit of its employees and customers. Why not enjoy a cup of Fair Trade tea or coffee with homemade cakes in the tearoom, or a traditional ale with hot homemade food in the bar area. The pub has level access to the toilets, dining room and bar and there is ample parking.

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Opening Times: Bar: Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays)
Open Tue - Sun 12 - 3pm and 6 - 11pm
Bar Food: Weekdays 12 - 2pm & 6 - 9pm
Weekends 12 - 3pm & 6 - 9pm

Tearoom: Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays)
Easter - Oct: 10am - 4.30pm
Oct - Easter: 12 - 4.40pm

Distance: 5.5 miles.
Time: 2 - 3 Hours.
Difficulty: Moderate, with some steep inclines and some boggy patches.

Location:
See 
on "Welcome Page"

From the Stone House Inn, this walk circuits the magnificent Thruscross reservoir set in the beautiful Washburn Valley. As you walk along the water's edge you pass the site of a village which was flooded during the construction of the reservoir. When the water level is low, you may catch a glimpse of some of the buildings that once stood here. As you climb away from the reservoir towards open moorland you are rewarded with fantastic views across the valley. Passing through sheltered woodland on your return to the Stone House Inn you can look back down on the reservoir - a spectacular view in all seasons.



View from Thruscross dam.

The Route

Start at the Stone House Inn and cross the road. Walk down the quiet road past the old disused quarry downhill towards the reservoir. Walk over the dam and up towards the car park. Go through the kissing gate on the right opposite the entrance of the car park.

Once through the gate walk down the well-defined path towards the reservoir. Follow the path as it runs parallel to the water. At the inlet, walk down the steps, cross the footbridge and continue up the steps on the far side. Carry on along the path back towards the water. Cross the footbridge.



West End before inundation.

Continue along the path towards the next inlet and footbridge. Go across and rejoin the path at the top. Follow the path past the ruins of the old mill, which then goes away from the waters edge. Continue along the path, and once at the road go over the stile. Bear right, and walk up towards the house which is situated on the corner on the right hand side.

Walk in front of the buildings and head through the gate. Continue across the field to the gate at the top left of the field. Once through, continue through the next field towards the gate. Head straight across the next field and over the stile. Go through the farmyard, across the field and through the gate. Walk down by the ruins towards the woodland. Bear left and follow the fence.



Remnants of one of West End's bridges (visible only when the water level is low).

Continue to follow the fence line past the ladder stile. The path through the woodland is currently dangerous, so follow the permissive route. Walk up the hill keeping the woodland on the right. Go over the next ladder stile and head towards the corner of the woodland, to the seating area. Walk down the steps next to the wood. At the bottom go over the bridge and walk up the other side.



Looking down onto Thruscross reservoir.

At the top follow the waymark posts across Roundell's Allotment and the top of the moor. Descend towards the edge of the woodland and head over the ladder stile. Walk down the path towards the next stile on the left hand side. Walk across the boardwalk keeping the wall on the left.



Remains of a mill near the reservoir head.

Follow the path down to the waters edge and walk past the small conifer wood. Continue beside the water, and bear left heading up the access track. At the top, bear right and walk through the trees towards the road. Once on the road, bear left and walk back up the hill towards the Stone House Inn.



Mary Sara

Round by Deep Water

Walking round Thruscross,
from the tops of pines
we heard the sighs
of drowned lives
whispering the names of lost fields.

Like the past recedes,
a road ran into the water
and the path skirted a mill
up to its waist in the lake.

Spikes of reeds pricked
their reflected selves,
stitched their fan-shapes
into the mirrored sky.

Noiseless, we stepped
among dark and crowding firs,
then on a line between sun and shadow
a tree creeper darted like a mouse.

Above the trees, a gaunt ruin
- aged and in ragged dress -
looked down as we passed,
walking on the bones of fallen walls.

Round by deep water,
back by wintry moor,
the walk filled our heads, yet
it was neat enough to take home,
like the stone in my pocket.