

Trip Report 22nd May 2021

Tegg's Nose Country Park (CP) – Lamaload Reservoir – Gin Clough – White Nancy -

Weather forecast: Overcast with 10% chance of showers – Sunny intervals in the afternoon.

Distance: 9miles

Ascent 2,000ft

Squad: Mike (leader) & Selina; Tony & Lynn (Riley); Neil & Ann; Mark Hallet; Ian Langford; Dave Cadman; & Lindsey Jones (new member)

First trip out for a while so the walk was kept to a moderate level and as we are still currently using our own cars, a reasonable carpark was required. All in all Tegg's Nose seemed to be a good point to resume our ramblings.

We assembled at the car park for a 9:30 start and were joined by one of our new BUMS Lindsey Jones.

And off we jolly well went. Heading down the lane and across fields towards Lamaload Reservoir, keeping to the higher ground above the reservoir and heading through the forrest. The weather was having fun and games with us, half threatening to start raining but never getting more than a little drizzle. Having dropped down to the front of the reservoir wall and taking shelter in the trees it was time to take a coffee break.

Suitably refreshed we headed onward and upward towards Gin Clough. Now let me make it perfectly clear it was my intention all along to offer a complete tour of Gin Clough. Any suggestion as to any perceived navigation errors are completely without foundation and are refuted robustly, m' Lud.

It was turning out to be quite a pleasant stroll along the streams running through Lima Clough, yours truly was wondering what on earth to put in the Trip Report. Little did I realise the potential headline “BUMS Swallowed By Gaping Mineshaft” was looming ahead. As we walked through a field below Oaken Bank a gaping mineshaft had opened up that morning some 10m or so off the footpath. A hole about 6m in diameter had opened up with no telling how deep it was. We stopped to have a look but gave is a wide birth as it was clearly unstable. Some of the squad more inquisitive than others, had to be persuaded to keep away from the edge. The lip was severely undercut and unstable.

We moved on towards White Nancy, having taken a quick head count, where it was time for lunch. The sun showed its face and with clear views, lovely spot for lunch.

Picking up on the Gritsone way we heading back to the car park at Tegg's Nose and so to home.

Rehydration was take in The Dysart, tables in the marquee having been reserved ahead of time.

It was good to be out with the group again and have the opportunity to gather together at the end for few beers.

Mike