

Trip Report: Lancashire

Date: 24th February 2012

Group: : Lynn (Leader), Tony, Colin, Jim G, Graham, Rob, Anne, Heather, Lynda, Chrissie, Roxie & Nicky

Route: Rivington Pike

Total Distance: 8.5 miles

Total Ascent: 1456 ft

Weather: Cloudy, brightening up later

After a few detours and deviations we eventually found the car-park at Anglezarke reservoir. There was a bit of a bit of delay starting, as we waited for Colin who was half-way up Rivington Pike in his 4x4 (this was supposed to be a walk, Colin, not an episode of Top Gear!). Meanwhile Heather and Chrissie had started on the coffee and biscuits, and we were still only in the car-park.

Finally, we all met up and headed off towards a view-point over-looking Anglezarke, however the mist started to descend and the view was somewhat limited. We trekked across fields and over a couple of stiles, with Roxie showing Nicky how dogs are supposed to jump over stiles, towards Alance Bridge.

After the bridge we walked along the east bank of Yarrow reservoir and made our way to Rivington village with its quaint looking teashop (one for the future, Richard). From the village we headed up to the Pike making our way through Lever Park, passing under the Seven Arch Bridge, built by Lord Lever after he had seen a similar design in Nigeria.

At the Pike we admired the views across Lancashire, which included the Reebok stadium and Winter hill, but it was a little too windy for a lunch stop, so we descended towards the replica ruins of Liverpool castle. This made a good lunch stop and we sat on the walls overlooking Rivington Reservoir. Did you know there is water pipe-line which runs from the here to my home-town of Prescott?

After lunch the sun came out, and we meandered on over the causeway only to find United Utilities had closed our footpath, and we had no alternative to go back over the causeway along the east side of Rivington reservoir and make our way back to the cars.

All drivers thought it best to make their own way back to the Dysart, where we had a lovely beer or two after a great day out.

Lynn