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| Ulley Country Park | 1.5 Miles 2.4 Km | Ulley Nr. Whiston | OS 111 Sheffield & Doncaster |

The walk is around the Ulley Reservoir and is very scenic with nice views of the surrounding countryside and most weekends used by the Ulley Sailing Club. There is a variety of bird life, wildlife and fauna. With picnic tables for the family. Coarse angling is available all year and the area Countryside Ranger Service has a base here.

The pretty Ulley village is close by.

- **Facilities** – Visitors Centre which is fully open 1 Sunday every month [see the website], but the entry lobby which has leaflets & information is open all year round - the Sailing Club use the reservoir most weekends – Fishing is available.

There is a pay and display car park and disabled parking.

- **Café** – The Visitors Centre café is open in summer 1 Sunday in the month for homemade soup and cakes etc. by the Friends of Ulley Country Park [check their website] – but in the Visitors Centre lobby there is a drinks machine open all year round.

Close by are the Royal Oak Inn at Ulley and at Whiston The Sitwell Arms, The Golden Ball and The Chequers all serving excellent food. Also at Whiston is The Mediaeval Manorial Barn.



- **Toilets** – The toilets are situated in the Visitors Centre entrance.
- **Path** - The path is a good surface for wheelchairs and surrounds most of the reservoir. It is made up of fine rolled-in crushed stone most of the way round, with a little compacted earth in parts – it has 1 short slight incline — it is suitable for all wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs may need the odd help with a push.



See the Gallery for more photos

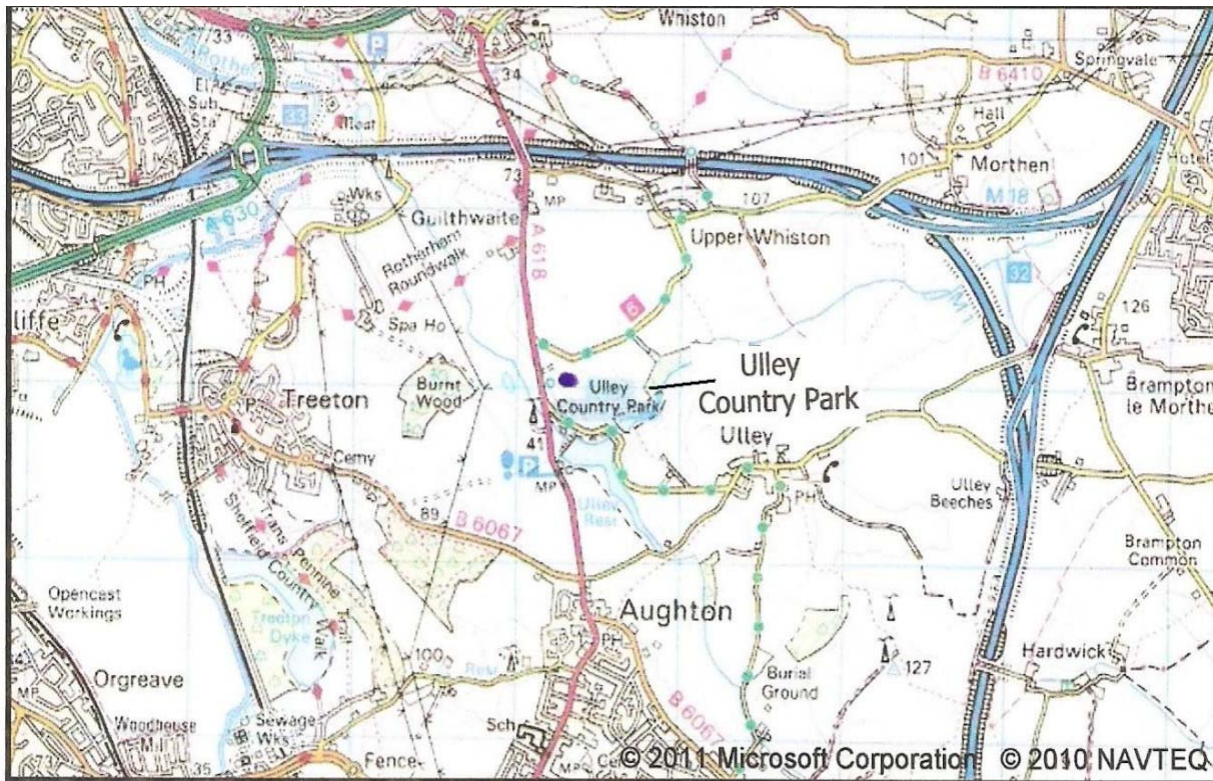
- **Information** – There are leaflets of the walk etc. at the Visitors Centre lobby and also these can be obtained from Rotherham Borough County. Also notice boards are on the walking route.

Information on the Friends of Ulley Country Park website has all latest events etc and others describes the history of the reservoir, especially the re building of the dam wall in 2010 after the bad floods in 2007.

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- **Website**- Ulley Country Park
 The Friends of Ulley Country Park website - www.friendsofulleycountrypark.org
 Ulley Country Park - rotherham.gov.uk/info/200029/countryside/294/.../1
 Ulley Sailing Club - www.ulleysailingclub.org.uk

- **Directions** – The Country Park is close to the M1 junction 33 and close to Rotherham – take the A630 towards Rotherham then look out for the A618 towards Aston – look out for the Ulley Country Park signposts – you can also approach from the M1 junction 31.



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The Ulley Trail

- 1.** Your walk starts in the Car Park. Turn left in front of the Visitor Centre and enter the Park. Cross over the old bywash channel and turn left.
- 2.** Continue along the path, passing the former Reservoir Keeper's cottage on your left. Follow the path crossing over the old overflow, onto the embankment. There are fine views across the reservoir and, on your left, down the valley.
- 3.** The footbridge takes you over the 20-metre wide overflow channel built to avoid a repeat of the near disaster, following the heavy rains of 2007, when one of the old channels was destroyed and the other was in imminent danger of collapse. Water overflows down a steep slope into a deep stilling pond with baffles to reduce the rate of flow. Construction work obliterated the old filter beds that were in this area. A new stone riprap layer on the reservoir side of the embankment prevents erosion by wave action.
- 4.** At the end of the embankment follow the path to the right between the reservoir and the old by-wash channel enjoying the views over the reservoir.
- 5.** At the end of the path go through the gate, taking care crossing the road, to the gate opposite. The stone bridge replaced the old Rotherham Road and bridge, now submerged.
- 6.** This path takes you round the Morthen Arm of the reservoir, which is a conservation area. As well as birds, wild flowers and insects, notice the alder trees growing in the old channel.
- 7.** Cross over Morthen Brook via the wooden bridge taking the path on the right, between the reservoir and the steep, gorse-covered slope.
- 8.** The round walk continues left, up a steep slope keeping to the right of the quarry wall. Where the path meets Green Lane, turn right. At the end of the lane turn left up Reservoir Road to Ulley Cross Roads. For a less strenuous route continue straight forward on the path between two walls, to the Park gate. Cross the road bridge and enter the Park through the gate on the left and re-trace your route back to the Visitor Centre.
- 9.** At the crossroads turn right down Ulley Lane. Take care, as there is no footpath on the roadside. Climb over the stile on your left.
- 10.** Keeping close to the hedge, walk down the slope. Note, there may be cattle grazing in this meadow.
- 11.** Climb a stile into a small grassy area between high hedges (Ulley Holt). Immediately before the bridge, turn right. Pass through a gate, cross the road with care and re-enter the Park through a gate opposite.
- 12.** The path runs between the bywash channel and the boundary wall. In a short distance it crosses the channel and runs between the channel and the reservoir. It takes you back to the Visitor Centre and the Car Park.

The Friends of Ulley Country Park sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the walk and that you will visit again. We suggest that you repeat the walk in the reverse direction and enjoy the different views.

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- **Places to visit nearby** – Rother Valley Country Park – Thrybergh Country Park