

As with all routes they can be followed clockwise or anti-clockwise. The anti-clockwise route is described below because this route now incorporates a route featured in an extra PDF file, which provides additional information for people with disabilities. People using motorised scooters are known to use the Goyt Forest / Hoo Moor route. A further less obvious option exists and some motorised scooter users may wish to consider it. The additional PDF file GVR02D contains images of part of the route, as it relates to motorised scooter users.

Start Route 2 at the large red dot, Bunsal Cob car park (SK17 6GJ – SK 018 756 – Elev: 301m). Make your way down to the Fernilee Reservoir on the well established route, of what is an easy but pleasant journey. In 2024 I snapped Lizards along that route. I have also snapped the Purple Hairstreak Butterfly under Oak.

The dark blue circles numbered three, four and five are ponds. Three is not accessible. Pond number four on your right (a small lake) and the last of three built for the old railway. The water level varies frequently in concert with the reservoir, which prevents important marginal vegetation becoming established. Discounted for my purposes. I have seen some Damselflies but little else.

Turning left over the causeway you are heading for the woods and Goyt Forest / Hoo Moor. Turn left again and you have two choices. The high road climb via Goyt Forest / Hoo Moor itself brings you up to The Street with pond number 5 en-route on the left. Pond number 5 has delivered Dragonflies but is turbid under the canopy of trees. This route is an important one favoured by motorised scooter users, with good access at each end. The Rangers have done work in support of this.

The central through-the-gate option initially is shared with the waterside route. So you have either the waterside route (the low road) or the woodland route (middle road). The woodland route splits again and offers steeper options further on back to the high Goyt Forest / Hoo Moor trail. Some routes were created in 2021 in support of forestry maintenance and they are useful.

The yellow dots shown on the middle route are for everyone but primarily indicate where motorised scooters can continue. The waterside route is not accessible to motorised scooters but it is not an especially interesting route anyway. The middle route is richest for flora and fauna. The yellow dots route is illustrated on GVR2D. Access ends for motorised scooters where the yellow dots end, as will be explained.

The route back to Bunsal Cob self-evident from the map with all of the several options. The blue dots shown close to The Street at the Hoo Moor gate, indicate a steep pedestrian detour route option. Where that route passes through open meadow, the area is home to the Chimney Sweeper Moth in season.

There is actually plenty of potential on this route.

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Distance: 5.9km (GPS)

NB: I invariably park at the Errwood Hall car park to extend the route by an additional 2km.