

Essentially a Goyt Valley route although a substantial part enters the neighbouring SK10 postcode (my own). I particularly like this route in winter, especially once you reach Pym Chair and the final steep descent back to Lamaload Reservoir which is sometimes shrouded in mist. A delight in snow though a bit austere and lonely as I rarely seen anyone, especially in winter. You are in Brown Hare and (sometimes) Red Deer territory.

Start at the large red dot which is the Lamaload Reservoir car park (SJ 972 750 – Elev: 308m - SK10 5XL) and that area offers to interest to nature buffs. Turn left along Hooleyhey Lane towards the junction, then straight on at Nab End towards Jenkin Chapel, keeping an eye open for Hares and Raptors which are often seen lurking.

At Jenkin Chapel turn right and climb to Pym Chair then take the footpath along The Tors, heading for Shining Tor. The return footpath (signposted) is only a few metres from Shining Tor so you may as well call in to see Shining Tor while you are there.

You can either head straight down to Lamaload on the obvious curved trail or if you are feeling fit take a detour via Redmoor but that route is wearing and adds distance.

The woods shown on the map as you near Lamaload have largely been culled by the Forestry folk.

NB: I have never seen Lizards on this route so any reports would be welcomed. Not a summer route for me and that is probably the reason I have not seen Lizards. Never seen any at Lamaload and I have spent plenty of time in that area, winter and summer.

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Distance: 9.6km (GPS)