

This short route is accessed from a car park not listed on the Goyt Valley car park list because it is independent of the others (not connected) and accessed only from the A5004 (Long Hill) road. The route can also be used as a handy add-on to other routes. This route for me is always an add-on route though it can take time if exploring all the vegetation for species. As routes go it offers a few challenges including climbs, mud, narrow gates, narrow footbridges and dodgy stiles.

The map used is better than the OS maps given the complex detail involved but it still requires study of this text. A short but rich and interesting route with plenty of running water. See also route 23 and the next complete paragraph is shared with Route 23.

Cross the Fernilee Reservoir causeway, bear left and up the metalled road to Oldfield Farm, turning right to pass by the farm (that is on the Midshires Way). Pass through a gate that is usually closed, to the next set of farm buildings. Turn right at the jaded fingerpost. Drop down hill through the farm yard and muddy horse trails, keeping left at all times until you hit the stone stile (difficult – care needed) over the drystone wall.

Turn left towards Knipe Cottage but do not enter the open gateway. Turn right before the gate down the grassy bank and passed what appears to be an untidy allotment on the left, to the gate in the wall. Once through the gate turn left and follow the track, hugging the fence line all the way down towards the Goyt River, passing through gates and passing by drystone walls.

There is an adjoining substantial brook as you reach the bottom at the wooden stiles. Cross the stiles and passed the gateway leading to Hillbridge Wood, then over the concrete footbridge, turn right and follow the obvious track back to the car park.

Distance: 3.1km (GPS)

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