

**Twenty eight****NEWHEY – RESERVOIRS WALK**

A Pennine trek with fine views throughout. For good walkers the effort is well rewarded.

Take the train from Eccles Station to Manchester Victoria.

At Victoria board a Rochdale via Oldham train, and alight at Newhey station.

Outside the station, cross the road and take the footpath up the side of the school and up the steps.

At the top of the steps turn left. Pass the fine St Thomas' Church, and then turn right immediately after the vicarage. Follow this path through a hamlet and it then veers sharp left.

Follow this track into the fields. *Notice the artificial looking hill with transmitters on your left.*

After going through a gate fork left downhill through a ruined stone farm. Then keep ahead towards the motorway. Through a stile turn right to go alongside a farm on your left. At a junction fork left to follow the electricity wires.

You will pass a farmhouse on an undulating, very rocky road. Eventually (*but not soon enough!*) you come to a T-junction. Turn right uphill and just follow this road through the moorland (ignoring any right or left tracks) to a fork in the path.

The finger post points right to Piethorn Reservoir. Take this route. *Further along this stretch are splendid views and Piethorn reservoir down below. As the road descends, Norman Hill reservoir is on your left.*

Cross the causeway with Piethorn reservoir to your right and go uphill. At the road junction turn right. Now just follow this road with Piethorn then Ogden reservoirs to your right. It will take you back to Newhey. A factory road joins from the right and then you reach the main road. Turn right down into Newhay. *Notice the names of the two Sam Smith's pubs on the right of the road.*

You come back to the school building and the station is on your left. Trains in either direction go back to Manchester.

CLASSIFICATION:     **QUITE LONG, MODERATE, ROUGH IN PART.**  
                              **MOORLAND VIEWS.**  
                              **RAIL FARE – category ONE**

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