



Pic 1: The gate in between the fields surrounding Bewl



Pic 2: The style leading into the fields around the reservoir



Pic 3: The style in between the fields



Pic 4: One of many nice countryside views



Pic 5: The metal gate along a small trail



Pic 6: The path in between the fences close to Misty Meadow Farm

The Bewl Reservoir Walk

Walk overview:

Distance: 5 miles (8 km)



Time: 2.5 – 3 hours

Description: A 'shorter' walk along the Bewl reservoir and through the amazing surrounding countryside.



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Leave The Vineyard, turn right and cross the road. Turn left and continue along a trail diagonally through the village grounds. At the end turn right and keep walking along the road for about 0.3 miles (500m) until the end of the village and then follow the road for another 0.2 miles (300m) until 'Jennings cottage' on the right (it's a free standing white building). Turn left onto a track, go through the gate and continue along the track into the next field and down the slope. At the edge of the field turn right and then left towards the next gate. Go through it and follow the trail diagonally through the field until a small gate (1). Walk through it and continue along the trail until a road.

Cross the road and keep walking straight along a smaller road (past a small kiosk) for about 0.25 miles (400m) until a fork crossroad. Take the right branch (follow the sign 'Car Park' on the road), walk up the road for about 100 yards (100m) and turn left into an open area in front of the Visitor Centre. Enjoy some nice reservoir views and walk around the left side of the Centre building. Keep walking along the terrace of the coffee shop, past the crazy golf course and into the woods. Follow the path through the wood until a wooden signpost. Keep walking straight (follow a sign 'Round Bewl Water Walk') and continue along the path through the forest.

At the end of the forest, walk along the small tarmac road past the buildings of the rowing club and rowing boat stands until you come to a wooden gate. Walk through it, join a small road and still continue straight. Walk around the steel barrier and follow the path down the hill until you see the reservoir. Turn right along the path (you can find a nice bench on the left side, right next to the water) and continue along the path for about 0.8 mile (1.5 km).

Keep walking until you see the stile with the sign 'Footpath to Lower Cousley Wood' on the right (2). Climb over it and walk slightly diagonally up the hill. Climb over the next stile (3) into the next field and continue up the hill past the beautiful high-grown trees. Climb over another stile and keep walking towards the corner of the field. Go over the last stile, through the metal gate and cross the driveway into the forest. Follow the path through the forest, walk through the gate and turn left onto the road.

Keep walking along the road for about 100 yards (100m) until a crossroad. Turn right onto a smaller road ('Lower Cousley Wood Lane'). Continue along it for about 0.1 miles (150m) until a crossroad. Keep walking straight (follow the 'Sweetings Lane' signpost) along the road for about 0.5 miles (800m) until a T-junction. Turn left onto the road and then immediately turn right onto a footpath (follow 'Public Footpath' signpost). Keep walking straight along the trail and through a gate into the field. After enjoying some countryside views (4) continue straight along the edge of the field, over a stile and through the gate. Follow the trail through the next gate (5), over another stile and in between the fences until a small footbridge.

Walk over it and keep walking straight over another one and up the slope. Continue along the path in between the fences (6) until a wooden gate. Go through it, join the small road and continue until a bigger road. Turn left onto the road and follow it for about 50 yards (50m) until a 'Public Footpath' sign on the right. Turn right, go through the gate and continue straight along the road for 0.1 miles (150m) until steps on the right. Walk up the steps and continue straight along the trail through the vineyards for about 0.4 miles (600m). At the end go down a few steps and turn right onto a road. Follow the road for about 50 yards (50m) until a crossroad with small roads. Turn right and keep walking along the road until The Vineyard.

