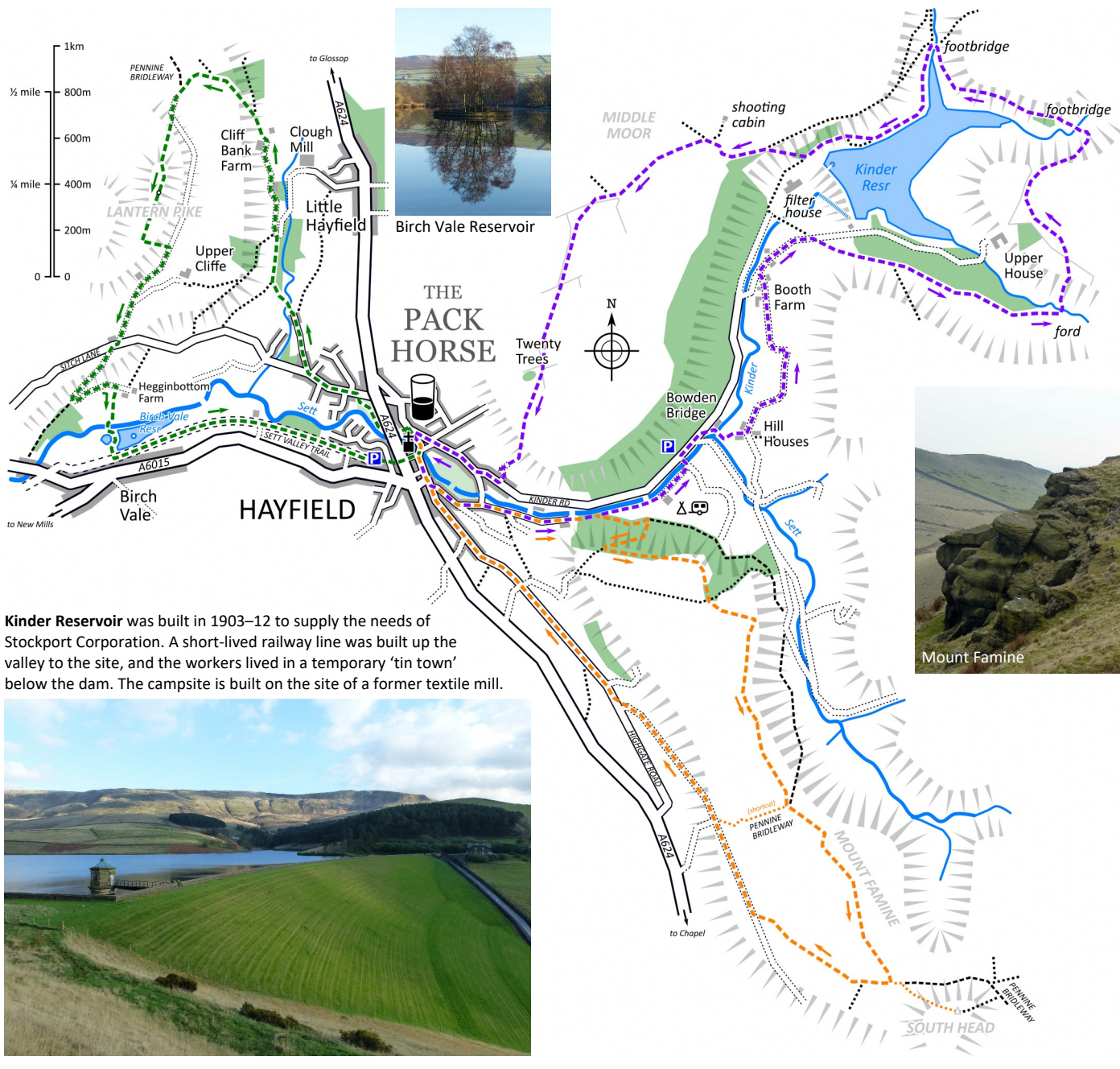


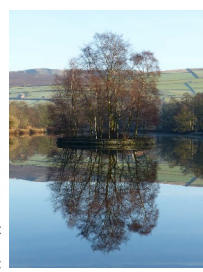


three circular walks from

The Pack Horse Hayfield



Kinder Reservoir was built in 1903–12 to supply the needs of Stockport Corporation. A short-lived railway line was built up the valley to the site, and the workers lived in a temporary 'tin town' below the dam. The campsite is built on the site of a former textile mill.



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Lantern Pike
 3¾ miles, moderate
 A local hilltop with 360° views.

Mount Famine
 4¾ miles: fairly strenuous
 A fine gritstone edge, with views to Kinder Scout.

Kinder Reservoir & Twenty Trees
 6 miles: moderate
 Beloved local landmarks and views of Kinder.

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Lantern Pike (3¾ miles: moderate)

Allow 2–2½ hours. One stiff climb. May be muddy after rain, and slightly rocky in places. Several stiles.

1 From the front of the Pack Horse, cross the road, take a few steps to the left, then turn right down Mill Street (signposted “Calico Trail” and “Old School Field”). **2** Pass between houses then under the A624 alongside the River Sett. **3** Pass the remains of Walk Mill, ignoring a footbridge on the left, and keep right of the field, exiting through a gate onto Swallow House Lane. **4** Turn left and pass the exits of Lea Road on the right, Wood Gardens and The Glade on the left, and Swallow House Crescent on the right. **5** Turn right into Bank Vale Road by a postbox, and follow the narrow lane past the football pitch to a cluster of stone houses at the far end. **6** Cross the stream via a stone footbridge, then follow the path uphill ahead. **7** On meeting a broader path, turn right. **8** When you meet a driveway at a hairpin bend, take the upper (left) fork and continue past Cliffbank Farm with views over Little Hayfield. **9** After the next house, cross a stile on the left onto a path that follows the wall uphill through bilberry and heather and, after another stile, above woodland. **10** At the end of the wood, climb a further stile into a field. **11** Follow the path left across the field and go through a gate in the top-left hand corner into a walled track. **12** Just beyond the National Trust sign, take a path uphill through the heather on your right and follow it to the topograph at the summit of Lantern Pike. **13** Beyond the summit, follow the ridge as it descends to a wall. **14** Turn sharp left and follow a stony path downhill alongside the wall to return to the Pennine Bridleway. **15** Turn right and follow the track, which shortly joins a metalled driveway and leads steeply downhill to Sitch Lane. **16** Take a few steps to the right in front of a terrace of cottages, then turn left into the drive to Heggibottom Farm. **17** At a sharp bend, ignore the bridleway ahead, instead following the drive round to the left. **18** After some hen houses, and just before the farm, turn right over a stone step-stile and follow a fenced path (often muddy) into a field. **19** Walk down the field and descend a steep bank to a stile above a bridge over the River Sett. **20** Cross the river and follow the path below Birch Vale Reservoir to a gate onto the Sett Valley Trail. **21** Turn left and follow the Trail for one mile, passing a house at a former crossing halfway along. **22** Walk through the car park at the end of the Trail and cross the A624 at the crossing beyond. **23** Walk past the church to the middle of the village, and follow the road left over the bridge and back to the Pack Horse.

Mount Famine (4¾ miles: fairly strenuous)

Allow 3 hours. Several stiff climbs with three stiles and some muddy and rocky sections; avoid in bad weather.

1 From the front door of the Pack Horse, turn left. **2** Bear right over the River Sett and keep left of the church up the main village street. **3** At the top of Church Street, turn left and left again into Valley Road. **4** Follow the road, keeping left towards the river (but not crossing it)

whenever there is a choice. **5** After a row of terraced houses on the right, keep left along the no-through road. **6** Keep left again at a fork below a high stone retaining wall on your right. **7** Descend to the river and after the last houses follow the riverside path, ignoring a footbridge. **8** At a fork, turn right away from the river (*not* between the gateposts) to a gate and climb through woodland beyond, with a campsite to your left. **9** Just before the trees end on the left, at a crossroads of paths, turn sharp right onto a signposted footpath that angles up through the wood. **10** At the top turn left, staying within the trees, with a stone wall on your right. **11** Eventually you leave the trees, but continue along the wall to meet a crossing path. Carry straight on to a ladder stile over a crossing wall. **12** The path now follows the wall above the steep rough-pastured slopes of the Sett Valley, with wide views to Kinder Scout. **13** At a bend in the wall, a fine view of the ridge ahead is revealed, and the path continues along the wall above a couple of rocky undulations before dropping to the Pennine Bridleway (*for a shortcut, turn right here and rejoin the route at step 19, turning right*). **14** Otherwise, continue ahead to another ladder stile and then bear right through a gap in an old wall. **15** After a further wall, a rough path winds steeply up towards the top of Mount Famine, which has a couple of false summits (a flatter but less well-used path bypasses the high point to the left). **16** Once you finally reach the top, marked by some jutting rocks, continue ahead to a stile, then descend to meet the Pennine Bridleway, an obvious track in a col. *If you're feeling really energetic, you can continue to the cairn at the top of South Head, returning the same way.* **17** Turn right along the Pennine Bridleway track, which gradually descends with a wall on the left and through a gate. **18** After more gates, at a junction with another track, bear right. **19** At a crossing of tracks, the Pennine Bridleway departs to the right, but we carry straight on. **20** Eventually the track bends left to meet Highgate Road but a narrow, sunken path continues ahead for a short distance before also joining the road. **21** Follow Highgate Road downhill for three-quarters of a mile, back to Hayfield village. **22** Retrace your earlier steps down Church Street and over the bridge, bearing left back to the Pack Horse.

Kinder Reservoir & Twenty Trees 6 miles: moderate

Allow 3–4 hours. Several moderate climbs; parts may be muddy after rain. A couple of streams (which may be awkwardly swollen after exceptionally wet weather) must be forded.

Follow steps 1–7 of the **Mount Famine** walk, left.

8 When the path divides, keep left through the gateposts. **9** Walk between the river and the campsite then, at the campsite entrance, turn left over the road bridge. **10** Turn right past Bowden Bridge car park. **11** When the road bends slightly left at Bowden Bridge Cottage, turn right onto the riverside track. **12** At the entrance to Oakbank, turn right over the packhorse bridge. **13** In the corner beyond, turn left through a gate. **14** Climb a walled path and go through a gate and

past a converted barn to emerge at Hill Houses. **15** Turn left past the farmhouse on your left and go through a gate. **16** Follow the track beyond, bending left then right to reach Booth Farm after half a mile. **17** Beyond the farm, descend to a lane. **18** Turn right, uphill, passing between the buildings of Farlands. **19** Opposite a bench and path on the left, turn right through a gateway. **20** Follow the track across the field up to the edge of a coniferous plantation on your left. **21** Follow the edge of the wood to its end, ignoring the Oaken Clough bridleway that heads off right at PNFS sign no. 285. **22** Beyond the end of the wood, follow the track ahead to a stile by a gate and National Trust sign, then ford the stream on your left. **23** Cross the National Trust stile and follow the path beyond up the hillside; bear right then left between broken walls to a gate in a more complete wall. **24** Turn left, parallel to the wall, then when the vague track bears left, turn right on a narrow path that descends to meet another wall obliquely. **25** Follow the wall to a junction of walls then bear right along the obvious descending path that curves left down to a footbridge. **26** Cross the bridge and turn left, taking the higher (right-hand) path that passes above a walled clump of birch trees. **27** Bear left along the wall towards the reservoir, leaving it to ford a small stream then climbing to a hand-gate. **28** The path beyond contours above trees then curves right and descends to a gate. **29** Ford a side-stream and continue to cross the footbridge over William Clough. **30** Turn left and follow the path above and along the reservoir wall. **31** At a fork, take the right-hand (upper) path that climbs slightly through the heather, leading away from the reservoir. **32** Rejoin the reservoir wall at a hand-gate and continue along the wall, below open woodland. **33** After an information board erected to mark the centenary of the reservoir, level with the dam, turn right, uphill. **34** Follow the path alongside the wall to a gate at the top. **35** Bear left then right across the open moor to a junction of paths below the shooting cabin. **36** Turn left (signposted “Hayfield 1½ miles”). **37** Follow the obvious path through the heather to a National Trust sign for the Snake Path. **38** Go through the kissing gate and follow the track across rough grazing land. **39** After a stretch alongside a wall, go through a gate and cross the field, aiming for the treetops of Twenty Trees. **40** Follow the wall and then go through a kissing gate on your right, above the clump of trees. **41** Bear left past the trees to a further kissing gate and commemorative sign. **42** Descend along the bottom of the next field to a gate and stile. **43** Follow the track beyond, which bends left to join a concrete drive and leads down to Kinder Road. **44** Turn right and walk downhill past the Library. **45** At the junction with Bank Street, continue ahead along Kinder Road back to the Pack Horse.

We hope these carefully chosen circular walks will help you appreciate our beautiful surroundings and we look forward to quenching your thirst and satisfying your appetite on your return to the Pack Horse.



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