

Route Description: Anglezarke Moor visiting Pikestones and Lead Mines Clough

1. There's good parking at Anglezarke Car Park, the entrance is by Anglezarke Reservoir (SD62047 16065).

Walk N along the good path (tarmac) alongside the reservoir, the trees give shade and shelter for most of the way. Take a short excursion into Lester Mill Quarry, a good path (SD61801 16490) winds its way past the vertical rock faces - it's changed, I used to rock climb here years ago, when it wasn't so overgrown with vegetation! The main path ascends a short hill with a sharp bend, follow it to reach High Bullough reservoir (SD61895 16750). Continue to the NW corner of the High Bullough Reservoir, keep R & descend the path to a junction & turn R. Walk beneath the grassed earth dam wall to reach a seat (SD61897 17105) in the woodland & the final glimpses of High Bullough Reservoir.

2. Ignore the footbridge on the R, keep straight on past the signpost 'Manor House' through the woodland, over a stream & climb the steepening path to reach a stile & the meadow. Cross the meadow to the road at Manor House, turn R & walk along the road to the corner & the farmyard (SD62097 17152). Walk through a gate on the L at the farmyard entrance, cross a stile a skirt around the farm to a path by the hedge. Continue along the hedge-line aiming for a stile (SD62204 16859) over the stone wall. Turn L & walk up the road to reach Jepson's Gate (SD62210 16860).

3. Cross the fence-stile onto Access Land, follow the tracks on a line heading for the left hand edge of the trees, there's a stile (SD62713 17128) at the enclosure around the 'scheduled monument Pikestones (SD62701 17205)' & an interesting information board at the site. Leave Pikestones by the stile at the far corner of the enclosure and walk along the path (ENE) along the edge of the woodland to Limestone Clough (SD63362 17422). Turn R and descend the Clough on a good path to reach the Mine road and a footbridge (SD63277 17132).

4. Cross the footbridge and follow the path alongside the edge of the woodland. (Just after the FB, there is a stile leading into the woodland and a very narrow path - good views of the waterfall are found but the path is above a steep drop. Continue around the edge of the woodland, around a corner to descend the fell side past a broken stone wall and ruin. Before the next ruined building, there is a gate (SD63141 16534) into the woodland of Lead Mines Clough. Descend on the steep path to reach the stream & a footbridge. Turn L on the path & walk downstream, leave the woodland to reach the bridleway and a bridge.

5. Do not cross the bridge, continue down the mine road, alongside the stream, eventually crossing the stream before reaching Yarrow Reservoir & the road at Alance Bridge. Continue straight on, along the road, turn R at the junction (by the stile into Anglezarke Quarry) to reach the car park entrance before the road climbs the steep hill.

Places to explore if you have time include Lester Mill Quarry, Lead Mines Clough area, Anglezarke Quarry but exercise great care as these places can be very dangerous!