

# CHARD RESERVOIR



**Distance:** 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles



**Target Time:** 55 - 60 minutes



**Description:** Public footpath alongside reservoir, tracks and footpaths. Undulating in parts/Some stiles.



**Start:** Oaklands Road Car Park

*(Please note part of this route is closed to the public between March and July - see map)*

1. From the car park follow the footpath across the field to cross Touches Lane and into the entrance of the reservoir.
2. Turn left and follow the tarmac path into the next field walking on until it splits off to the right. Follow the right gravel path over a bridge and eventually into the woods alongside the reservoir.
3. Follow the waymarked path through the woods for approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles taking in views of the reservoir.
4. After passing over a meshed board walk turn right up a steep incline to climb over a stile and onto a road.
5. Here immediately turn right into Paintmoore Lane following the track for approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.
6. Where the lane takes a sharp left climb over the stile on your right and follow the narrow footpath.



(NB This footpath is often muddy - an alternative route is to continue along the lane until arriving at a main road. Turn right here dropping down to a stone bridge and shortly afterwards turn right, back into Touches lane and back to the car park.)

7. Continue straight ahead to cross over a succession of wooden bridges and stiles to arrive back at Touchstone lane.
8. Turn right along the road to re-trace your footsteps back to the car park.

