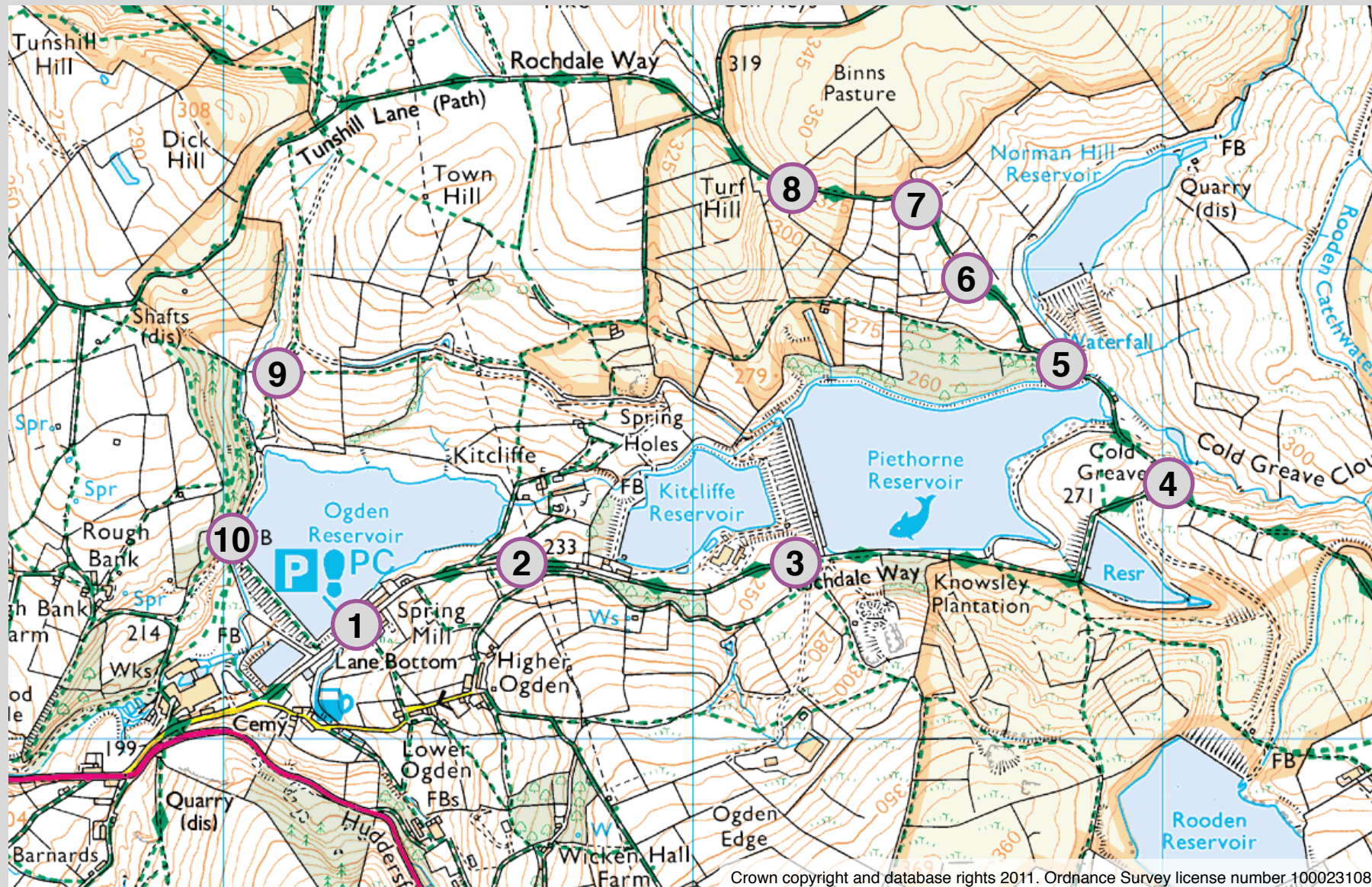


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## Audio Trail



**Start/finish:**  
Ogden Reservoir  
car park, Ogden Lane

**OS grid ref:**  
SD 953123

**OS Map:**  
Explorer, OL21 South  
Pennines

**Distance:**  
3.5 miles (5.5km)

**Allow:**  
2 – 2.5 hours

**Terrain:**  
Mainly level with some  
steep climbs. Paths may  
be uneven and muddy in  
places.

**Toilets:**  
Toilets can be found at  
Ogden Reservoir car park.

**Safety:**  
The weather in the uplands  
can change quickly. Please  
ensure you have suitable  
shoes and clothing before  
setting off.

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### 1. Ogden Reservoir car park

Let's begin by turning left out of the car park and heading gently uphill. After passing the public toilets you will reach a row of gritstone cottages, on your left, built for the former mill that stands opposite.

Carry on past the entrance of Kitcliffe farm and listen to Track 2 before you reach the pylon, and have a good view of the farm down to your left.

### 2. Kitcliffe Farm

When you are ready, head up the road past the pylon and you will soon join a private road. To your left you will pass Kitcliffe Reservoir and the large United Utilities Piethorne Treatment Works. Listen to Track 3 when you reach the dam wall of Piethorne Reservoir, just a little further on.

### 3. Piethorne Reservoir

Continue straight on following the track with the reservoir on your left and pass through a wooden kissing gate. Ignore the footpath on the left that has no public access. Eventually the track will bend left to run along the dam wall of Hanging Lees – the smallest reservoir here.

When you reach the T-junction of paths, turn left onto the Pennine Bridleway and listen to Track 4.

### 4. Lime House

Continue past the waterfall and listen to Track 5 when you reach the metal gate across your path.

### 5. Bluebell Woods

Head through the metal gate and continue uphill until you have passed two large stone gateposts on the right hand side of the path. Remains of dry stone walls are on either side of the path. If you look back down the hill you will now have a good view down towards Norman Hill reservoir. Listen to Track 6.

### 6. Walls to quash an uprising

Let's keep heading uphill. As you near the top of the hill you will notice the wall pulls away from the left hand side of the track. Can you also see an old, round timber gatepost? This is your prompt to listen to Track 7.

### 7. Piethorne Farm

It's only a little further now to the summit. So keep going and it won't be long before the track begins to descend. Once you are nearly parallel with the dam wall of Piethorne Reservoir, look out for where the left hand wall once again pulls away from the track. This farm ruin is your prompt to listen to Track 8.



Image: Piethorne and Norman Hill Reservoirs ©GMAU

### 8. Magnificent views

Continue ahead and follow the stone bridleway to Hollingworth Lake. A fingerpost highlighting the distance of 2 and a half miles will show you the way. The droning traffic of the M62 will also come into view on your right.

After crossing beneath the electricity cables, strung between a line of pylons, turn left and follow the bridleway down to Ogden. Listen to Track 9 when you reach another farm ruin. Two large Sycamore trees act as a good marker.

### 9. Rag Hole Ruin

If you haven't already done so, turn right off the main track and wander down through the ruins of the farm. After passing the foundations of the second set of buildings, take the ornately paved path between the stone walls.

Cross a small stone slab bridge and keep left, so the brook is on your left and the plantation on your right.

Head through a gate and listen to Track 10 when you are in line with the dam wall of Ogden reservoir.

### Track 10. Ogden Reservoir

Head down through the gap in the wall on your left and cross the top of the dam. As you arrive back into the car park, where we started our walk, look at the grated hole behind the information panel. This is the outflow pipe which feeds Piethorne Brook.