

## Shustoke Reservoir, Nether Whitacre & Botts Green

(Re-walked 03/04/2017)

Distance: 6.9 miles

Currently, car park is free, but there are plans to charge £1 for Pay & Display

Map: OS Explorer 232

Starting Point: Severn Trent car park near Shustoke Sailing Club GR 225910 (Postcode – B46 2BE)

From car park walk up bank and around reservoir in a clockwise direction. At the far end (just past interesting bat box) turn left down steps and then over bridges. Follow path to railway line and turn left alongside line for ½ mile. Go through a gate, then right over bridge. Turn right and take path beside line leading into a field. Go through kissing gate (KG) and climb along left hand hedge and where hedge stops continue ahead to a KG in the far hedge.

Cross Dingle Lane into field through hedge gap and continue diagonally towards the far left corner. Bear right across a large field with a hedge and then a ditch on the left hand side. Turn right at the end of the field and after a short distance turn left over a small bridge and KG. Then follow path to fence bordering railway line. Turn right and walk alongside line. At end turn right to join road. Continue ahead, crossing Bakehouse Lane, to reach crossroads. Turn left into Deep Lane. At next crossroads continue ahead into Dog Lane. Opposite "The Hollies" turn right onto a wide path leading into the churchyard. Go through the gate, keeping to the left of the church and pass through another gate into a lane by School Cottage.

Follow the lane for a short distance, turn right over a stile to the left of the gates of a large house. At the end of the path go over stile, turn left through gate, and walk ahead with hedge on LHS to next corner. Turn left with hedge still on LHS. Keep ahead to a footbridge. Walk diagonally right across field to a telegraph pole and stile. Walk ahead keeping line of telegraph poles to your right over 5 fields to a lane. Turn left onto the lane for a short distance. At junction turn left towards Botts Green. At Stonebank Cottage turn right through gate onto footpath and walk over field to KG. Keep ahead across large field to reach stile down to road. Turn right, walk along pavement to Nether Whitacre sign, cross road to wide verge turning left shortly down a wide hedge-lined track. At end of track cross railway and turn right, following line. Eventually you will come to the turning on the left where you will re-join the path to the reservoir. At the reservoir, continue in a clockwise direction to return to the car park.

