

BACKWATER RESERVOIR AREA - FEBRUARY 19TH 2024



Distance	8.3 km ↔
Time spent moving	1:51 h ⌚
Ascent	185 m ▲
Descent	183 m ▼
Avg. speed (throughout time spent moving)	4.5 km/h ⌚
Date	February 19, 2024 09:09 AM 📅

This was our annual winter lunch walk so the route was chosen to provide a shorter walk in a reasonable distance from the selected restaurant at Ardler near Meigle.

Twelve current and past members set off for the annual walk with lunch.

Leaving Scone Park and Ride on a beautiful morning, the group headed for Backwater Reservoir to undertake a circular walk including Hare Cairn and Creag Reamhar. Setting off northwards up the western side of the reservoir on a good track the route lead into the forest heading for an open moor beyond. However, destruction of the forest by recent storms plus logging activities required a search for alternative routes which ultimately proved unsuccessful and a route of least resistance below the ridge returned the group to the car park on a slightly truncated but visually rich walk.

The return journey was via the Ardler Tavern, where an additional member joined for a very enjoyable lunch.



At the walk start next to the dam wall



A nice easy start along the reservoir road



At the end of the Reservoir looking back



Looking for the path to the ridge



We clamber up a very muddy extraction track



Although we don't make the ridge, we are still rewarded with great views



Time for coffee



Down the hill on a good logging road – time for lunch