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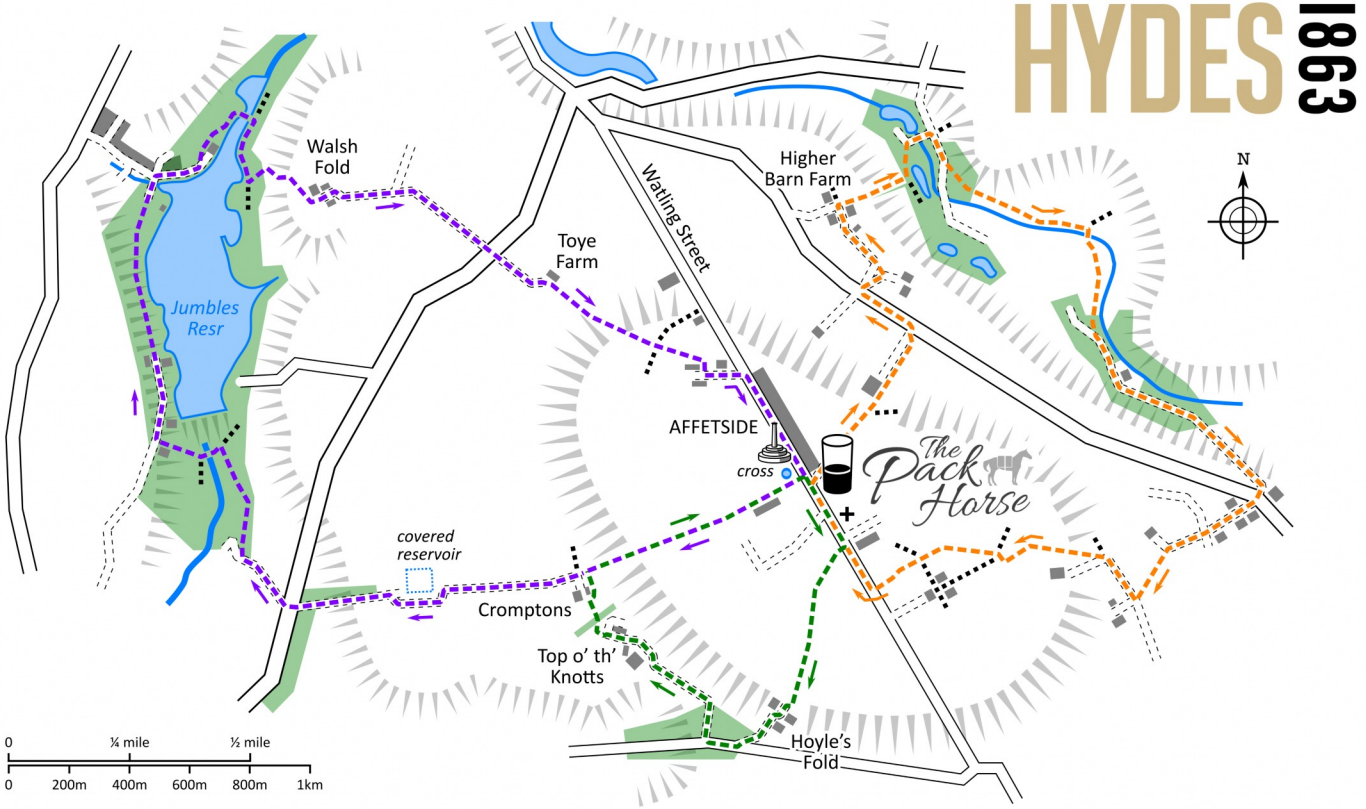

Jumbles Reservoir *was opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1971, and ensures a constant water supply for the rivers Croal and Irwell. The reservoir and surrounding woodlands are designated as a Country Park.*

Affetside Cross*, although standing beside the Roman road known as Watling Street, is most likely medieval in date, and may have been a route marker or market cross. It is a Grade II listed building.*

Scout Moor Wind Farm*, prominent on the skyline to the east, has 26 turbines and was the largest onshore wind farm in England when it opened in 2008. To its left is the* ***Peel Monument*** *above Ramsbottom.*

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Three Walks From The Pack Horse

Affetside, Greater Manchester

Top o' th' Knotts

1¾ miles: Easy

A contouring farmland stroll with wide views over Bolton to Winter Hill.

Two Brooks Valley

3½ miles: Easy

Pleasant farmland walking with a pretty interlude along a wooded stream valley.

Jumbles Country Park

4 miles: Moderate

Descend through flowery pastures and then circumnavigate a scenic wooded reservoir.

Top o' th' Knotts

1¾ miles: Easy

Allow 1 hour. Wet grass and muddy/boggy sections after rain.

1 From the front entrance, turn left and walk down Watling Street, passing the chapel and the 30 mph speed limit signs. 2 Opposite the next house, take a footpath on the right and follow the field edge, which leads into a fenced farm track. 3 Keep on down the left-hand side of the field to a gateway down to Hoyle's Fold Farm. 4 Walk through the farmyard and out to the road along the farm drive. 5 Turn right and walk down the road for a short distance, before turning right into a tarmac driveway opposite a bus stop. 6 Follow the driveway uphill and round to the left until you reach Top o' the Knotts. 7 Follow the road to the right of the first property, then pass an old farmhouse on the left (dated 1784) and then some newer houses on the right. 8 When the road bends right, behind the houses, take a stone-walled track straight on. 9 Follow this track to the next farm, Cromptons, where the official right-of-way leads through the farmyard but the *de facto* path skirts to the right. 10 Beyond the farm, turn right up a grassy trackway that follows the power lines. 11 At the end, climb a stile and walk up the field beyond, still following the telegraph poles. 12 A further stile leads to a path that continues through a grassy meadow to Affetside Millennium Green. 13 Having admired the village garden and the restored Affetside Cross, turn right to return to The Pack Horse.

Two Brooks Valley

3½ miles: Easy

Allow 2 hours. One gradual climb. Paths may be overgrown in summer and muddy after heavy rain.

1 From the front door, turn right and immediately right again beside the pub into the staff car park (with a footpath sign to Turton Road); leave via a footpath in the rear left-hand corner. 2 Follow this sunken footpath, stone-setted in parts, downhill with views to the Peel Monument above Ramsbottom and the wind turbines of Scout Moor. 3 Keep straight on past farm buildings and follow the path alongside the farm drive out to a road. 4 Turn left for 100 yards, then turn right at a double entrance signposted "Two Brooks Valley". 5 Take the right-hand of the two driveways (for the cattery). 6 When the drive bends right towards the buildings, go through a gate on the left into the other driveway and follow it past a bungalow (Croichley View) and through a farmyard. 7 Beyond the barns, turn right over a couple of stiles and along a fenced path downhill. 8 Beyond a further stile, walk down the right-hand side of the next field with a small valley on your right, threading in and out of the trees until you meet a crossing path above a large pond. 9 Turn left and follow the path to a gate, where you turn right along a track. 10 At the end of this track, turn right on another track (Two Brooks Lane) passing below some tennis courts. 11 At a fork, leave the track along an obvious path on the left, which leads through woodland to a gate into more open country. 12 Follow the path beyond to a ladder stile over a wall. Follow the stream to a boardwalk, beyond which cross a footbridge on the right over the stream. 13 Follow a raised path on the other side, then cross the field to a kissing gate. 14 Join a track shortly afterwards to reach an isolated house on your left, then follow the metalled drive beyond until it climbs to the public road. 15 Cross over and take a footpath opposite that leads uphill between gardens and then emerges by a house. 16 Take the tree-lined drive opposite, and when this bends right into a property, take the path on the left. 17 Follow the field edge to a stile into another metalled drive; turn right (uphill) here. 18 When this drive bends left, cross the stile in front of you then head half-left across the field, between a house on the left and a pylon. 19 At the far side of the field, turn left. 20 In the corner, turn right, and then cross a stile on your left. The right-of-way follows the telegraph poles straight ahead to the farm (where it turns right), but an easier concessionary route heads half-right across the field to cut the corner before swinging left to bypass the farm. 21 At a stone stile, keep straight on along the concessionary route, along the field edge to the road. 22 Turn right and walk past the chapel back to The Pack Horse.

Jumbles Country Park

4 miles: Moderate

Allow 2¾ hours. One short steep climb up uneven steps, and a gradual climb to Affetside. Wet grass and muddy/boggy sections after rain.

1 From the front entrance, turn right along Watling Street towards Affetside Cross. 2 Just before the Cross, take a signposted footpath on the left alongside the Millennium Green. 3 Follow the path to the end of the Green and cross a stile into open fields. 4 Follow the telegraph poles downhill until you meet the end of a grassy track, and continue in the same direction. 5 At Cromptons Farm, take the surfaced lane straight on. 6 Follow it left, right and right again as it skirts a large covered reservoir, then turn left at the reservoir entrance and out to the road. 7 Cross straight over into the access road to Bradshaw Hall Fisheries. Keep on past the entrance barrier and the turning into the fisheries and then, before the road starts to descend steeply, take a path on the right by an old stone gatepost. 8 This path, muddy in places, leads gradually down through trees to the dam of Jumbles Reservoir. 9 Turn left down steps and cross the stream below the dam. 10 Take the steep stepped path immediately in front of you. 11 This path leads behind buildings and into a metalled road, where you turn right. 12 At The Grange, continue in the same direction along a walled concrete path and then descend on a wide gravelly path to the reservoir edge. 13 Follow the lakeside path until it crosses a bridge over an overgrown arm of the reservoir. 14 Turn right and walk past the Jumbles Country Park car park, then leave the road on a tarmac path to the left between bollards (signposted "RESERVOIR FOOTPATH") that passes between Lees Cottages on your right and a fishing lake on your left. 15 Regain the water's edge beyond the cottages, then cross the bridge over the neck of the reservoir. 16 Turn right and walk back along the other side of the reservoir until you encounter a semicircular stone structure on your left. 17 Just beyond this, and before a gate on the right, turn left (away from the reservoir) on an uphill footpath through the trees with a Rotary Way waymark. 18 On emerging into open fields at a stile, walk round a holly tree then swing right, aiming just to the right of the farm buildings that appear ahead of you. 19 By a lone tree, turn left through a gate into the farmyard. Swing right and left past the old farmhouse and exit along the metalled farm drive. 20 When you reach the road, cross straight over and walk up the drive to Toye Farm. 21 Beyond the farmhouse a gate leads into open fields – follow the field edge beyond to a stile, and then continue to the left of a line of trees beyond. 22 After a crossing path, climb a stile in the corner *(if this field corner is boggy, take the path on the left, which leads out to Watling Street, and turn right to walk up the road to The Pack Horse)*. 23 Walk up the fence to a corner, then head straight across to a gate at the left-hand end of a cypress hedge. 24 Go through the gate into the farmyard and turn left to pass between the buildings and out to Watling Street. 25 Turn right and walk up the road, past Affetside Cross, back to The Pack Horse.

The Pack Horse

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