

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### Walk 106 – Agden – 2.4 miles +

This walk is not as flat as Dam Flask but only because the car park is below the dam. Once you have climbed up the first path, it's pretty well flat or downhill all the way back – unless you want to do the extra hilly bit, that is! Park at Sands car park at Low Bradfield.

Please note there is no mobile phone reception on most of this walk.

For Yorkshire Water's official route plan, please see <https://www.yorkshirewater.com/media/zy1pit2j/agden.pdf>

Anticlockwise:

From the car park entrance, head along the walled track alongside the car park and playground towards the footbridge and ford. Do not cross the river here; instead head up the stream on the flagged riverside path to the next bridge. Cross here and go up the steps on the far bank to a stone stile and gap in the wall. Bear left after the wall and then forward up the enclosed path alongside a field to Smallfield Lane.



Turn left and follow the road to a large gateway on the left and a sign for Agden Reservoir. Enter the permissive path into the wood and follow the route along the water's edge. After a few hundred metres, a post directs you right, uphill and through a gate. Turn left long the track and continue to the end of the reservoir where you turn left to cross the bridge over Agden Dike. (For the hilly route, go straight on here and follow over the dike on a larger bridge, then follow the forest tracks out to the road, see map below.)

Next, follow the path to the left. This takes you through mixed woodland, with the reservoir to your left, along towards the embankment at the southern edge of the reservoir. Where the path meets Windy Bank (the road), turn left and continue carefully to the T-junction. Here, turn left downhill on Fair House Lane then bear left onto The Sands to return to the car park.

Risks:

- A couple of roads to walk along, some have good verges while others are narrow but not much traffic. Keep right if there is no verge.
- A couple of stiles but LOTS OF STEPS going up. These may be slippery, so be careful.
- The paths should be firm but there has been a lot of rain recently so watch out for mud. Dog dirt is likely (as always).
- Boots are recommended.

