

## Tiny Treks – Jumbles Reservoir

**Start:** Jumbles Country Park, Bradshaw Road (A676), Turton, Bolton, Lancashire, BL2 4JS.

**Facilities:** Waterfold Car Park, WC, Parking (Pay and Display), Visitors Centre, Café (open all year Mon- Sun from 10.30am).

**Walk:** Approx 2 1/4miles (2hrs)

**Walk instructions** – Take something to feed the birds and see what arrives at the feeding stations see point 2. You *may* be able to get some bird food from the visitors centre.

1. From the Car park walk across the front of the visitors centre on a wide path that follows the edge of the reservoir anti-clock wise. (Q1 is on the right prior to 1<sup>st</sup> metal bridge). After having a look at the "bird hide", return to the main path and cross the bridge.
2. As you get to the small nature reserve on the left (Q2). There is an embankment on the right above a stone pillar (Q3). Go up the embankment over the small wooden bridge following the path that zig-zags uphill to a *bird feeding area*.
3. Continue along this path uphill, until a T junction where it meets with another path. Descend back to the main path around the reservoir (Q4).
4. On reaching a dam bridge cross the bridge to the left. Note the Quarry on the right.
5. On the other side of the bridge there is a path uphill that's signposted to "Turton Tower". Follow this path uphill to have a look at the "Pill box" Second World War Gun emplacement (Q5), prior to reaching Chapeltown Road, return by the same track to the Jumbles Reservoir.
6. Continue along this reservoir track that passes some cottages and gardens on the left and a small fishing pool on the right, until you reach the reservoir again. (Q6)
7. Continue up the lane until you reach a bridge on the left. Cross over the bridge (Q7) and follow this path that takes you by a row of stables (Q8, Q9).
8. As you walk along Grange Road from the stables, passing through a metal gate then a large double wooden gate that emerges onto a private road. Follow this road for approx 200yds and turn left through a metal gate (Q10) to *Ousels Nest Cottage*. This gate may be open (Q11). **There is a footpath direction post by the left gatepost showing the path.**
9. Continue down past the gardens and houses and through another metal gate (Q12) and turn left. This path goes to the base of Jumbles reservoir (Q13, Q14) and eventually up to the car park.





**Activity Sheet / Walk Diary**

We went on our walk on (date).....,

with.....

The weather was.....

Q1.  A Bird Hide  which is in the wooded area on the right just before the metal bridge.

Q2.  Look for a nature reserve on the left. It is identified by the picture below. You are allowed to go in, but must stay on the boardwalk. I saw a weasel or stoat in there.




How do you tell the difference between a stoat (30-34 cm long) and weasel (20-25 cm long)? A stoat is slightly larger and has a black tip on its tail. If you see one freeze and keep your arms close to your body to alter your shape. Make a squeaky noise by sucking through your teeth (it sounds like an injured animal and might attract its attention).

Joke

Q. What's the difference between a stoat and weasel?

A. A Weasel is weasily wecognised and a stoat is stoatally different.

Q3. 



Q4. See how many different birds you can see in the wooded area behind the pillars in Q3.

Q5. 

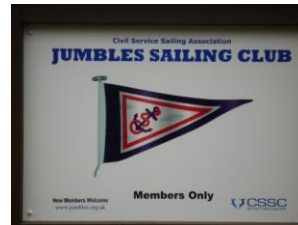


Second World War gun emplacement "Pill Box" used to protect the village should it be invaded.

Q6. 



Q7.



Q8. 



Q9. How many stables are there? \_\_\_\_\_

Q10. 




Ouzel Nest Cottage

Q11. What do you think an Ouzel is? \_\_\_\_\_

Q12. 



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Q13. 



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Q14. How many stone blocks are there separating the water? \_\_\_\_\_

Back to the CAR PARK

### Some information about Jumbles

The Jumbles name is thought to come from "Dumbles" believed to be a northern name for a ravine with wooded sides that a fast stream flows. The stream for Jumbles is Bradshaw brook. The reservoir was built in 1971 to support the industry in the area.



### A Ring Ouzel

### Turton Pill Box



Turton Pill Box was used by the "Home Guard" to defend Turton during World War 2, should there be an invasion and to protect the water supply in the area.