Route Number:

Start Point: Visitor Centre

Condition: Undulating

Distance: 1400m

To Mosshouse Reservoir **Gnoll Estate Country Park**

About the walk

This is a level 3 walk from the visitor centre to Mosshouse Reservoir within the grounds of the Gnoll Estate Country Park.

The walk is through woodland and for much of the route it follows an old watercourse - originally constructed in the early 18th Century to supply water to the Guinea Pond and Fishpond. Visitors are less frequent in this part of the Estate so it provides a tranquil walk with opportunity to enjoy the woodland wildlife.

The reservoir was constructed at the end of the 19th Century to provide additional water for the growing town of Neath.

The path climbs steadily all the way to the reservoir, becoming steeper at the final section.

The path is stone surfaced but can be rather muddy underfoot so stout footwear is advisable; there are several steps and wooden bridges to cross.

Start at the Visitor Centre and follow the linear route marked ---- on the map. The route is signposted as (*)(3) along the way.

Facilities

The park offers a number of facilities and amenities, including toilets, which are accessible to disabled visitors. There is a cafe, outdoor seating area, children's play area and reception area where information and advice can be obtained from visitor centre staff.

Location

From the A465 at Neath follow the brown signs for the Gnoll Estate.

More information:

The Estate is open all year and offers free entry and car parking.

The Visitor Centre opens at 10am daily and closes at 4.30pm during the winter, 7pm in summer. For more information telephone the Visitor Centre on 01639 635808.

Bus Service - No. 153 / 163 Victoria Gardens to Fairyland Estate.



