

## Tiny Treks - Hollingworth Lake, Rochdale

**Start:** Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre, Hollingworth Lake Country Park, Rakewood Rd, Littleborough, OL15 0AQ

**Facilities:** WC, Parking Pay and Display, Visitors centre, Café, Children's Play area, Sensory Garden, small indoor nature activities centre.

**Walk:** Approx 2.5miles (1hrs 30min).

### Caution

This walk follows the edge of the lake. At times there are no barriers between the water and the path. Care is also needed where the walk is alongside the road.

### Walk instructions

1. Walk up to the road and turn left following the lake edge (**Q1, Q2, Q3**).
2. Continue along this Lane until you see a tarmac path to the **right** that goes over a brick bridge (**Q4, Q5**). Follow this. (Note the Nature Reserve on the Right). There is also a bird hide further along, also on the right (**Q6**).
3. This route is easy to follow and takes the course of the lake. As you get to the Pavilion and toilets there is a hill behind - Have a look up the hill (**Q7**).
4. Continue on the lake path passing the sea cadets club house (**Q8**) over the stone dam (**Q9, Q10**).
5. When you reach The Beach pub (**Q11**), turn right through the car park up to the road and right to the pay and display car park of the Rowing Club and Hollingworth Lake Watersports centre where you reach the promenade walkway.
6. Continue along the promenade until you reach a white building (Currently the Wine Press), where you turn right onto Rakewood Rd and return to the car park and visitors centre (**Q12**).

**Activity Sheet / Walk Diary**

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

with.....

The weather was.....

**Birds to look for on your walk**



**Greenfinch,**  
(pictures taken from RSPB website)



**Goldfinch**



Q1.   .

What do you think this is for??

Q2. Find the name of a furry animal that belongs to a hill? \_\_\_\_\_

(Clue - Look across the road near Q1 and at a street name plate on one of the cottages).



Q3.  Nature Reserve.



Q4.   .

Q5. What do you think are the 3 types of transport the "Pennine Bridle Way" trail was created for?



Q6.  Bird Hide.

If the hide is open go inside and have a look at what you can see.

Q7. On the Hill behind the pavilion you may see small mounds of soil made by moles (mole hills).







**Some information about Moles:**


They are 5" to 8" long. They live underground for most of their lives in tunnels called burrows. They eat earthworms and other insects. Males are called Boars and females are called Sows. One mole can dig over 60 meters of earth in a night. A mole is a character in Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame.

Q8.  Sea Cadets  .

Q9.  Look for three different types of stone wall tops.



Q10.  Bear Hill  , M62 Motorway  , the pavilion  .

Q11.  "The Beach"

Q12. When you get back to the visitors Centre and car park look for;



and



**Answers**

Q1. Overflow from the lake to stop flooding.

Q2. Bear Hill the name of the road. Road sign on the end of the cottages.

Q5. Horse, Mountain Bike, and Walking.