

Carsington Water

Nearly 8 billion gallons of water – fed by the River Derwent and deep enough to stack seven double decker buses!

Enjoy watersports, walking, wildlife watching, and more...

It's yours to explore!



Find us

Carsington Water is located between Wirksworth and Ashbourne.

Carsington Water

Visitor Centre,
Big Lane, Ashbourne,
Derbyshire DE6 1ST

Opening times

Visitor centre

open every day
(except Christmas Day).
Apr to Sept: 10am – 6pm
Oct – Mar: 10am – 5pm

Visitor centre car park

Apr – Sept: 7.30am – 8pm
Oct – Mar: 7.30am – 7pm

Sheepwash and Millfields car parks

Open daily 8am – 7pm

(charges apply
at all car parks)

Contact Us

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customercare@severntrent.co.uk

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Access

A lot of our site is accessible. Please check the website for a full accessibility guide.



Dogs

We want your dog to leave as healthy and happy as they arrived, so please keep them on their lead.

Activities

Carsington Activity Centre offers cycle hire, fishing and a range of watersports such as rowing, canoeing, windsurfing and kayaking. Book online at carsingtonwater.com

Check out our website for the full range of activities available on site
stwater.co.uk/carsington

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Discover wonderful days out
at Carsington Water



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Discover Carsington Water

Take a trail and enjoy wide open views across the water. Look out for the wildlife that lives around the reservoir. Stop at the visitor centre for information and refreshments.

Most of the trails are surfaced and suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Whatever your level, there's something for you. Just follow the waymarkers.

Stones Island Trail

Trail ●●●●

Distance: 1.5km (1 mile)

This short, accessible loop takes in a Bronze Age barrow and majestic standing stones. Feel the history, meet the wizard's pet dragon, and take a peep through the stones for views across the water where ducks and swans mingle with sailing boats.

Dam Trail

Trail ●●●●●

Take a bracing stroll across the top of the dam with gulls swooping overhead. Wander back through the quieter grasslands below and watch for a kingfisher or water vole in the brook. Listen for the drumming of a woodpecker as you pass the woodlands.

Reservoir Trail

Trail ●●●●●

A loop around the reservoir will take you through butterfly-filled wildflower meadows, shaded

semi-ancient woodland and around quiet creeks. Drink in the open views of the reservoir and the rolling Derbyshire hills. Drop into our bird hides to watch waders and wildfowl around the water's edge or diving ducks further out. Keep your eyes peeled for buzzards soaring overhead and listen for warblers and water rails calling from the reedbeds. Count the wooden sculptures as you go and stop to climb the bombing tower, which has looked out over the reservoir since WW2.

This most challenging trail includes some inclines. The main route is a limestone path and cycle way, with some off shoots for walkers.

The paths are multi-purpose – please share with care.

Please keep dogs on leads for their own safety and to avoid disturbance to sheep and lambs.

Ask at the visitor centre reception for children's seasonal trails.

