



Audio Trails

Marsden Moor Figure of Eight

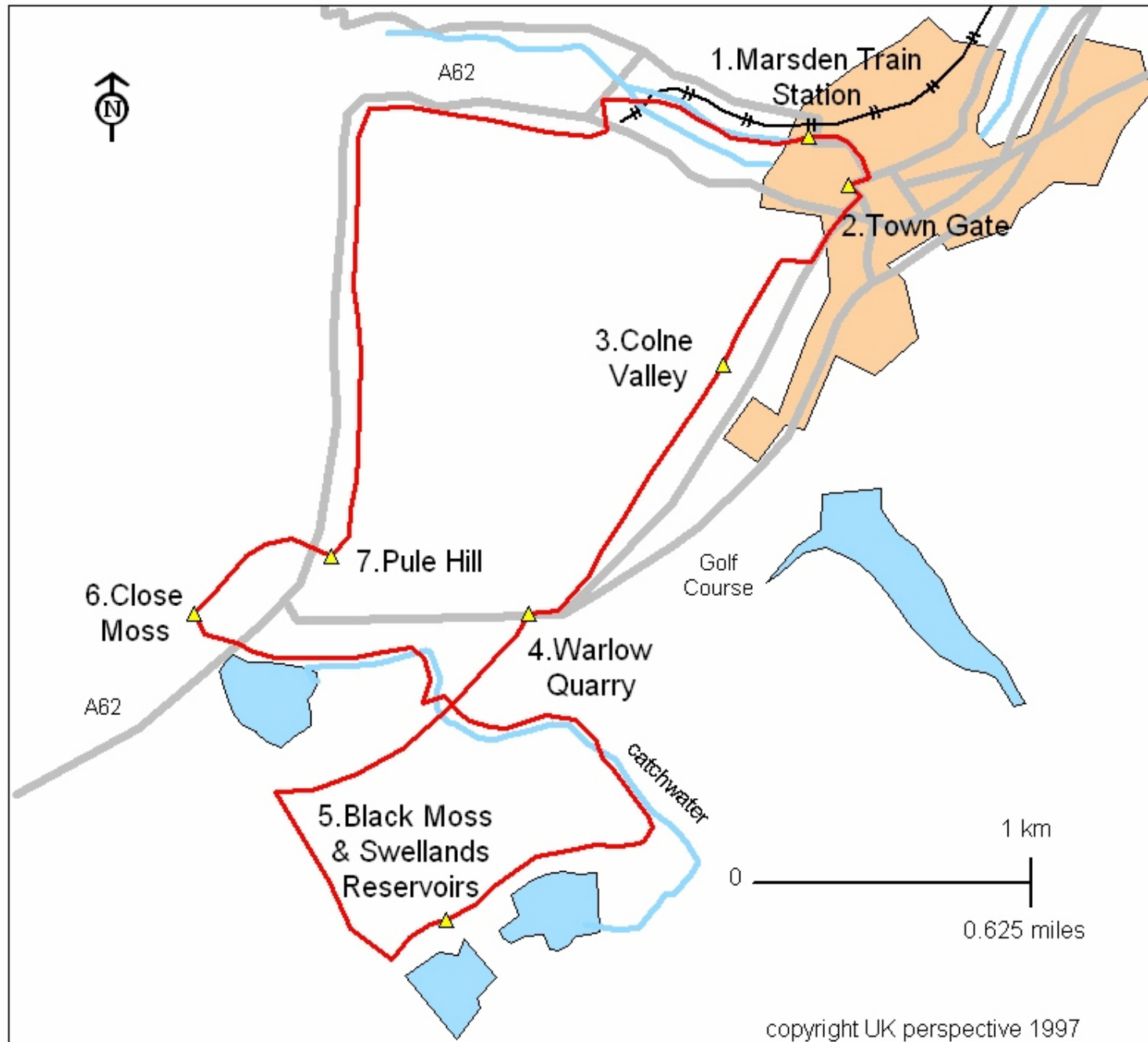
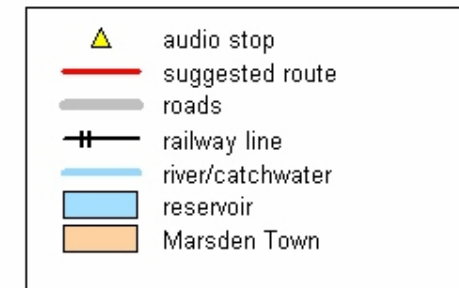
Start point (OS grid ref):

SE 045118

Distance:

6.9 miles / 11.1km

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Grade: Moderate

Map: Explorer OL21 – South Pennines

Allow: 4 hours 30 mins

Nearest Town: Marsden

Terrain: a mixture of tracks, rough moorland and flagged paths comprising both ascents, descents and stiles



Moors for the Future Audio Trails

Marsden

Route Directions



1.Marsden Railway Station - SE 0469 1184

Head down Station Road past the Railway pub and turn right, over the river, into Church Lane. St Batholomew's Church will be on your right hand side. Keeping to the left hand footpath, continue for a further 50 metres until you are standing next to the 'Towngate' road sign.

2.Towngate - SE 0480 1161

Turn right, again keeping the church on your right and head up to the main road (A62). Take care crossing this busy road and head into 'Old Mount Road' opposite. Ignore the first footpath sign (next to the cottages) that points right immediately after crossing Manchester Rd and after approximately 4 minutes turn right along the public footpath to follow a packhorse track, through the old farm, dated 1616, and up to where you join the stony track at the edge of the open moor.

3.Colne Valley - SE 0424 1100

Head off along the track keeping to the left of the higher ground and above the golf course for approximately 20 minutes. You will slowly descend to again rejoin Old Mount Road and then Mount Road. Here turn right and after a couple of hundred metres you will see a 'Authorised Vehicles Only' sign.

4.Warlow Quarry - SE 0358 1010

Cross over road and down the grassy bank, and over a small stream to join the turnpike (Standedge Trail) as it head left. After approximately 1 kilometre, you will pass a small body of water on your left and see the large reservoir (Redbrook) on your right. You need to turn left along the flagged (gritstone slabbed path) of the Pennine Way as it climbs south to Black Moss Reservoir. Go through a kissing gate and after 100 metres, turn left and walk along the northern edge of the reservoir. Within a short distance, a fenced-off area will be on your left. Continue along this path until you are between the two reservoirs (where the Pennine Way turns right, heading south again).

5.Black Moss & Swellands Reservoirs - SE 0332 0899

You will now need to leave the Pennine Way and continue straight on, keeping the fence on your left and walk along the northern edge of Swellands Reservoir. Once beyond the reservoir wall keep to the top of the left side of the gully until you locate the catch water channel that takes water to Redbrook Reservoir. Follow this for approximately half an hour, choosing an opportune point to cross the small stream before you reach the fenceline. Cross the stile (on the northern side of the catch water), and after a few minutes look for the path that takes you downhill, towards a stile and over the turnpike you joined after stop 4. Continue following the catchwater as it crosses under Standedge Trail and round to Redbrook Reservoir. Continue along the path, cross over the A62 and along the path opposite keeping to the left of the spoil heaps. In a couple of minutes you will reach the National Trust omega sign for 'Thieves Clough'

6.Close Moss - SE 0239 1010

When you are ready, you will need to head back towards the A62 via the path that runs on the opposite side of the spoil heap. You will soon pass a stone building that was once an engine house for the tunnel that runs beneath your feet. Cross back over the A62 and up towards the telegraph pole.

7.Pule Hill - SE 0294 1039

You now need to head north (away from the pub) towards the two brick shafts. From here, head down towards the road and follow the path as it runs parallel to the A62. After 5-10 minutes the path will cross through a number of fields and then pass close to two farms on the left. Continue along the path as it bears right and then left down to a stile by the road. Cross the A62 for one final time and turn right. After 200 metres, you should be able to see the railway line and canal. Turn sharply left, almost back on yourself, and then right again, down to the canal. Join the towpath and almost immediately you will pass the Standedge Visitor Centre on your left and then travel under the railway. Follow the canal back to the railway station.