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Byfield & Boddington Reservoir



Byfield Village



Boddington Reservoir



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WALK TWO

A figure of 8 walk around Byfield. Approximately 1 hour.
Distance: 1.64 miles / 2.64 km

Leave the Village Hall car park and walk towards The Green. Turn left along New Terrace with the Cross Tree Public House on your left. Bear slightly left along Banbury Lane and turn right into Bell Lane. Pass the Old Bell Inn on your left. Turn right into Westhorpe Lane. Continue to the end turning right at the 'T' junction and very quickly right onto the footpath back towards the village. At a junction of footpaths turn right. This will bring you out onto Banbury Lane. Turn left and then right into the High Street. Continue until you come back to the car park. Keep the car park on your right and follow the footpath to the Church.



Holy Cross Church - Byfield

Keeping the Church on your right continue on the footpath until you come to Church Street. Carry straight on along the road. Take the footpath to the right which follows the stream. Continue straight across the Brightwell Playing Fields and take the path to the right immediately after the tennis courts back to the car park.

BYFIELD & BODDINGTON RESERVOIR

The picturesque village of Byfield with its many quintessential village cottages is ideally located near to Boddington Reservoir, an attractive leisure site offering opportunities for fishing, sailing and bird watching.



The village of Byfield is midway between Banbury and Daventry on the A361.

For information about public transport to Byfield please contact Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

When parking in the village please take into consideration local access needs.

If you wish to report any problems with any of the routes shown in this leaflet, please contact Rights of Way, Northamptonshire County Council, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX. Tel: 01604 654465.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request, such as large print, Braille, audio cassette and floppy disk.



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BYFIELD

Byfield is about 160m above sea level in the Northamptonshire uplands. It is thought to have been founded in Saxon times and its early name of Bivelde appears in the Domesday Book where it is recorded as consisting of 4 Manors. None of these exist now. It once had its own cattle and horse markets. It was on the railway line to Stratford on Avon and connections at nearby Woodford Halse meant that villagers could get to London in 2 hours. The railway went in the 1950s. The Parish burial ground is now situated on part of the station area. Many village houses are built in the local warm colour ironstone and have been given Listed Building status.



The Holy Cross Church - Byfield

footwear; an indication of the poor state of the roads.

Holy Cross Church 2

The Holy Cross Church is believed to date from around the 14th Century when the area was prosperous through sheep farming. It contains some fine and interesting stained glass windows. Above the south door is a historical warning to ladies about their

A Kissing Gate route from Byfield Village to Boddington Reservoir

The Green 3

This is a registered Village Green and was much larger, until the new High Street was built through it. It was used for common grazing.



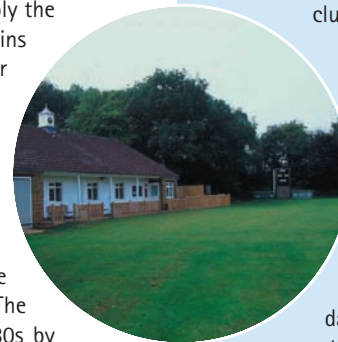
The War Memorial Garden - Byfield

The Cross Tree Public House 4

Now the only pub in the village and originally the New Inn. It took its name from The Cross Tree mound at the junction of Banbury Lane and High Street which was probably the ancient heart of the village - it contains the remains of an old market cross and is the site for the war memorial.

Brightwell Field 5

The original playing field (roughly the football pitch area) was given to the village in 1944 under the will of Thomas Brightwell in memory of his son, also Thomas, who was killed in France in 1918. The land was originally known as Dove House Close. The recreation ground was doubled in size in the 1980s by incorporating redundant land purchased by the Parish Council from British Rail.



The Cricket Ground - Byfield



Banbury Sailing Club - Boddington Reservoir



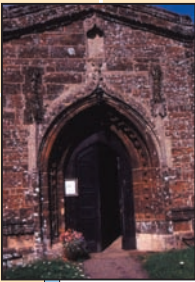
WALK ONE

A walk to and then around Boddington Reservoir. Approximately 1-1.5 hours. Some moderate uphill areas on the return section. *Distance: 3.26 miles / 5.24 km*

Follow the footpath marked Boddington Reservoir from 'The Twistle'. Looking right at the beginning of the walk you can see the top of a former PoW camp and beyond to the Hellidon Communications Tower. Boddington Reservoir is straight ahead. As the path emerges behind the Banbury Sailing Club site, 1 follow the footpath to the left. The club has been here since 1950. There is sailing most weekends.

The Reservoir is owned by the British Waterways Board (BWB) and supplies water to 'top up' the Oxford Canal. On the left is Byfield Pool - the original reservoir for the canal and built in 1779 at a cost of £1700. The pool is now a nature reserve. The 'new' reservoir was built between 1805 and 1811 at a cost of £20,000. The reservoir has been stocked with fish by the BWB and on most days there will be fishermen enjoying a quiet days sport. The Reservoir is now extremely popular, especially amongst match anglers. Please call the bailiff on 07740 534 891 for fishery information. For match bookings call 01908 302556, and for the pleasure peg availability 24 hour information line, call 0113 281 6895. Follow the path around to the right over the dam and then turn right along the west side of the reservoir. Continue round the gravel path with the reservoir on your right. Wild flowers grow on the banks beside the dam and the reservoir is home to a wide range of water birds. Go over the narrow road bridge to the right and turn back along the east side of the reservoir via the car park to the Sailing Club. Retrace your steps back to the village.





SAFE WALKING

Be prepared - always wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear, take refreshments and directions. Take care when crossing or walking on roadways (walk facing oncoming traffic).

The countryside is a living, working environment, so please follow the Country Code.

- ❖ Keep to the line of the paths
- ❖ Leave gates as you find them
- ❖ Respect the countryside - leave wildlife, livestock, crops and machinery alone
- ❖ Keep your dogs under control
- ❖ Take your litter home.

FINDING YOUR WAY

A number of paths and trails are shown on this map, of which some are Rights of Way. These Rights of Way are marked with sign posts and circular markers.

For more detailed information about the surrounding countryside or other possible walks you could use Ordnance Survey maps - the Landranger 151 and Explorer 206 maps cover this area.

The entrance to Holy Cross Church - Byfield
TO UPPER BODDINGTON



A Footbridge between Byfield and Boddington Reservoir



The Village Shop - Byfield



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KEY	
	Suggested Walk Routes
	Footpath/Right of Way
	Permissive Route
	Stile Route
	Kissing Gate Route
	Cycle Route
	Footbridge
	Parking
	View Point
	Seat/Resting Place
	Public House
	Village Hall

PLACES OF INTEREST	
	Banbury Sailing Club
	Holy Cross Church
	The Green
	The Cross Tree Public House
	Brightwell Playing Field
	Village Shop
	Medical Centre



Practice nets at Byfield Cricket Ground