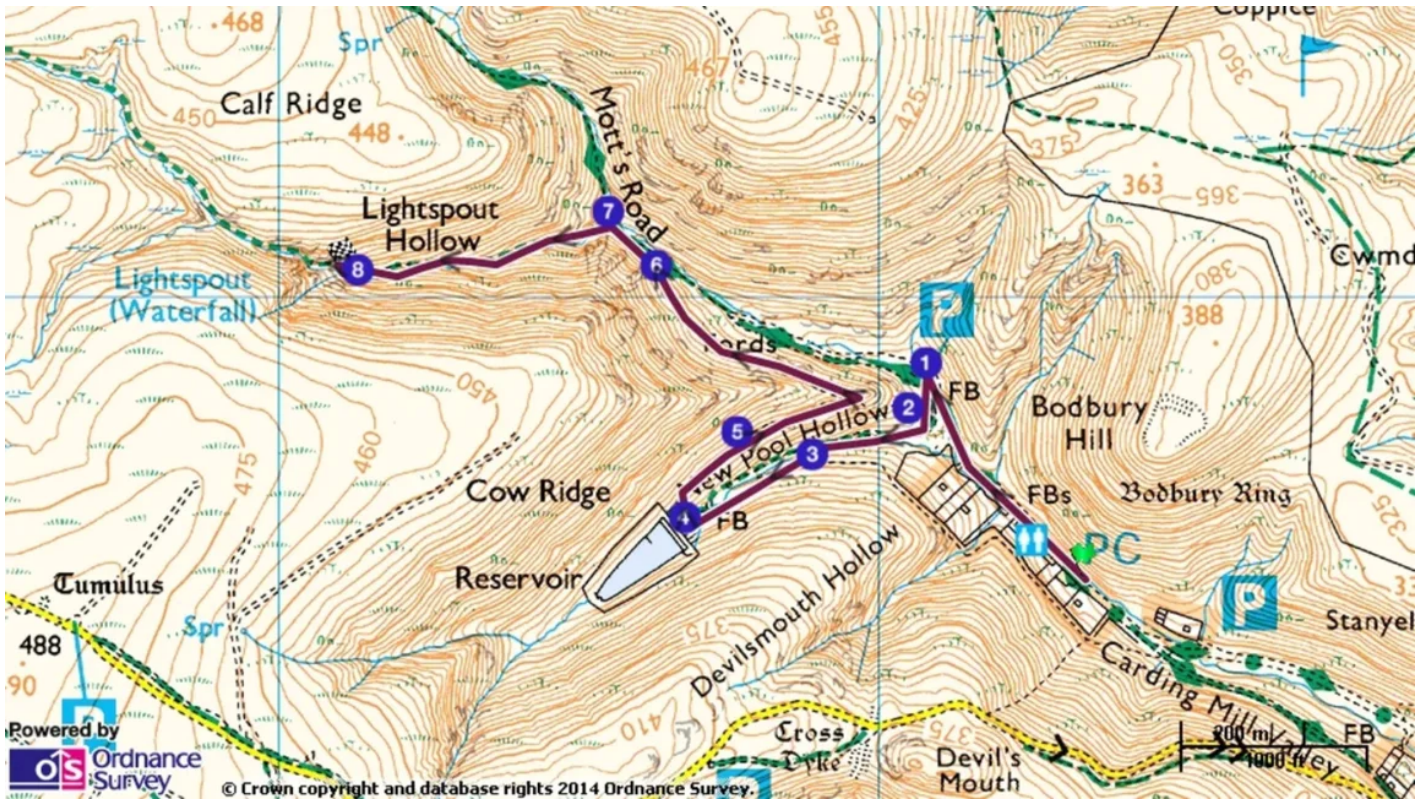


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The Pipe Walk at Carding Mill Valley

This walk is a great way to see some beautiful views and also to really get to the heart of 'those blue remembered hills', as mentioned in the poem by A E Housman.



Information

Address: Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton,
Shropshire. SY6 6JG

OS map: Explorer 217, Landranger 137

Activity: Walking

Moderate

Dog friendly: This is a dog-friendly walk.

Full trail: Miles: 1.5 (km: 2.4)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour

Total steps: 8

Start point: Carding Mill Valley, grid ref: SO411949

1. If you are starting from the Chalet Pavilion, follow the stream uphill to the site of the former top car park.
2. Cross the stream on the sturdy vehicle bridge opposite the green ticket machine. Ahead, the track curves around a spur of the hill, before opening out into a broad side valley. You are now walking along New Pool Hollow, named after two early mill pools.
3. Keep following the path along New Pool Hollow until you come to a small palisaded area (a wooden enclosure fixed in the ground).
4. Within 440yd (400m), climb the reservoir's retaining bank.
5. Walk along the length of the reservoir bank with the reservoir on your left, then veer right and pick up the path that goes around the edge of the hill.
6. Continue around to the other side of the hill. Here you will be looking down on the site of the former top car park and Carding Mill Valley. Follow the path as it gently descends to join the path below.
7. When the valley divides 550yd (500m) later at the confluence (the merging of two streams), take the left-hand fork and climb the crude 'pitched' stone steps into Lightspout Hollow.
8. Rising above the stream, the rocky path snakes uphill around interlocking spurs. Continue for 550yd (500m) and you will arrive at Lightspout waterfall. Return downhill by the same route.

End point: Lightspout Waterfall, grid ref: SO431951