



### THE AVON DAM RESERVOIR FROM SHIPLEY BRIDGE WALK

A pleasant valley following the River Avon with a gentle climb up to the shores of the Avon Dam.

Built in the mid-1950s to supply the South Hams, the Avon Dam is an impressive 115 feet high and some 300 yards wide.



1. View looking onto Avon Dam with far-reaching views of Dartmoor in the distance



2. Lush trees line the paved path which follows the river up to the Avon Dam

This easy walk starts from the car parking area at Shipley Bridge (grid ref. SX680629). To get here you need to use the lanes (narrow in places) that lead from South Brent or the junction of the A38/A385 just to the east of the village.

**1** After parking, follow the River Avon upstream on a tarmac road. The walking is pleasant and you soon make good progress.

**2** Pass beside a metal gate and shortly after notice the remains of Brent Moor House on your left. After a number of uses since WW2 the building was eventually demolished in 1968.

**3** Crossing a bridge the landscape becomes wilder.

**4** After another 600 metres you get your first view of the imposing Avon Dam.

**5** You will soon see a track veering right off the tarmac lane. This takes you up to the shores of the reservoir where you get good views across the reservoir and also down into the valley where you have just walked.

**6** You also have the option to stay on the tarmac to continue ahead to the base of the dam. To return to the start all you need do is follow your steps back to the car park.