

Cow Green Reservoir to Middleton-in-Teesdale Walk

Wednesday 2nd September 2015



Nine hardy walkers plus the usual large black dog assembled in Middleton in Teesdale to catch the No. 73 bus up to Langdon Beck. Eight worried faces were wreathed in smiles when it was realised that bus passes were valid

although I think one walker kicked the dog.

So, the nine set off in sunshine on the road across to Cow Green checking out the lead mine workings on the way. It seemed a long way but eventually the reservoir was reached and we approached the dreaded Maize Beck to cross to the west bank of the Tees.

It was approached with fear and trepidation, one walker managed to cross without getting his feet wet, six others got their feet wet and one provided the cabaret act by taking a quick dip (Oh what fun was had!)

After half an hour or so's walk to let the unfortunate walker to dry out a short morning coffee stop was taken before continuing down the riverside.

A few walkers complained that the walk was advertised as down hill all the way but we seemed to spend a lot of time going uphill. However, it was gently explained that even though Cow Green is at a higher altitude than Middleton the small print in the Smelly Helly Constitution does include for undulations

Slowly the clouds built up and some fairly light rain showers developed. High Force was reached before stopping for lunch, it was still a bit drizzly and chilly so just 15 minutes were taken, only one walker complained of not having enough time.

Fully refuelled the trek was resumed. With the occasional showers, it was jackets on, jackets off, for the remainder of the journey past Low Force and back to Middleton in Teesdale for about 4.30pm

All in all, a good days walk, good company and good crack.

Regards

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