

Edgbaston Reservoir and Summerfield Park 5 kilometre walking route



- **Start the route at the information board, walking in a clockwise direction.**

Originally built in 1827 by Thomas Telford as a top-up for Birmingham's canal system, the reservoir holds 300 million gallons and is still used for that purpose today. The water is also used for recreational activities and home to rowing and sailing clubs.

- **As you walk around the lake, you will pass Birmingham Rowing Club and various exercise stations and picnic areas.**
- **To continue the route to Summerfield Park, exit via steps left onto Gillott Road, then right into Selwyn Road, enter the park at the first gated entrance and follow the waymarked 2km walk, passing play areas, tennis court and bandstand.**

In Victorian times, parks were thought to provide the working classes with a healthier alternative to the pub. Today, many events take place throughout the year, the highlight of which is the Summerfield festival.

- **Returning to the reservoir via Selwyn Road, pass Reservoir Cottage and the sailing club.**

- **Walk along the dam.**

On the left is the British Waterways yard, originally built by Thomas Telford, and a 19th century wharf, part of the Icknield Port Loop.

- **Pass the Birmingham level sluice gear on the dam.**

- **On the return to the car park, see the Grade 2 listed Lodge and the Tower Ballroom.**