Explore the wildlands of Scammonden Water
Explore the upland landscape and habitats of Scammonden Water

This Pennine valley offers a range of upland habitats for those wanting to get closer to nature.

A network of public rights of way and informal paths provide walkers with full access and a circular route enabling them to enjoy the reservoir setting.

Kirklees Council, a leading partner in the White Rose Forest, is working with Yorkshire Water and its tenant farmer to develop and regenerate this major reservoir for both public benefit and biodiversity.
Scammonden Water

moorland birds
The Scammonden Water Project was started by volunteers of the Colne Valley Tree Society in 1999, with funding from a private donation. They used the money to plant a new wood, adding to the existing plantations established by the Huddersfield Corporation in the late 1960s.

High up in the South Pennines, the Scammonden Valley is home to a range of moorland birds, including the increasingly rare twite.

If you would like more information on the wildlife of Scammonden please contact:
Kirklees Countryside Unit on 01484 234076

Photography by Richard Aspinall (landscape, flora & invertebrates) and Sean Gray (birds).
Insects and spiders at Scammonden Water

A green hairstreak butterfly in the May sunshine on a sheltered bilberry bush.

With the flora comes a myriad of invertebrates that underpin the eco-systems around the site. The diversity and interconnection of habitats such as heath and woodland gives locally rare butterflies a chance to thrive.
Wildflowers at Scammonden Water

All the habitats bring with them a host of flora that decorate the landscape throughout the spring and summer months.
The White Rose Forest is a partnership made up of the five local authorities of West Yorkshire and other key public and voluntary organisations. Its aim is to improve and care for the environment of West Yorkshire for the benefit of its people, economy and wildlife.

Yorkshire Water is upgrading and refurbishing the footpath and bridleway network across the region to ensure that its land is opened up and improved for public access.

Walkers explore this area at their own risk.
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This picture booklet aims to awaken an interest in this attractive valley and to help people discover its secrets. Even with all the constant changes that have been imposed over the centuries, it is a place worthy of exploration. Old pathways, settlement patterns and landmarks can still be found, echoes of a long history of human endeavour.

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