







- starting point.
- continue all the way round until you reach the Upon joining the reservoir path, turn left and Road and then right down the steps. 07
- and back into the reservoir by turning left onto Gillot Head left down Selwyn Road, watching out for cars, up to the railings. 90
- 05 This time follow the path ahead, taking the right fork

Follow the path around the reservoir until, just after

clockwise by going left.

From the café, descend through the old car park toward the reservoir and begin your journey

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The Red Shed on the left, there is a bridge over the

feeder stream.

Head up the small steps here to the road, turn right onto Gillot Road and then take the next left into the

park.















06 Tolkien's Two Towers

in his Lord of the Rings stories. Morgul' and 'Minas Tirith', the Two Towers of Gondor to have influenced J.R.R. Tolkien's creation of 'Minas located on the hill above the reservoir, which are said Eagle-eyed people may be able to spot two towers

01 Walk across the reservoir?

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04 A house by Chance?

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Charles Blondin made the crossing across the reservoir.

show off your world leading tightrope skills, but in 1873

Perhaps not somewhere you would instantly think of to

The rope is said to have been stretched from the gate

near as scary as his 1859 journey across Niagara Falls. house across the reservoir to the other side; nowhere

07 Views for miles

Glassworks were world-renowned, but their most Glassworks in Smethwick in 1824. The Chance decided to set up their own glassworks, Chance

more successful. They turned the company around and were brought in by Nailsee Glassworks to help them be by the Chance family, who were entrepreneurs who 100 years old), the large Summerfield House was built Now replaced by the bandstand (which itself is over

successful line of work was manufacturing the lenses

for lighthouses around the world.

of Birmingham's famous landmarks. Below the dam the northeast of the city, and from where you see some building was the manager's office and accommodation. construction of the canal network and the two storey building was built to stable horses used in the you will notice some older buildings; the single storey million gallons of water, provides a great view towards The 330-metre-long dam wall, which holds back 300

considerably enlarged by Thomas Telford between

Lord of the manor's hunting grounds, Roach Pool was Originally a very small fishing pond in the middle of the

05 Harborne railway

02 Roach pool

1824 and 1829 to provide water to the city's busy canal

system, and at this point it became known as

Edgbaston Reservoir.

08 Buddhist Vihara

to a lack of use and later found new life as a walkway. thirty trains each way. The railway closed in 1963 due kept this commuter line busy with, in its hay day, up to surrounding areas quickly developed into housing that Harborne. Originally built through countryside, the stations: Icknield Street, Rotton Park Road, and The Harborne railway opened in 1874, with three

and a place to find peace and tranquillity. of the Buddha. The pagoda fulfils three purposes: a place for meditation, a place to learn about Buddhism, symbolises peace, compassion and the noble qualities temple's oriental-style sacred tower or stupa, Buddhist Vihara) was opened in June 1998. The The Dhammatalaka Peace Pagoda (Birmingham

approximately 5 kilometres long.

M5 motorway. The feeder stream is gravity fed and is fed from a holding pool, just under junction 2 of the for the reservoir, built as part of Thomas Telford's Entering from under the ground is the feeder stream

expansion works. The water coming from the tunnel is

03 Canal water





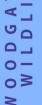
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path around to the right clockwise. Enjoy time in the

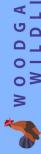
middle to the other side and follow the perimeter Upon entering the park, head straight across the

park, following the path around until you return to

where you first entered.

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Can you spot these landmarks on your travels?

