

## No.12 Wimbleball Lake



**Grade: Access For Many:** Suitable for sturdy pushchairs, assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment.

**Directions:** From the car park, take the path heading towards the lake, and midway down take the path heading south signed Wimbleball Wheeler and 'To Dam'. Once you arrive at the dam to get the best view of the spillway continue on the path straight-ahead. Return along the same route.

**Surface and terrain:** The route follows an undulating rolled stone path, close to the edge of the reservoir with a total ascent of 180 feet (55m). There are some steady climbs and ascents, the longest of which is 150 yds / 137 metres varying between 1 in 10 and 1 in 8 gradient, and a few shorter sections (max 40 yds / 36 metres) which are 1:6. As this is a there and back walk, any downhill slopes on the way to the dam, are uphill on the way back.

- The dam across the River Haddeo valley was completed in 1979 and is 161 feet high. When full the lake covers an area of 374 acres (151ha) and holds 21 billion litres.
- As well as supplying drinking water, the lake and its surroundings are managed for wildlife and recreation. There are miles of walking and cycling trails and it is a Dark Skies Discovery Site.
- At Wimbleball you can hire a rugged off-road Trampler mobility scooter - see [www.countrysidemobility.org](http://www.countrysidemobility.org) for details.

## A walk alongside the Wimbleball Lake to the impressively high dam across the Haddeo valley.

**Start point:** Wimbleball Lake Café car park  
**Postcode:** TA22 9NU.  
**Grid Reference:** SS 965 308  
**What3Words:** creatures.guarding.sailed  
**Distance:** From the café car park to the dam and back is 2½ miles / 4km  
**Toilets:** Accessible public toilets in the car park at the start of the walk.  
**Refreshments:** Café in the car park at the start of the walk

