Car Parking
A small amount of parking is available in the village outside the local shops as shown on the map.
Further advice may be available at: www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow

Getting there by Public Transport
Harthill is served by a regular bus service, contact the Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for the latest timetables. Leaving the bus at the post office, head to the mini roundabout in the centre of the village. Take the left road for about 50 yards, turning left into Pryor Mede, then right into Carver Close then right again into Carver Way, the reservoir is at the end of this road to the right at the first corner.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168
Follow the Countryside Code:
- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Access for All Trail No: 2
The Tom Wakefield Way around Harthill Reservoir

Miles without Stiles route

Responsible Access
A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone’s livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow.

Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs.

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An easy way to explore the beautiful countryside on your doorstep!

The Tom Wakefield Way is flat, short and easy, and particularly suitable for many people with physical challenges, as well as the elderly. Set in the heart of the village of Harthill, in the south of the borough of Rotherham, the reservoir is close to shops, pubs and other amenities such as Rother Valley Country Park. At just under a kilometre in length the trail, which follows the beautiful countryside around Harthill Reservoir, is an ideal route for the less able. Take special notice of the advice given in this leaflet as Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, British Waterways and Harthill with Woodall Parish Council have fulfilled his ambition.

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Please pay particular attention to the mobility notations on the map. These are designed to help you judge the trails suitability for your abilities.

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The Less Physically Able

When using this trail you should ensure that appropriate mobility adaptations are in place.

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Harthill Reservoir

Harthill Reservoir was originally built as a series of holding ponds for the Chesterfield Canal. It covers around 37.5 acres contained in 3 main bodies of water. The first pond is the largest at around 25 acres. It has a mature wood on the Western bank featuring 25 acres. It has a mature wood on the Western bank offering some fine views and is the deepest area of the reservoir at 7 metres. The Northern bank is the dam wall which is the steepest area of the reservoir at 7 metres. The reservoir is well-established and particularly suitable for many people with hearing impairments. The Western bank is the dam wall and is the steepest area of the reservoir at 7 metres. The Northern bank is the dam wall which is the steepest area of the reservoir at 7 metres. The reservoir is well-established and particularly suitable for many people with hearing impairments.

Visiting the countryside – dress appropriately and if in doubt do not continue.

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If you have a dog please do not let it foul the trail.

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