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## AMBLING GROUP

### *Shustoke Reservoir – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026*

24th February, 2026

Dear Amblers

Our next amble is at **10.45am** on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at Shustoke Reservoir, Reservoir Drive, off B4114 Coleshill Road, Shustoke, B46 2BE. This amble is for one hour and will be led by Julie Salt. Julie has suggested the slightly later start time for this amble to avoid a wait outside the lunch venue at this time of year, as The Plough pub does not open until 12noon.

Shustoke Reservoir is owned by Severn Trent Water Authority and was built in the 1880s to supply clean drinking water to Birmingham's rapidly expanding population. It is a haven of tranquility for nature lovers, walkers and water enthusiasts. There is a lower reservoir and an upper reservoir. The upper reservoir is not open to the public.

From Shustoke village follow the sign for Shustoke Reservoir, which will take you from the B4114 onto Reservoir Drive. Go past the small car park at the beginning of Reservoir Drive and continue on to the main car park. Car parking is £1.50 for a day, payable via coin operated machine. After parking, turn to the left out of the car park. We will meet at the gate leading to the path around the reservoir.

This is a flat, level, circular walk. Walking boots necessary. The walk is 2 ½ miles in length and will end in a country lane which leads to The Plough Pub, or back to the Reservoir car park.

Lunch will be at The Plough pub, the lunch venue on our previous visits to Shustoke and the ambling group members' reviews of the food were very good. If you are lunching Julie advises leaving your car parked at the Reservoir, because parking space is limited at The Plough. There is no need to book, as The Plough is aware that a group of us will be arriving. Everyone welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you for a welcome stretch of the legs and breath of fresh air after the long break.

*Chris Parkes*

Ambling Group Leader