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# Staindale Lake in Dalby Forest

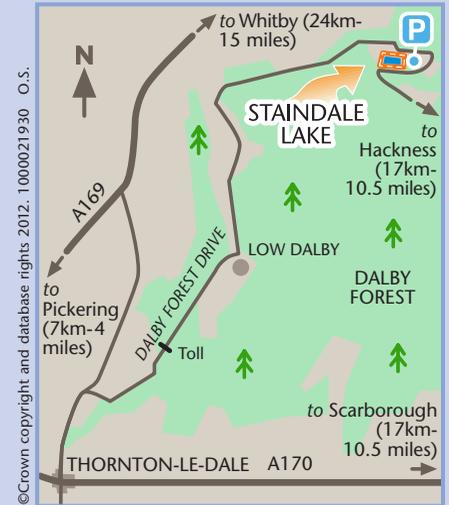
## BIRDS GALORE

Staindale Lake is home to a resident population of mallard and tufted ducks as well as Canada geese. You may also be lucky enough to spot the odd heron or two swooping in over the trees for a quick snack! In the car park at High Staindale there is a bird feeding station, which is ideal for close up views of lots of woodland birds. If fortune is your friend you might see coal tit, bullfinch, siskin or even (fingers crossed) great-spotted woodpeckers!

## A WORKING FOREST

As well as being a home for wildlife and a splendid place for a day out, Dalby Forest is also a working commercial forest looked after by the Forestry Commission. During your visit you may come across areas where all the trees have been cut down. These 'clearfells' are a reminder that one of the main purposes of the forest is timber production. Every 40-60 years, the conifers are cut down and replanted. Ultimately the timber is made into paper, fence posts, gates or used in the construction industry – a tree you see in the forest could literally be 'coming to a building near you'!

## LOCATION MAP

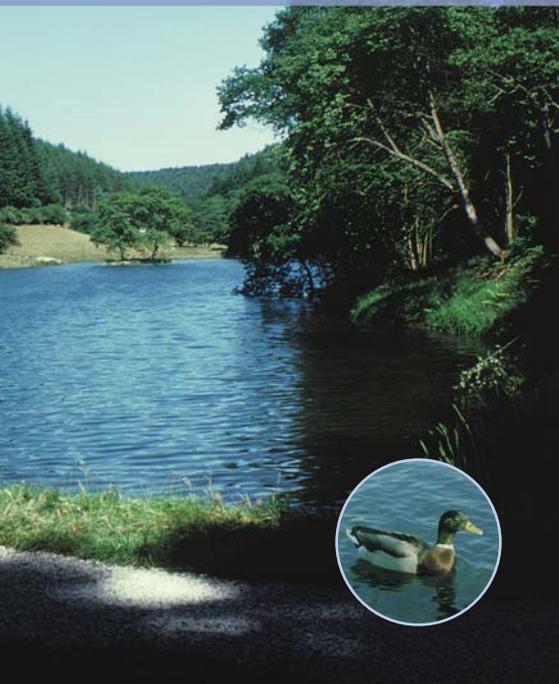


## HOW TO GET THERE

From the A170 at Thornton le Dale follow signs to Dalby the Great Yorkshire Forest Drive. After 2.25km (1.4 miles) turn right. Join the toll road into the forest – phone the Low Dalby Visitor Centre on 01751 460295 for more information. Follow the toll road for 7.5km (4.6 miles). Park in the car park at High Staindale at the eastern end of the lake.

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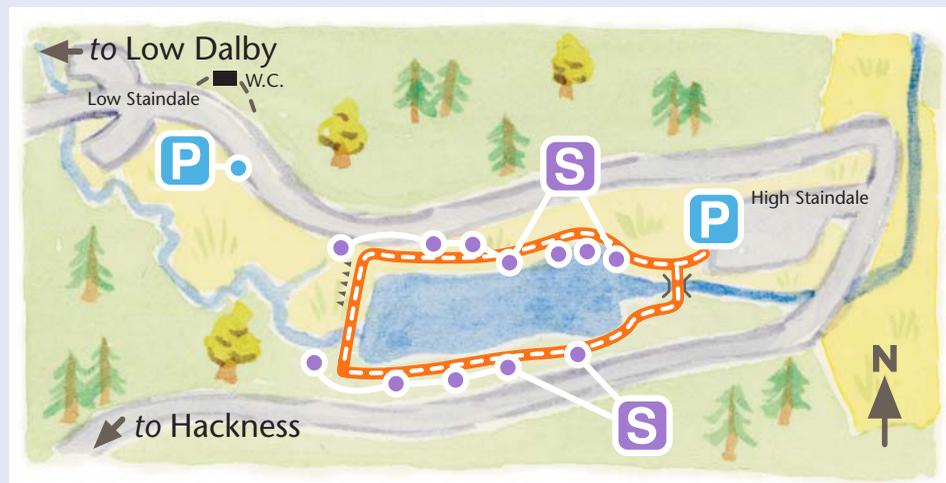


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**P** Parking

**S** Seating

**G** Gate

 Accessible route

Grid reference:  
SE 883 904

0 100m

*Take a trip round Staindale Lake in the heart of Dalby Forest and you won't be disappointed. The views are superb and the resident ducks are sure to make you feel welcome if you visit with a packed lunch!*

### NEAREST FACILITIES

There are accessible toilets at Low Staindale (see map), in the Visitor Centre and in the Courtyard.

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The trail starts at the bottom of High Staindale car park. The route is circular so the decision on which way to go round the lake is up to you. There are numerous seats along the route that afford splendid views of the lake.

**A circular route of about 800 metres.**

### PATH DETAILS

The path has a compact, hard surface of either tarmac or stone. Boardwalks with non-slip surfaces are also used. Gradients are 1 in 10 or less. At some points steep, unfenced, drops down to the lake are a potential hazard.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The two Staindales – High and Low – take their names from the Viking for 'Stony Valley'.