

Car Park 1

There are two substantial car parks, opposite each other. This is one of them at the Old Steam Pond and closest to the A5004.

At an elevation of 385 metres, you have access to views and photography over the whole Errwood Reservoir with only a short walk. There is also the dismantled railway route close by, offering a pleasant flat route which is suitable also for the less mobile.



Car Park 2

The Pym Chair car park is just inside the Cheshire East Unitary Authority boundary at an elevation of 475 metres. The popular starting point for many people accessing Shining Tor, the highest point in Cheshire at 559 metres and only 3 metres from the Goyt Valley boundary, called The Tors.



Car Park 3

The Derbyshire Bridge car park is accessed from the A537. There is a public convenience available, in daytime hours. Access via a push-button solenoid lock, assuming it is working.

The road from the Errwood Reservoir parallel to the Goyt River connects with Derbyshire Bridge. The latter road is however a one-way system at all times (except for exempt or emergency service vehicles). Also beware walkers, cyclists and prams on that mostly narrow route.



Car Park 4

This substantial car park is parallel to and set back discreetly higher than the road (The Street). This is probably the most popular car park as it is closest to the centre of the Goyt Valley, at the Errwood Reservoir causeway and within sight of the Reservoirs. An entrance at each end. The new trees seen are Flowering Cherry planted for future generations. Popular spot for the ice-cream van.



Car Park 5

This is my main car park as it is the jump off point for most of my favoured routes. It is also the Errwood Hall car park. In pretty weather, refreshments can be obtained.

The (unnamed) road passing the front of this car park leads through to Derbyshire Bridge and the A537. It is a one-way system and at peak times during weekends and public holidays the road is closed to vehicular traffic (details at bottom of page).

There are plenty of parking options on the wide road itself thereabouts, which given the views over the Errwood Reservoir, might be an attractive option to people less mobile who need to sit in cars and enjoy the atmosphere from that comfort zone.

**Car Park 6**

This is an official lay-by recognised as such by Derbyshire CC and is located at the junction of Embridge Causeway and The Street. It is also conveniently located at the head of a very popular public footpath, with access to St. Joseph's Shrine.

**Car Park 7**

This Bunsal Cob car park is at the bottom of Goyt's Lane and set well back from the road. It gives ready access to Errwood Reservoir and dam. 100 metres further up Goyt's Lane on the right is an established roadside scrape for several cars.



Car Park 8

There are two substantial parking areas in this scenic location according to the OS map, close to Goytsclough Quarry, the Packhorse Bridge and nearby waterfalls.

In January 2024 a row of huge boulders was installed to create a lengthy lay-by. There are further parking spots where the road continues towards Derbyshire Bridge.



In June 2025 a trench was dug (see next page) behind the boulders to reinforce that boundary. It looks a mess initially but as seen elsewhere in the Goyt, where similar measures have been introduced to inhibit 4x4 activity, nature soon reclaims the freshly dug earth and invisibly mends the terrain.



These measures do not impact on ordinary parking at any time of the year as this lay-by and another nearby see few cars relative to other car parks as it is on the one-way system.

There is still good pedestrian access behind the boulders which now provides a useful and safe substantial play area for children. It also acts as a buffer between the road and wildlife areas.

Goyt Valley Traffic Scheme

The road between car park 4 and Derbyshire Bridge closed Sundays and Bank Holidays, between 11.00 and 16.00 from May 1st. to September 30th.

Useful note: Anyone arriving before 11.00 at car park 5 can still exit the area at car park 4. Voluntary rangers are posted to open gates.

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