

# A Partnership Approach

An aerial photograph of a large, calm reservoir surrounded by lush green trees and rolling hills. A bright green line is drawn along the shoreline, highlighting the area of interest for the project. In the background, some residential buildings and a small town are visible under a clear blue sky.

Stocksbridge Towns Fund Board and Yorkshire Water are working in partnership to deliver an ambitious package of improvements to enhance Underbank Reservoir for the local community and visitors to the area. Lying to the northwest of Stocksbridge, 2.4km from the town centre the reservoir is already a popular location. This new investment aims to make Underbank more accessible for walkers, cyclists and horse riders as well as promoting safe, active travel from the town centre. The project is supported through the Stocksbridge Town Deal and Yorkshire Water to build on the town's position as the northern gateway to the Peak District and its growing reputation as the "Outdoor Town in the Outdoor City." This investment will create closer links between this stunning location and the town centre which is also undergoing a major programme of investment and regeneration.

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# The Masterplan



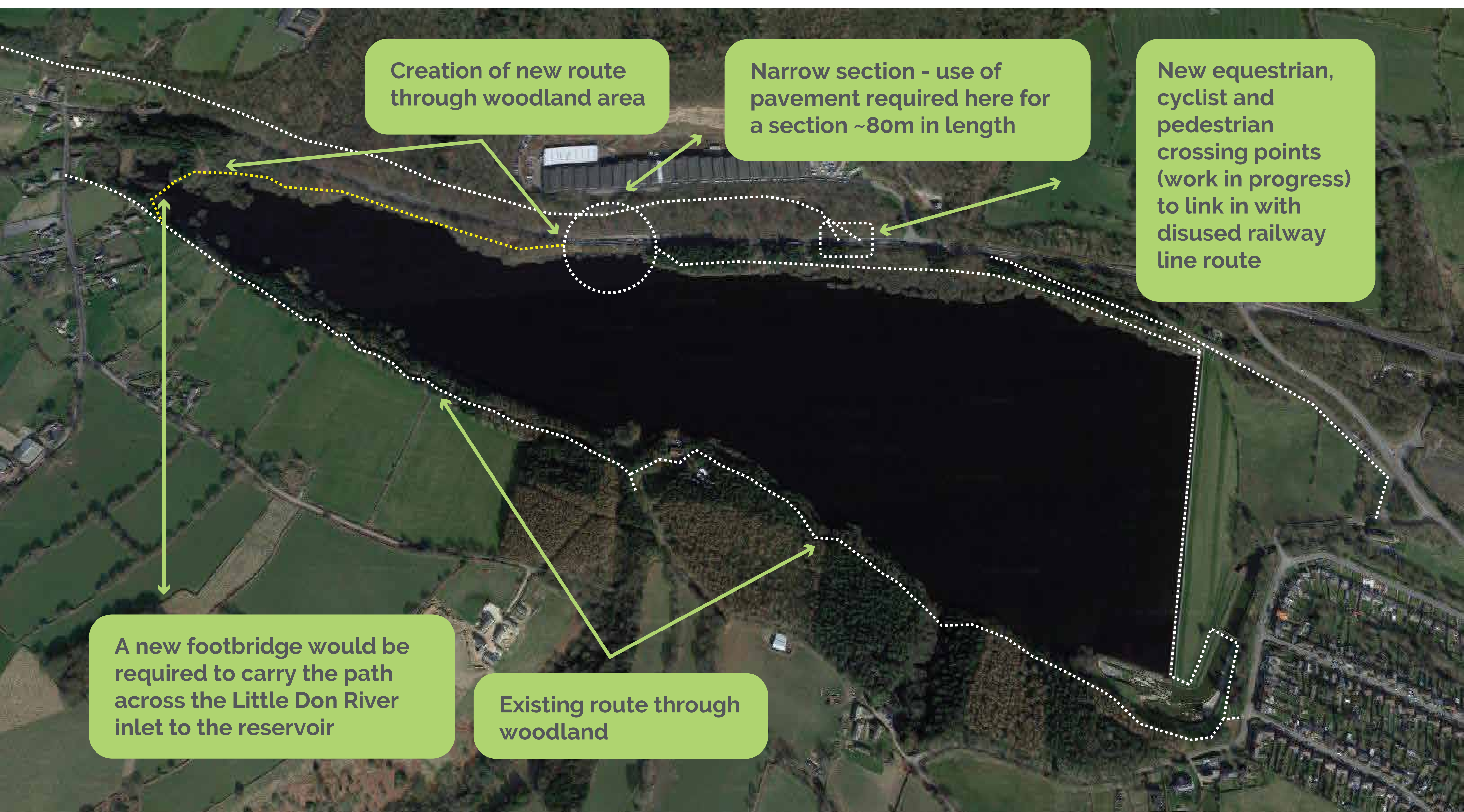


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# Creation Of A Circular Route



4.2km walk circa 1hr – 1hr 30 mins



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## Extension Of Car Parking

up to 50 car parking spaces including 4 disabled spaces. Ensuring a good neighbour approach and alleviating on street parking. ANPR monitoring could also assist with discouraging anti social behaviour.

A plan to refurbish the Old Manchester Road area and create a new area of visitor parking.







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# Development Of Water-based Activities

Working with the existing Underbank Activity Centre and other local partners, we will invest in and build on the water-based activities around the Underbank Reservoir. This investment will create new opportunities for local groups and users with a diverse and accessible range of activities.



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## Accessing The Area

We will encourage active travel and public transport use and also create a new crossing point for users of the Bramhall Lane Trail. The current connection between Bramhall Lane and Old Manchester Rd lacks any provision for people on foot, cycle or horses – a new crossing at this point will improve access to the area and link with the trails network, onwards to Langsett Reservoir.

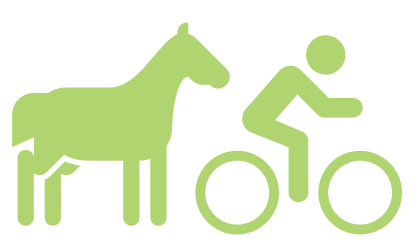
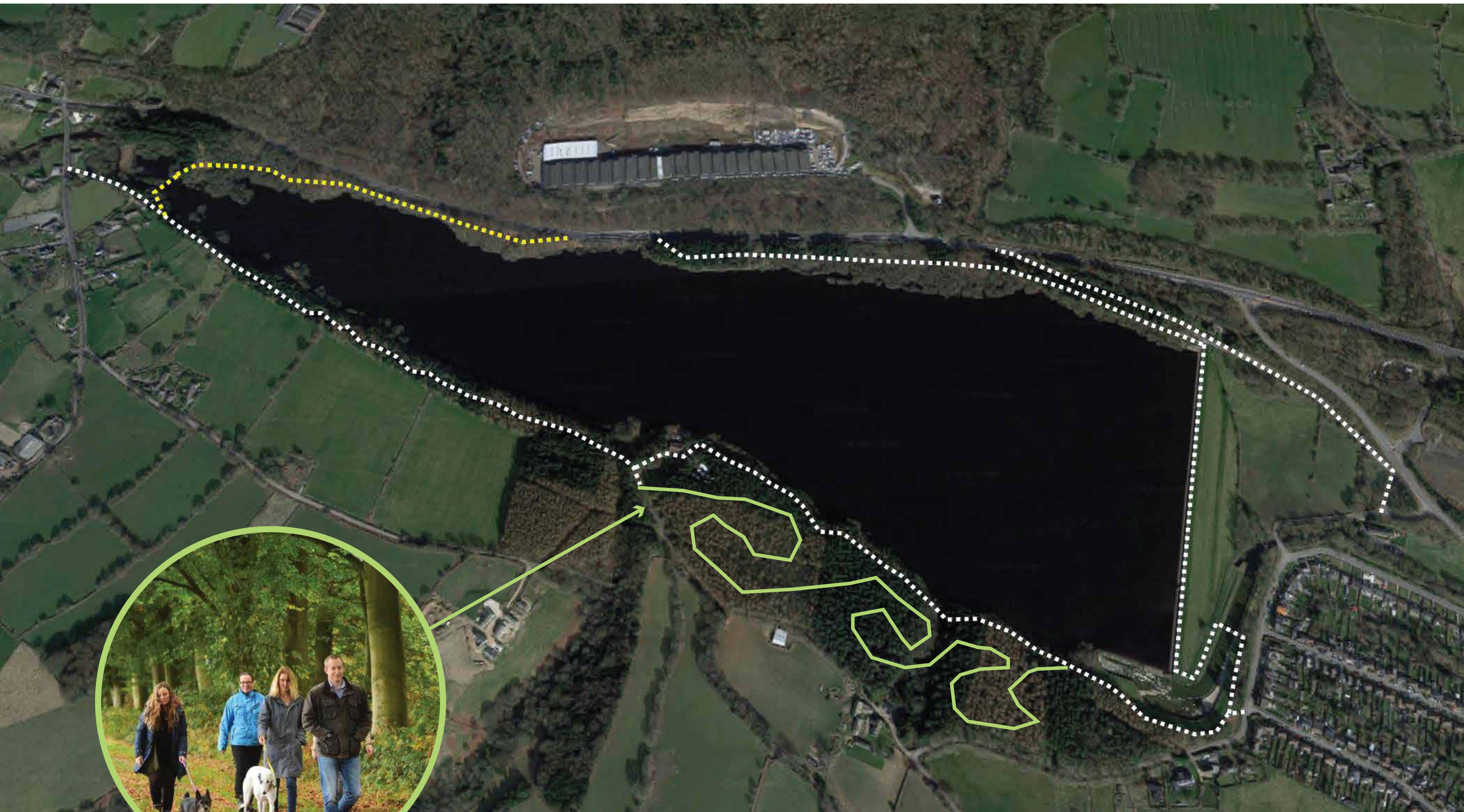


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## Accessible & Family-friendly Loop Walks



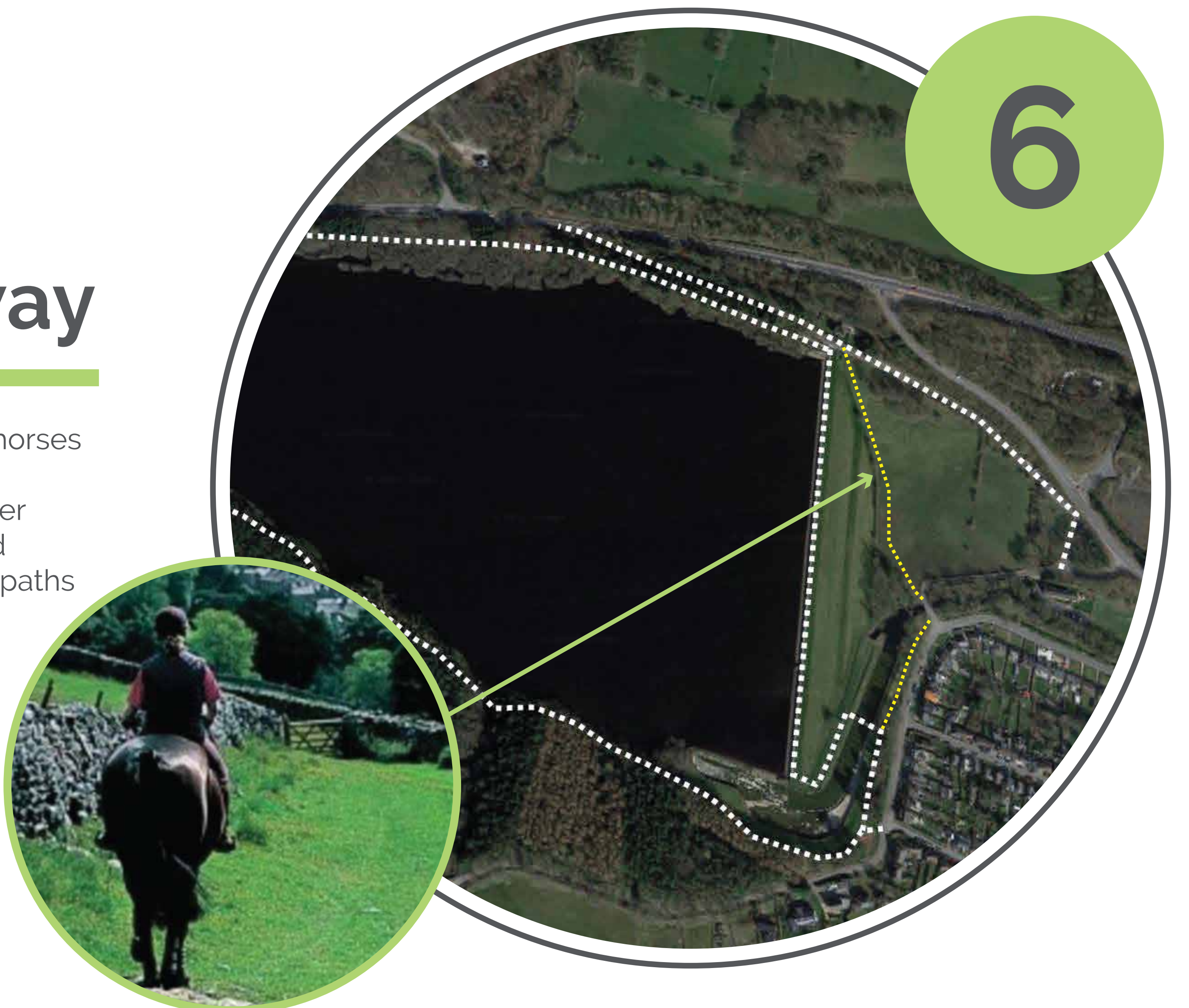
Enhancing access to the area by creating new accessible and inclusive, family friendly walks through the existing and new woodland areas.



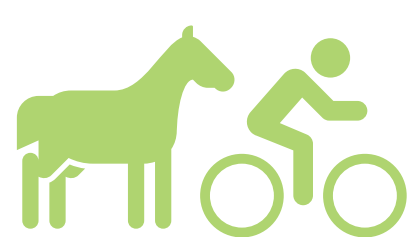
## Creation Of New Bridleway

Providing new access, suitable for horses as well as walkers and cyclists. Connecting from the Old Manchester Road area around the dam wall and joining with the newly diverted footpaths on the south side of the reservoir.

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## Extension Of Bridleway

Opening up access from Oaks Lane past Oak Wood and through to Midhope with potential for further future investment, this would initially involve some signage and possible installation of access points or gates.

A separate project will deliver the short extension of the existing permissive bridleway at the junction of Back Lane and Oaks Lane.



## Woodland Creation & Forestry Track

Delivering 7.2ha of new woodland on land adjacent to the reservoir.

Part of the existing planned work to enable timber extraction and creating new opportunities for woodland walks.



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## Forestry Track Extension

Utilising the new forest track and connecting the footpath at both ends to create additional circular access. Additional fencing in this area will help reduce any disturbance to wildlife.



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## Footpath Diversions



# Tracks & Activities at Underbank Reservoir

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