

VAL DE LA MARE RESERVOIR

Raw water storage reservoir



Val de la Mare Reservoir is owned by Jersey Water and is kept open for the enjoyment of the general public.

The reservoir was constructed in 1962 and is the second largest reservoir in Jersey (Queen's Valley is the largest). The reservoir holds a maximum of 938.7 megalitres of untreated water (enough to supply Jersey with water for approximately 40 days).

Water feeds into the reservoir from its catchment area of 350 hectares (865 acres) which extends towards St Ouen's Parish Hall in the North and La Grande Route de St Pierre in the East. Water is also pumped from St. Peter's Valley catchment area and the desalination plant when it is in operation.

GUIDELINES

Care	Please be careful. Steep and slippery slopes, unprotected heights, changing water levels, deep water and submerged machinery make the reservoir a potentially hazardous place, particularly in wet weather.
Cars	Please only park your car in the designated car parks and do not block any gates. Cars are parked at their owner's risk.
Cycling	Cycling is not permitted around the reservoir.
Disabled Access	Due to the nature of the terrain around the reservoir we regret that the paths are not suitable for wheelchair access.
Dogs	Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Please clear up after your dog and deposit waste in the bin provided at the entrance to the reservoir. Do not let your dog enter the water.
Ducks	Please do not feed the ducks or other wildlife.
Footpaths	For your own safety please keep to the designated footpath.
Fishing	Fishing is only permitted to members of the Jersey Freshwater Angling Association and only in certain locations.
Litter	For reasons of hygiene there are no litter bins provided around the reservoir. Please take all litter and rubbish away with you.
Opening Hours	The reservoir is open during daylight hours all year around.
Parental Responsibility	The reservoir is un-staffed. Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
Swimming	For hygiene and safety reasons do not enter or allow your pets to enter the water.
Toilets	There is one portable toilet by the fisherman's hut.

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The reservoir is fitted with underwater aerator machinery designed to maintain the quality of the water in the reservoir. The equipment releases air bubbles into the water at predetermined intervals which helps to turn over and mix the water. If you see the water in the reservoir bubbling in certain locations this is what is happening.

There are several routes around the reservoir. The full walking circuit is 2.8 miles (a map showing the walking routes and distances is on the following page).

The reservoir has a natural wealth of flora and fauna and is home to many species of birds and wildlife. Owls are also particularly encouraged at the reservoir - see if you can spot their nesting boxes. An Arboretum has been created around the reservoir. This garden which is devoted to trees, provides a lush and safe environment for wildlife.

We hope that you enjoy your walk around Val de la Mare Reservoir.

For your own safety, the enjoyment of the reservoir by others and for hygiene reasons please follow the guidelines on the reverse of this page.

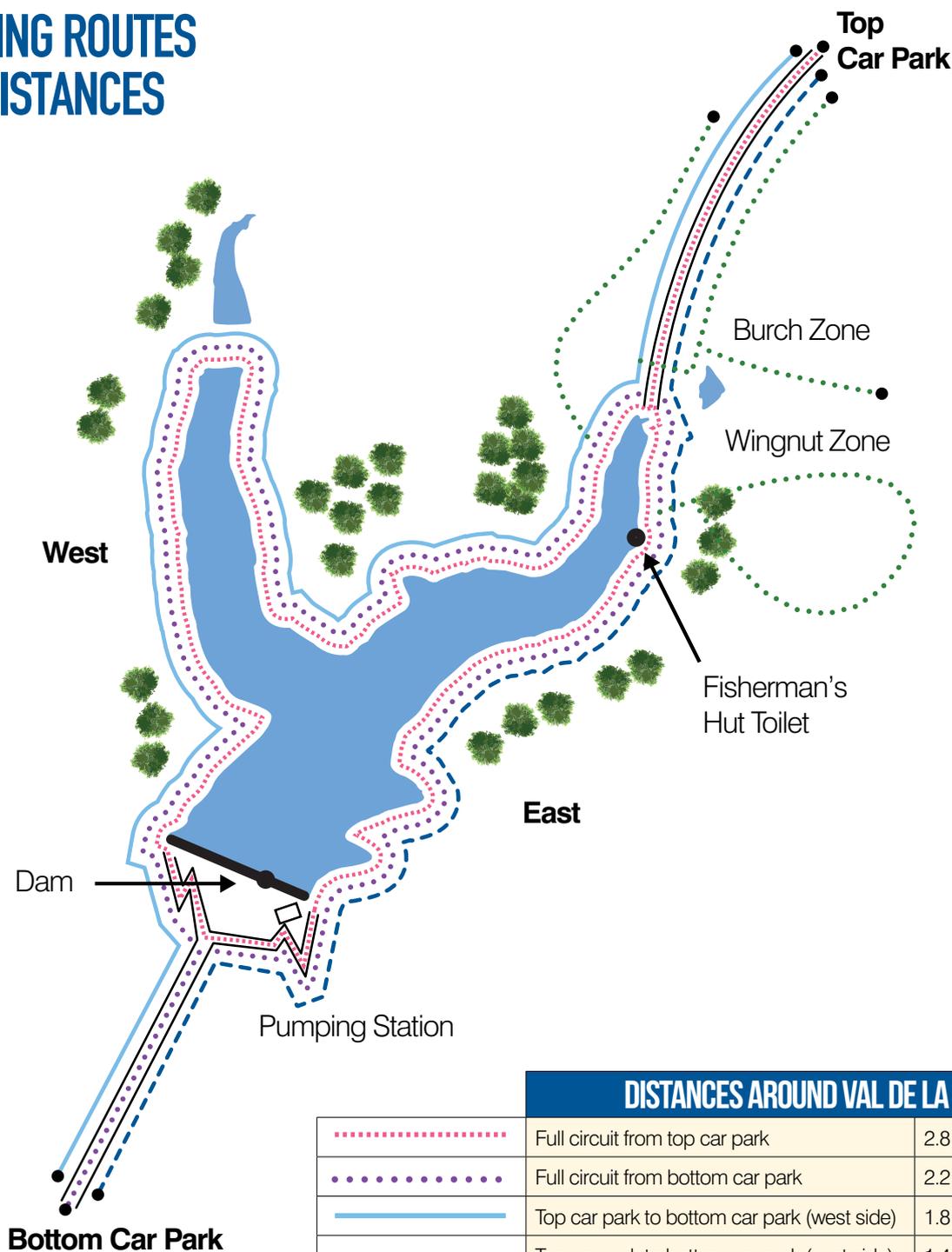


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WALKING ROUTES AND DISTANCES



DISTANCES AROUND VAL DE LA MARE

	Full circuit from top car park	2.8 miles	4.5 km
	Full circuit from bottom car park	2.2 miles	3.5 km
	Top car park to bottom car park (west side)	1.8 miles	2.9 km
	Top car park to bottom car park (east side)	1.4 miles	2.3 km
	Arboretum paths	1.1 miles	1.8 km