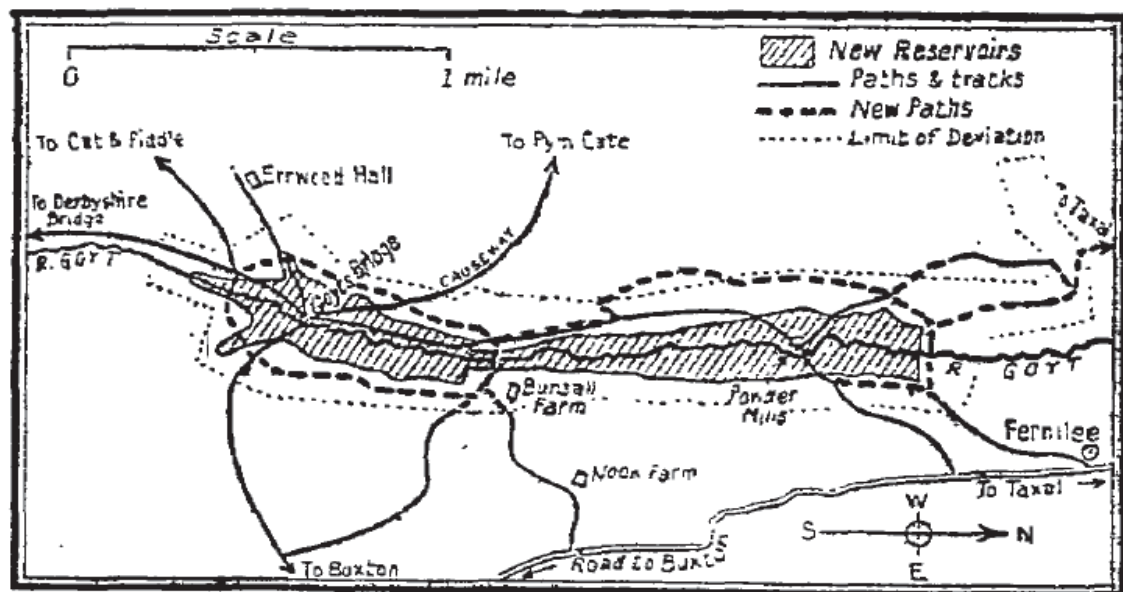


FOOTPATHS IN THE GOYT VALLEY.



The map of the Goyt Valley reproduced above has been prepared to show the provision for public footpaths made in the final version of the Stockport Corporation Act (1930), which has received the royal assent.

The Act gives the Corporation the right to "stop up and discontinue for public use all roads, carriageways, cart tracks, bridle paths, footpaths, or routes" within the area indicated on the map given above, provided that they construct certain new roads or footpaths to take the place of the routes submerged.

It is stipulated that the Peak District and Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society may "provide and erect notice boards upon appropriate sites for the guidance of the public." This is the first time that the society has been specifically mentioned in an Act of Parliament.

The upshot of the new provisions is as follows—The existing way up the valley from the Powder Mills will be submerged, and a path further west and higher up

the hill will be followed, as far as the site of Bunsall Farm. At Bunsall, the head of the lower (Fernilee) reservoir will be bridged, and a footpath will run up either side of the upper (Errwood) reservoir. These paths will meet at the head of the upper reservoir, not far above the present crossing at Goyt's Bridge.

The path along the east side of the valley from Bunsall to the head of the reservoir is entirely new, and does not take the place of any existing path. It is a clear concession made by the Stockport Corporation to the Footpaths Preservation Society.

All roads or paths outside the area indicated above are not affected by the Act.

It is further stipulated that all reasonable regard shall be had to the preservation of the beauty of the scenery of the valley, and particularly that "all mounds of surplus material and spoil arising from the construction of the said works shall as soon and as far as is practicable be suitably planted with trees."