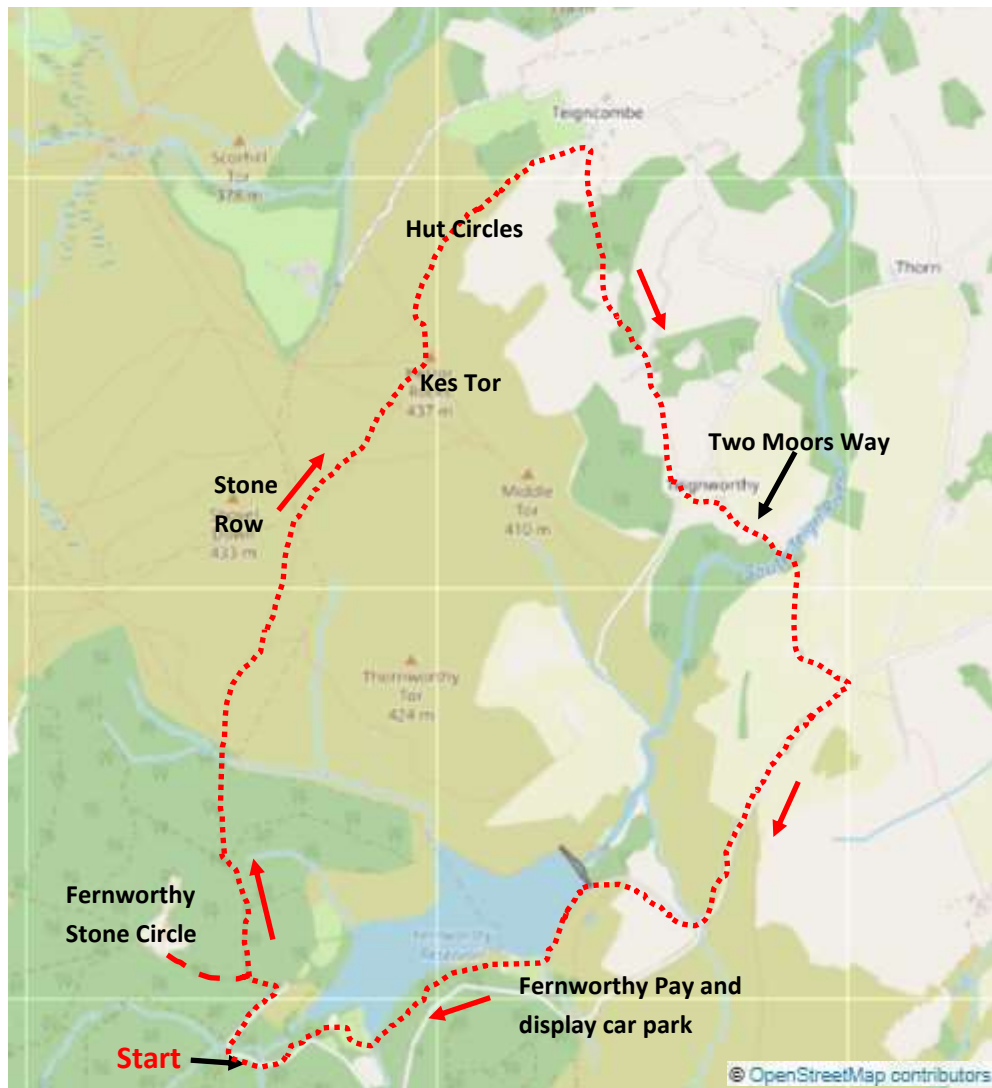


Fernworthy Reservoir Kes Tor and the Two Moors Way

ALSO ROUND THE RESERVOIR WALK



This 6.5 mile walk takes you along the southern side of the reservoir and across the moor to Kes Tor Rock. On the way you will pass close to Fernworthy Stone Circle which is well worth visiting as a short excursion. You will stand at the top of a magnificent stone row and having visited Kes Tor with its rock ponds you will go and see two of the best examples of hut circles in all of the National Park. The return journey is along The Two Moors Way and then a long the road back to the reservoir where you will walk next to the Dam and also another splendid hut circle. You will pass through the reservoir car park so if you want to start here you can do. There are summer time toilets and a refreshment kiosk at the car park as well as information boards.

Scroll to the end for the 2.6 mile Round The Reservoir walk.



Fernworthy Reservoir



To reach the starting point drive on past the reservoir pay and display car park and stop when you reach this barn where there is parking for half a dozen cars. If the parking is full drive on further to the very end of the road and park there instead.

Set off along road passing the barn on your left.



At the end of the road go left through a wide wooden gate and walk up the forestry road.



At the Y junction go right but if you want to see the Fernworthy stone circle then fork left its about 350m away but then come back here.



Stay on the forestry track and when it forks left and right go right



Soon you will see the open moor in front of you and the route you will be taking up the hill



Go through the muddy moor gate and walk straight ahead to follow a wide grassy track.



As it goes up there is fork to the right but ignore and keep left



Not much further on you will come to this area of short grass, a clearing in the tussocks. Here keep going straight across....



...then stay on the more level path to go around the hillside



With Kes Tor looming up in the distance walk on past the standing stone that marks the parish boundaries



When you can see down the double stone row you have gone just a few paces too far



Come back a little bit and take the track that leads towards Kes Tor



The easiest way to get up to the top of Kes Tor and see some of the many pools on top is to go around the back.

The pools are created apparently by a rare weathering process and nothing to do with prehistoric man

A good place to stop for a drink and a snack or even lunch.



Come down off the tor and with the tor on your left start to walk along the ridge with the woodland on your right.



200 to 300m along the ridge you will find this rock an excellent marker post for here you fork right to follow a much narrower sheep track.



Passing the magnificent hut circles walk on towards the wood and then with the stone boundary wall of the wood on your left walk on down the hill to a gate.



Go through the gate and take the ancient track that leads down hill ignoring the signposted left turn a little bit further on



When you reach a tarmac drive go straight across and through the gate. You are now on the Two Moors Way



A few yards further on go through a much smaller gate and turn right to follow the hedge on your right. The Two moors way is well signposted.



Alternative route

Following the finger post "Path" sign fork right where you will cross a small bridge then come to an impassable bog. However if it is the height of summer it may be dry enough to cross to the board walk on the other side of the bog.

Assuming it is not use the alternative route by walking down the field to a track



When you reach the track turn right . This is not a public right of way and is simply getting you around the impassable bog until DNP extend the board walk.



When the track bears sharply right you will once again join the Two Moors way by forking left and going through the gate or over the stile ahead of you.



Walk straight across the lower half of the field to a pair of gates



Take the left hand side gate. The two Moors way now becomes a more obvious path.



You will walk a very long Board walk



Go over a stile and cross a field

Cross over a driveway



Climb over yet another stile

Walk up a stream which is not a bad as it sounds.



When you come to a road turn right then immediately left to walk through a farm yard passing through 3 gates on the way. This is a very muddy route in the winter.



Having gone through the farm yard and closed all the gates behind you, you will find yourself walking down an ancient narrow walled track. At the end of the walled track turn right.



The path you are on leads to a very steep hill that goes down to the river Teign. Cross on this footbridge and then up the other side of the valley, which isn't quite so steep, through the wood.



With the wood behind you keep going up to a stile in the corner of a field. Go over the stile and with the hedge on your left follow the field edge path .



Go through a gate and then a bit further on go through Yardworthy Farm.



Having gone through the farm and along the access drive turn right when you reach the road.



Walk on up the road for about 1k (0.7miles) Fork right and go through the side pedestrian gate



...and walk on down a long drive which is not a public right of way and which the owners kindly let you do to get to the dam end of the reservoir.



At the end of the long drive keep on going through two wooden gates and walk on down to the reservoir



With the reservoir on your right carry on up to the car park perhaps pausing at the hut circle on your left and then at the picnic benches for a snack. In the main car park take the footpath that leads off behind the pay and display machine



You are now on the Round Reservoir Walk and if you follow the signs and the path that leads around the reservoir you will get back to your car.





ROUND THE RESERVOIR WALK

If you just want to go around the reservoir then start in the main pay and display car park and it won't take more than 2 hours to walk around so you won't need to pay for a whole day's parking. Set off to walk clockwise around the reservoir. At the far end a part of the signposted walk is along the road but you can take an offroad shortcut by dropping down to a path in front of

A 2.6 mile 4.2K walk

the bird hide. The path takes you out to where the old farm is and where you then go through a gate and turn right to once again follow the official route. The path down and then back up from below the dam is actually quite a gentle walk.



View of the water

Just before you reach the dam look out for this well preserved prehistoric burial cist on your left close to the waters edge.

