

Brentor Church and Parish Walk



This walk which is a bit over 4 miles will take you to the top of Brent Tor and the 13th century church of St Michael De Rupe and then down the other side to visit North Brentor village. You will then return to the Church carpark by walking the little lanes and public footpaths where you will see Brent Tor Church from all angles.





The walk starts in the Church car park which is located on the other side of the road to the church and is well signposted from both directions coming up from either Lydford or Tavistock.

Cross the road and walk up to the church. Visiting the church is actually a short excursion from our route so having had a look in the church come back down and retrace your steps.....



....to a point where the path coming up met a wider track. Now just keep on going around the base of the church.

Keep looking up and when you have gone a little way past the church turn left and walk straight down hill on a wide grassy track





Follow the track all the way to the bottom of the hill



When you reach the base of the hill follow the track around to your right heading towards a tree lined hedge bank



Now follow the hedge bank.



When you reach a wooden gate go through and, following the direction of the finger post, walk on down hill with the hedge on your left.



When you reach the road turn left and walk along the road for about half a mile.



When the road makes a sharp left turn keep going and staying on the now unsurfaced road walk on past the barn for about 100m.



At the Y junction fork left and walk up the winding track until it stops at a pair of gates



Go through the right hand side gate.



In the field stay close to the hedge on your left and walk up to and through a small wood with a pond in it.



**On the other side of the wood fork
right and walk on down to a gate**



**Go through the gate and walk diagonally across the middle
of the field to the far right hand corner.....**



**.....where you will find an old kissing gate which is a bit tight
to get through.**



Walk across the next field keeping well to the left of a telegraph pole



Go through the gap in the hedge line passing a now redundant stone stile and keep walking in the same direction aiming for the top corner of the next field.



When you reach the top corner keeping the hedge on your left walk along the top of the field and go through the next gate. Then keep going straight ahead on the wide track which takes you into North Brentor village .



Keep going until you reach the T junction with the main road that goes through the village.



At the T junction turn left and walk up the hill until you reach the cemetery on your left.



On the opposite side of the road to the cemetery, as the road bends left go past a bungalow and walk across the wide verge and up to a stile in the field boundary. Go over the stile and turn left.



The public footpath goes across the middle of the field. When you reach the high point aim for a stile just to the left of the tall trees in front of you. (The stile is to the left of a gate)



Its not the best of stiles so take care getting over it.



You will come out at a T junction. Go straight across and down the lane opposite.

The road that you cross is fast and not pleasant to walk along as there is no pavement. But if you want a short cut go left and turn right at the first junction and pick up the directions on the next page. Personally I would not walk on this road.



After about 500m turn left at the first junction



Walk down this lane for a similar distance until you reach a metal gate with an ivy clad finger post next to it. Go through the gate and stay next to the hedge on your right.

(If you have risked the main road you will approach from the other direction)



Go through the next gate and keep going straight ahead to pass a long since abandoned manganese mine.



Having passed the manganese mine bear right and walk down to the corner of the next field



Go over the stile and turn right to walk down a concrete drive towards a house.



The footpath goes right through the property passing their front door. You are aiming for a gap in a wall just to the left of the outbuilding in front of you.



Having gone through the gap in the wall fork left towards a gap in the hedge line just to the left of a wooden barn



In this next field fork right and walk across the field to a stile in the opposite hedge line. Go over the stile into the next field.



In this next field veer slightly left to go through a gate in the field boundary opposite



Having gone through the gate and with the farm buildings on your left veer right to go through another gate way on the other side of this field. Then go straight across this next field again with farm buildings on your left.



When you reach Westcott farm go diagonally across the field to walk in front of the barn and out onto the road.



Turn left and when you reach the crossroads turn left again and walk back to the church car park where you started from.