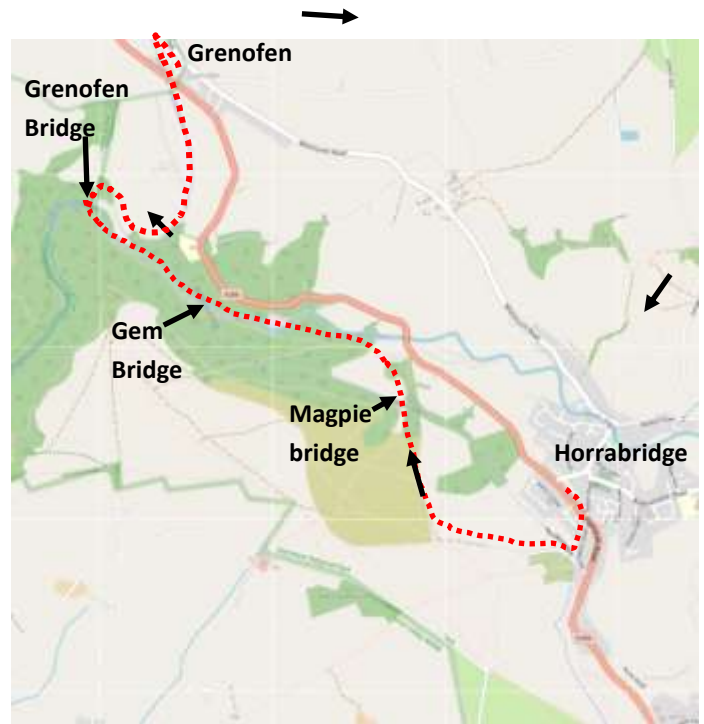


BuS Stop WALKS

PLYMOUTH to TAVISTOCK
Stage coach No. 1



The three bridges walk



This walk starts in Horrabridge between Yelverton and Tavistock on the A386. The bus stops are on the A386 opposite, and just down from, the Manor Garage.

This is a 3.5 mile linear walk between bus stops and should take about 2 hours not including waiting for the bus back.

You will start out by walking up on to Roborough Down and then underneath the viaduct seen in the top photo. You will then walk through the Walkham valley to Gem bridge built in 2012 and carries route 27 cycle track. Finally staying in the valley to walk the river bank to Grenofen bridge.

You will then make your way up to the A386 at Grenofen to take the bus home.

If you would like to do a 6 mile walk then also download the Four Bridges Walk under Village and Countryside walks. The Four Bridges walk carries on into Horrabridge.

When you get off the bus walk up the hill towards Yelverton and take the right hand turning into Old Station Road and walk to the top of the road.



Go through the little gate



cross over the road and up the track perhaps pausing to read the information board all about Horrabridge.

Keep following the track staying close to the hedge/ stone wall on your right until it makes a sharp right turn.....



...then when it does look to the horizon and follow the sheep track that aims for the church on top of Brent Tor.



Then follow the paths that takes you steeply down to the valley floor and start to follow the stream down hill towards the viaduct



Keep to the left of the stream to go under the viaduct

Magpie Viaduct on the Tavistock branch of the South Devon railway.

Opened 22/06/1859, closed 31/12/1962. The original viaduct was built of granite and timber in 1859 to a design by Brunel. Rebuilt in 1902 in Staffordshire brick. The viaduct is 197.5m long and about 19m high.



Then follow the well used track through the woodland and turn left when you arrive a wide track that started at the car park on your right.



If you look towards the carpark you will see the spoil heaps of Wheel Franco copper mine. There was also a brickworks and you will see yellow clay in the path as you walk along.



Take the right hand fork

Then a bit further on keep left as the right fork ends up in the river.



Gem Bridge was officially opened on 22nd May 2012, costing £2.1M The previous iron girder bridge was demolished in the 1960's. It was named after Little Gem mine which is on your left as you start to walk along by the river.



Walk under Gem bridge but there is an access path up if you want to go up on to the top of the bridge.

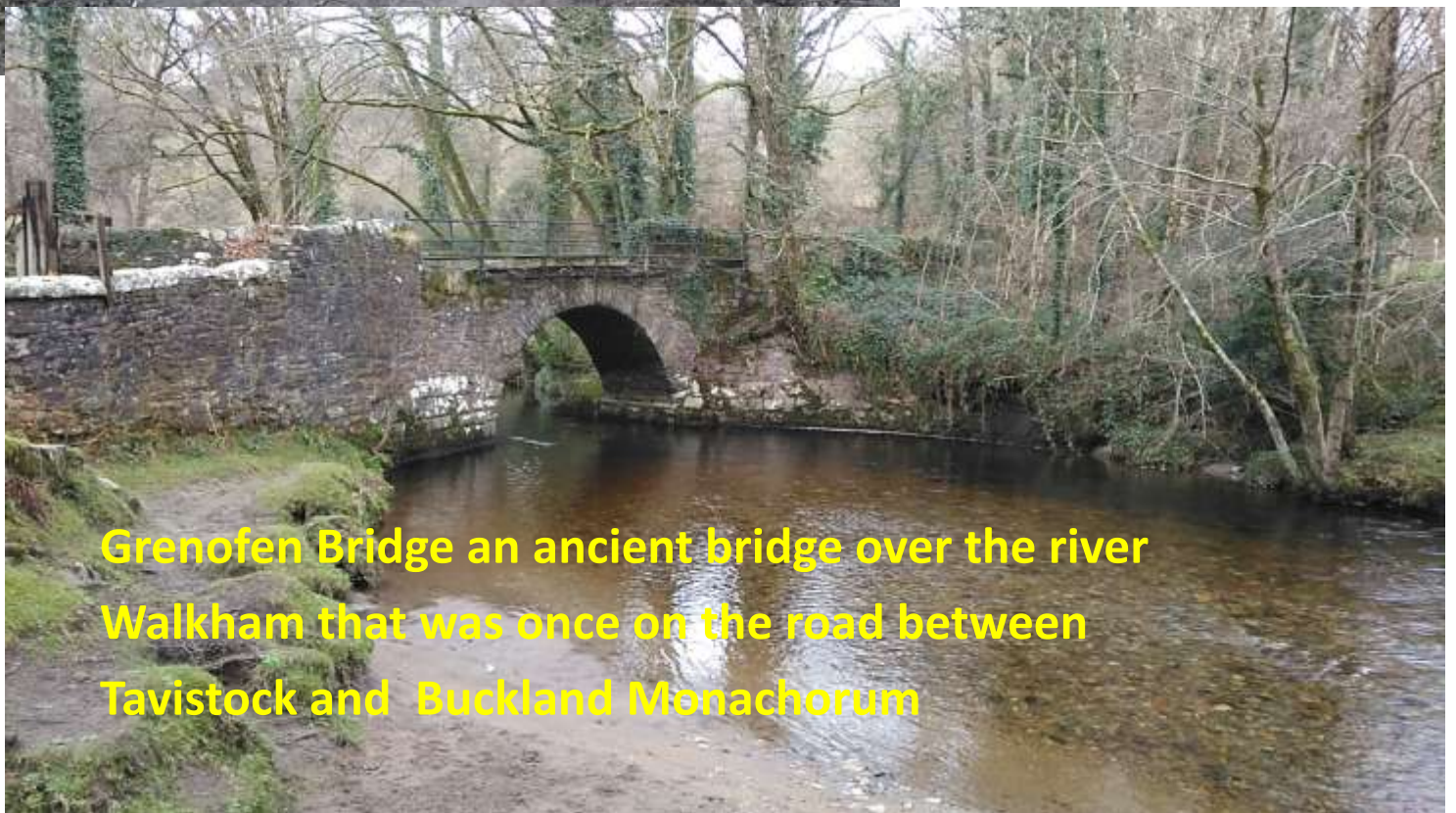


Having gone under Gem Bridge walk on down to the river edge and follow the path next to the river all the way to Grenofen.

The path is rocky and very rooty and washed out so take care.



Walk through the muddy car park and over the bridge



Grenofen Bridge an ancient bridge over the river Walkham that was once on the road between Tavistock and Buckland Monachorum



Walk up the lane but only as far as you can see.

Turn right and go through this gate



When you reach the cycle track turn left



Keep on the right through the tunnel. You may need an umbrella and keep a look out for cyclists.



Just the other side of the tunnel turn right and walk up to what was once Drake's Café on the A386 and find the bus stop to take you back home.

