

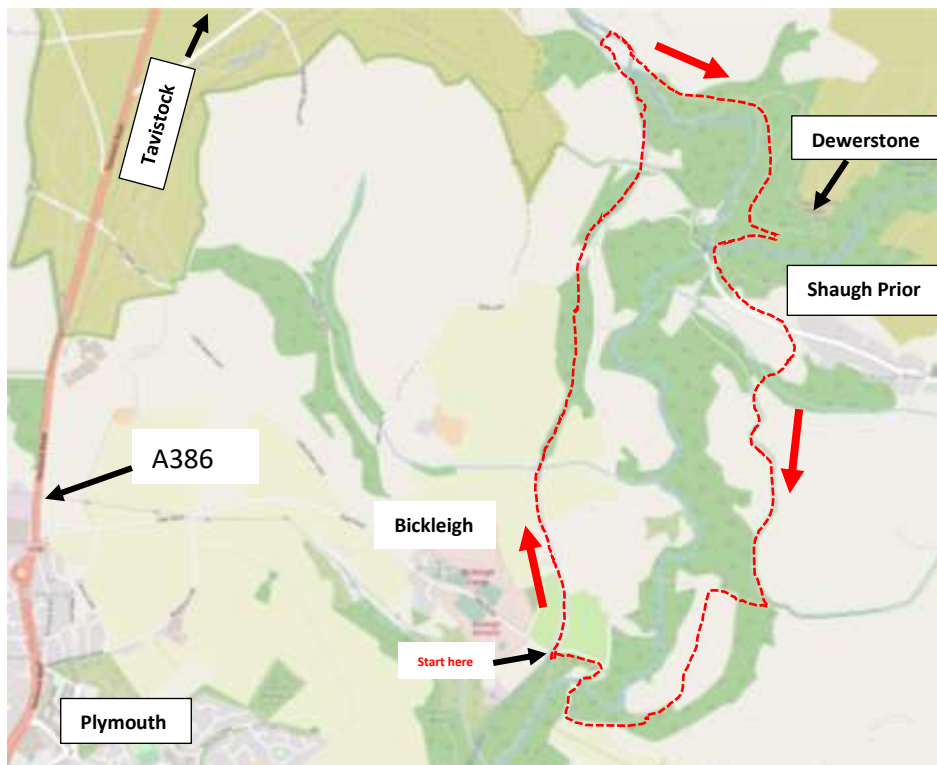
Walking the West Devon Way

Walk 4 Bickleigh railway bridge to Goodameavy

This is the last section of the disused railway track between Plymbridge and Clearbrook that the West Devon Way uses. In this section we go over another impressive viaduct but also this time through a tunnel. We return to the start by going past the Dewerstone rock well known by rock climbers and partly up the Pipe Track so called because the path follows the route of a pipe that took liquid clay slurry from Cadover to Shaugh bridge to be transported away.

To find the start go to the village of Bickleigh a mile or so west of the A386 on the north side of Plymouth. Go all the way through the village and on past the Royal Marines camp then keep going downhill and park on the bridge over the cycle track. Its quite a hilly walk.

For your satnav the nearest post code is PL6 7AJ. Grid reference SX 525 619





Walk on downhill a few meters to the yellow salt bin and turn in right through the gap and then keeping right stay on the path that takes you down to the cycle track and once more onto the **West Devon Way**.



Turn right to go under the bridge you have parked on and continue your trip along the cycle track from where you left it at the end of **Walk 3**

Stay on the cycle track for about 1.75 miles (nearly 3k) going over Ham Viaduct with views of the moors and through a tunnel which fortunately has lights.



Not far past the tunnel you will arrive at this take off point. Come off the cycle track and go through the gate,



turn right and walk down to and then go under the bridge. On the other side of the bridge is where we leave the **West Devon Way** and return to Bickleigh bridge.



About 30m on the other side of the bridge turn right to go over a stile onto a National Trust path.

(Remember this point and perhaps identify a place to park because this is where we will start Walk 5)

The path goes through a deep cutting and then takes you on an old tramway line all the way to



Dewerstone Cottage now an adventure centre.



A few paces past the cottage you have the choice of either following the **Dartmoor Way** by going down to the river on a rocky but picturesque woodland track or staying on the tramway which is an easier surface to walk on passing the path that takes you up to the Dewerstone. The tramway track goes around a very sharp bend and then there is a short but steep walk

down to join the Dartmoor Way at a wooden bridge that goes over the river Plym.



Go over the bridge.....



Follow the Dartmoor Way signs to go up a long flight of steps. The path at the top takes you steeply up on what is known as the Pipe Track towards Cadover Bridge



When the path splits keep right next to a pony paddock



at the gate go right sign posted to Shaugh Prior



On reaching the main road into Shaugh turn left



then almost immediately right passing the entrance to a property called Mount Clogg.

(You could go straight across the road but you shouldn't as it's a private drive).



Go through the gate and follow the path along the edge of the field with the hedge on your right.



Go through a gate, fork left and up to a narrow lane.



On reaching the lane turn left and in a couple of hundred meters



turn right.



Go past Nethershaugh farm and in less than half a mile turn right down a steep woodland path



Follow the path and way markers zig zagging at a junction on the way down.



Go through a gate and over a sleeper bridge and up to some pheasant pens.



Turn left through a gap in the hedge and walk across the first field. Go through a gate and with the hedge on your right walk on up to the next gate.



Go through the gate and follow the farm track all the way up to the road. It's a long up-hill walk.



On reaching the road turn right and walk on down the



hill to go over the picturesque Bickleigh Bridge.



Go up the hill the other side and at the next junction turn left and walk back up an even steeper hill to your car.