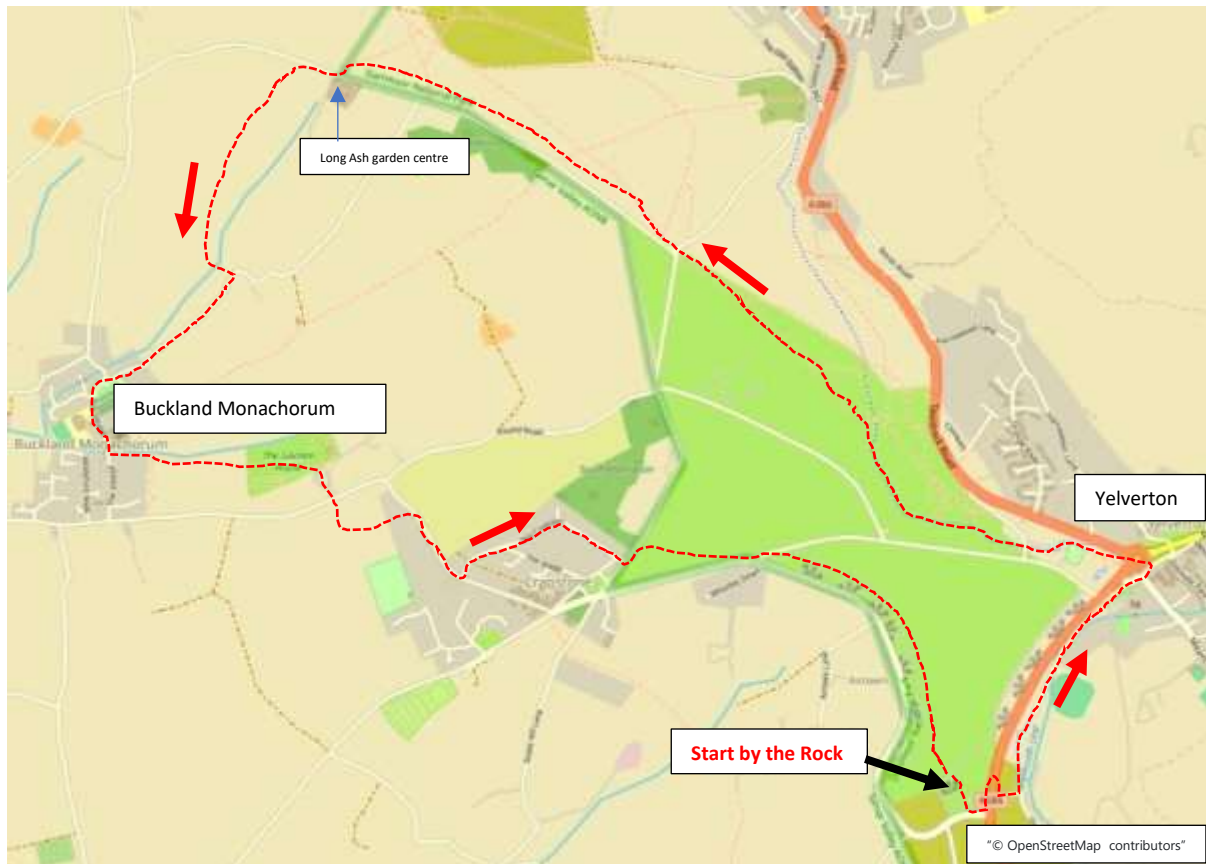


# Walking the West Devon Way

## Walk 6 Yelverton to Long Ash



This 5.5mile walk is going to take you through the village of Yelverton and out to the car park opposite Long Ash garden centre returning via the village of Buckland Monachorum, Crapstone and the Garden House. You will pass close to the Drake Manor pub and next to it a 15<sup>th</sup> Century church. You will walk through the grounds of the Garden House where if you wanted to you could buy a ticket and spend some time in these splendid gardens.



The walk starts at the Roborough Rock SX 51506 67201 sat nav PL20 6BT and picks up the West Devon Way just 300m from where we left it on the last walk.

Roborough Rock is located on the edge of a wartime airfield called Harrowbeer. If you park in the dispersal bay closest to the Rock you will find an information board telling you all about the airfield.



From Roborough Rock walk on up to the Jubilee stone next to the road junction with the A386 and then out to the road.



Turn left and walk along the wide verge of the A386 until you reach the traffic island. Cross over and walk back up the pavement on the other side then turn left to go over a cattle grid.



Walk on down this road but only for about 50m and then turn left on to the **West Devon Way**. (300m further on along this road is where we left the West Devon Way on the last walk.)



Follow the cycle track all the way to St Pauls Church car park then head towards the shops. From the shops walk on up to the roundabout behind the bus stop.



Follow the pavement around the roundabout going towards Tavistock. When you reach a car park walk around it keeping it on your right.



Cross over the road and stay on the cycle track which is now sandwiched between the hedge and the moor fence. Go through the double gates and out on to the open moor/ex airfield.



There is now some confusion as to which way to go. The OS map clearly takes the walker off the cycle track to the right but the West Devon Way website keeps the walker on the cycle track. We are going to stick to the cycle track so stay on it for about 500m. There is no marker to indicate where the West Devon Way leaves the cycle track only a well used path.



Fork left off the cycle track on to the easy to miss but well used path and stay on this path passing two benches. At all times keep dead ahead and avoid forking off to the left or right. It's a near level walk so don't be tempted to start going downhill.



Eventually you will meet the road at a T junction. Go straight across signposted to Long Ash. Now it's a road walk but it borders the moor on both the left and right. Stay on the right but keep the road in view and have a more pleasant moorland walk. Keep going until you reach a car park opposite Long Ash garden Centre where there is a café. This is where we now leave the

**West Devon Way** and head back to the start via Buckland Monachorum and the Garden House.



Stay on the road and go through the gate next to the cattle grid and walk on down the road for about 30m.



Turn left off the road through a gate and then through another smaller pedestrian gate. The easy to follow path goes through a bit of pine woodland and a pretty shrubbery. On reaching another metal pedestrian gate go through and walk on down the edge of the field until you reach a road.



Go right and walk on down to Buckland Monachorum. When you reach the roundabout and play park keep left to walk into the middle of the village.



Turn left next to the church. Behind the church you will arrive at a junction of paths



Here turn right and with the Parish picnic field on your left walk on down to the stream and bridge.



Cross over and turn left and walk along the edge of two fields with the stream on your left. Having gone through 3 gates you will enter the grounds of the Garden House.



Do please keep to the path and don't stray into the gardens without paying at the ticket office.



Follow the way marked path passing the ticket office then up through their car park to the road.



On reaching the road go straight across through the kissing gate and along the edge of the field with the hedge on your left. In 50m turn left through a small gate and.....



Turn right when you reach the road and walk into Crapstone



Turn left into The Crescent and walk all the way to the end of the road.



Turn left, cross the cattle grid and then go immediately right to enter the open moor/ex airfield. Keep left to walk up a wide grassy track between hawthorn trees.



When the track widens out head for the white gable end of a house in the distance.



Just to the left of the house is the old airfield road.  
Follow the road passing 6 dispersal bays. You will then  
see your car parked next to Roborough Rock.



**On the next walk you will be going over this bridge.**