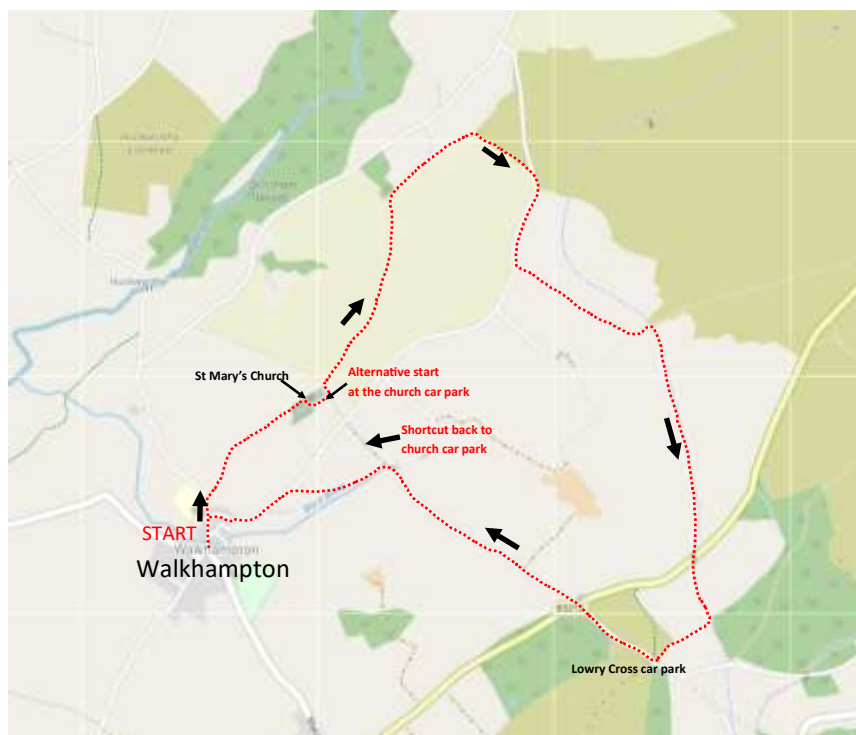


Walkhampton Church Walk



This 3.75 mile walk will take you from the village up the hill to go past the church and then just clipping the open moor before returning via the Burrator to Princetown Cycle track. The first part of the walk is an uphill puff to the church which the villagers of all ages have been doing for hundreds of years. The Church of St Marys which dates from the mid 13th century has some interesting features and well worth a look inside when you get there. Between the church and the open moor there are some splendid views of the Dartmoor Tors which must have made for a scenic railway journey to Princetown from Burrator Halt.



If you want an even shorter walk or feel you might not like the climb up to the church you could park at the church and follow the directions from there.



Park where you can in the village but starting from the War memorial set off towards the Walkhampton Inn. Passing the pub ignore the next right turn that is signposted to the church and keep going along the road.



Having gone past the school the road starts to bend left very slightly and when it does turn right up a wide path signposted to the church. It is as you would expect a well used path which is easy to follow all the way to the church passing through two gate ways on your way.



At the top of the third field you pass through go through this little gate and up to the church



Go through the metal gate and walk around to the other side of the church.



**Walk through the car park and out to the approach road.
*(If you have parked at the church start from here)***



Turn left and walk on past the Church House



When you reach the metal railings turn right and go over the stile. Then using the permissive path walk along the edge of two fields.



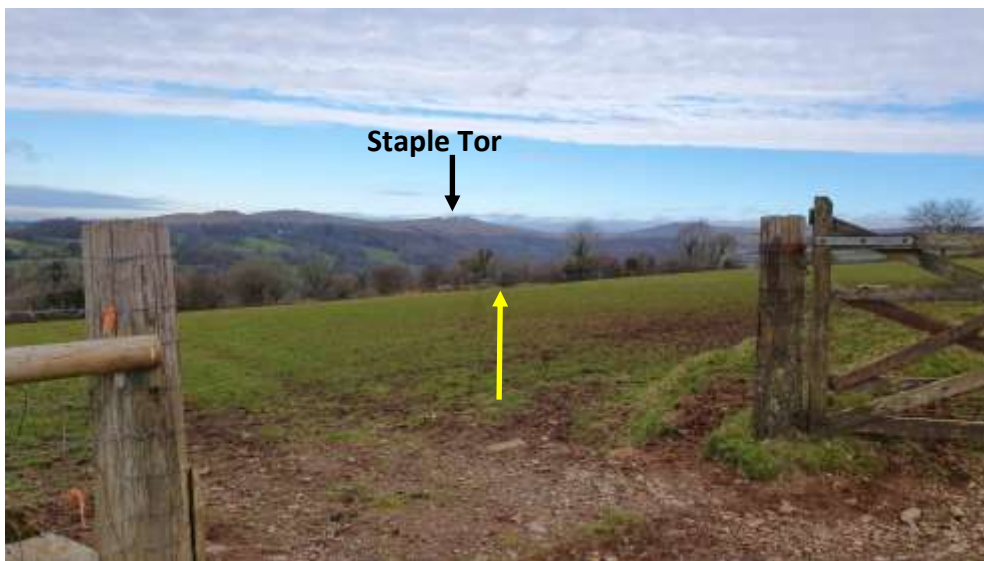
At the end of the second field go over the granite stile.



Then head towards the tree in the hedge line on the other side of the field.



When you get there go through the first gate and then turn left to go through another gateway



From this next gate way go across the field heading towards Staple tor (it looks like an upside down staple) on the horizon passing through a tumble down hedge bank on your way.



At the bottom of the second field go over the granite stile, turn right and set off along an ancient track that leads to the open moor.



**Go through the moor gate and turn right.
With the hedge on your right walk up to the road.**



When you reach the road turn right and walk over the cattle grid and start to go back towards Walkhampton. In about 250m when you reach a wide opening turn left and follow the grassy track through 3 gates.



Having gone over a small stream follow it around to the left and walk on up to the cycle track.



When you reach the cycle track ignore the footpath sign in front of you and turn right .



Go through a number of gateways and over the road on this splendid bridge



When you reach these double gates turn right and staying next to a stone wall, and it doesn't matter which side, walk on out to the road opposite Lowry Cross car park.



When you reach the road turn right and walk on down the hill



At the junction with the B3212 Princetown road go straight across signposted to Welltown



When the road bends sharply right turn left and



in less than 50m turn left again to go through a gate into a field.

(If you have parked at the church, instead of going through the gate just keep on going up the hill which takes you straight back to the church)



Having gone through the gate into the field keep the hedge and stream on your left and follow the well walked path into a second field and then out to the road. When you reach the road turn left and walk back down the hill into Walkhampton.