

Devon Great Consoles

A Tamar Trails Walk

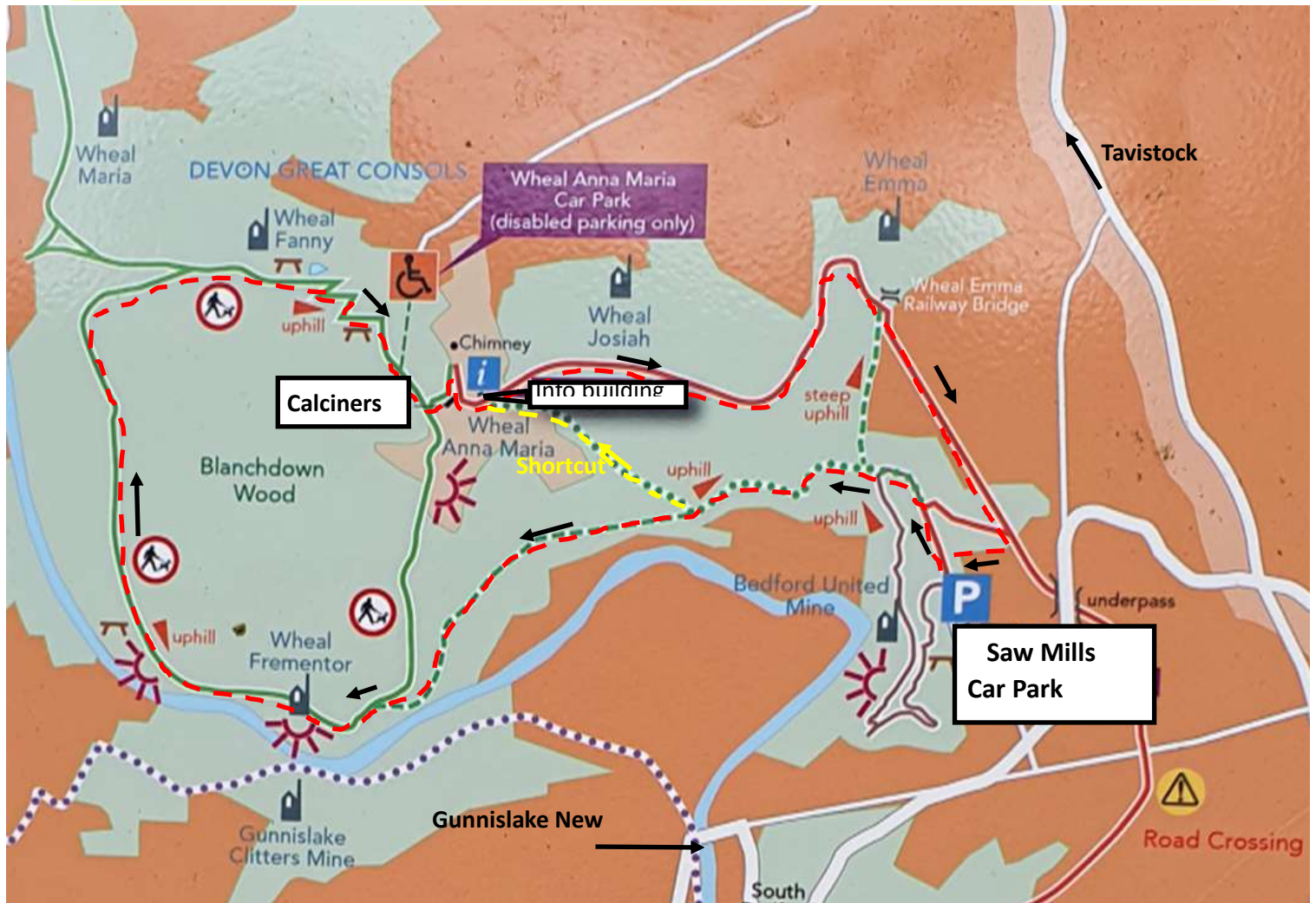
This woodland walk is a little over 5 miles and takes you through or next to a number of metalliferous mine workings. The area is quite safe as the mine shafts have all be securely fenced off but please do not stray from the designated paths.

The walks starts at the Saw Mills car park which has a pay and display car park. The walk will take a few hours so you will need to pay for an all-day ticket which costs £2.60. The Tamar Trails Centre is now closed which means the Trail map is only able to be downloaded from the internet. It has lots of historical information which adds to the interest of this walk through what was once a very noisy polluting industrial area.

<https://www.tamarvalley-nl.org.uk/discover-explore/places-of-interest/tamar-trails/#Trailmaps> (Detailed map)



Map of the Tamar Trails



The whole walk will take you about 3.5 hours plus a bit extra for coffee stops and photos.

The shortcut will reduce the walk by about 2 hours





Setting off from the car park walk between the information board and the shelter and follow the signs to the Wheel Josiah Trail.



Staying at all times on the wide track you will come to this cross roads of paths. Keep going straight ahead towards Wheel Josiah



You will soon come to a wide track. Here turn right and go through the gate.



Short cut route



**At the fork in the track go left signposted
Wheal Frementor. This will take you all
the way around Blanchdown Woods.
*The right fork is a shortcut up to the roofless
information building that will take 2 miles off
the walk.***



**Look out for mountain bikers who may cross the
path in front of you**



**At the top of the hill fork
left to go back down hill.
You have now joined the
Wheal Maria Trail.**



**After about a mile turn right to go towards
Wheal Anna Maria.**



**When you reach this lake at Wheal Fanny
there is a picnic bench just out of view.**



**Come back onto the main
path and keep going.
Quite soon fork right up a
short steep slope**



Turn right then follow the sign to Devon Great Consoles Arsenic Works



Then left through this gate



To walk through the arsenic works



Having passed by all the calciners go through the gate and turn right.



Just past the roofless information centre building fork left to follow signs back to the Sawmills car park.

If you are on the shortcut walk continue passed the information building and go and see the calciners then come back here.

Passing more mine workings walk along the route of the Devon Great Consoles railway.



Keep following signs to Sawmills Car park



In about half a mile you will reach this signpost on the left . Keep going for 50m

...and then turn right through these bent posts



Keeping the fence and field close by on your left walk on down through the wood passing the abandoned tree surfing equipment.



When you reach the main access track turn left to walk back to your car.