

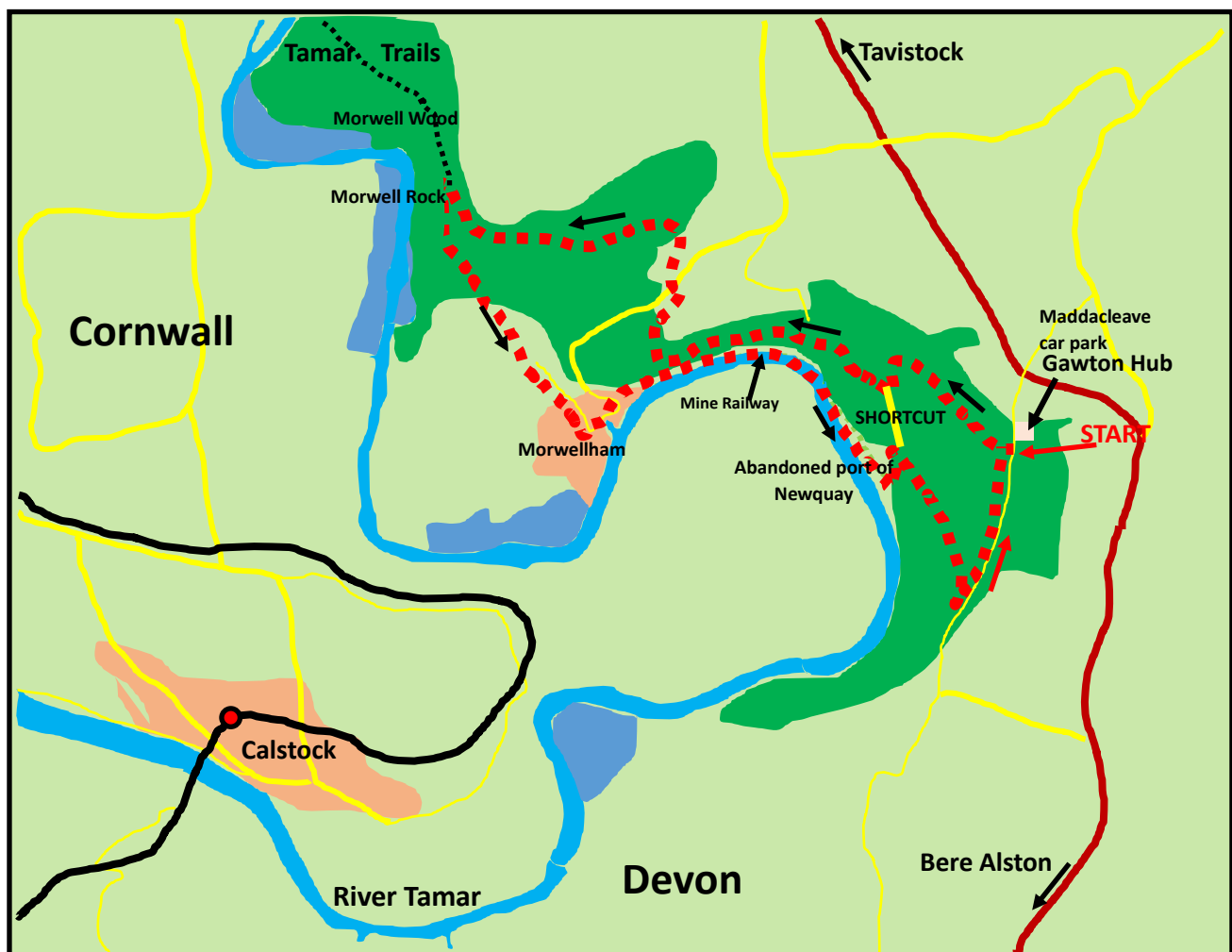
Walk 5 Morwellham and the mine railway line

Morwellham was once just a small port and quay serving Tavistock but in the late 18th and early 19th century it was substantially increased in size to cope with the export of copper tin arsenic and manganese from the local mines especially Devon Consols mines which you will visit in [Walk 7](#). A little further downstream you will pass by Newquay another abandoned quay that prospered greatly from the mining. On your way around you will be able to read all about it on information boards.

The walk is 5 miles and has a steep uphill walk at the end to get back to the car park. The walk starts at Maddacleave car park PL19 8JN, SX458696 also known as the Gawton Hub car park.

*If you book for lunch at the Ship Inn you could park at Morwelham for a **SHORTCUT** 3 mile walk. For the **SHORTCUT WALK** locate Morwelham on the map and follow the car parking signs when you get there. The walk starts from the pub.*

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LONG WALK

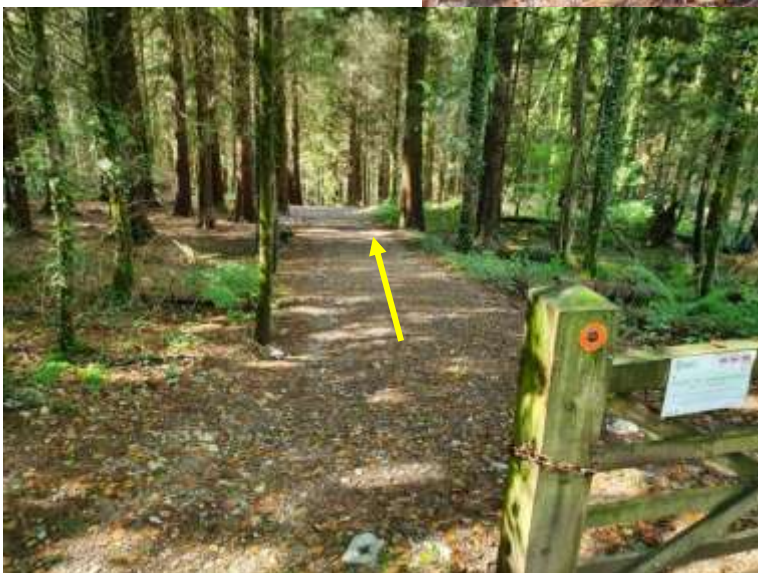
To reach Maddacleave Car park take the B3257 to Bere Alston. After a long straight stretch of road as it bends left turn right along an unmade up track. Coming from Bere Alston it's the first left turn after Orestocks corner and is easy to miss so go slowly.

Starting out from Maddacleave car park walk back out of the of the car park and go straight across the access road.



Step through into the wood turn right and walk along to the next gate way.

In Maddacleave Wood you are very likely to encounter cyclist tearing down woodland tracks. However if you keep to the route you should be safe enough.



At this next gate turn left and with the gate behind you walk on down through the wood following a wide path. The path is used by cyclist but mainly for coming back up.



Where there is a choice always follow the wider track that zig-zags downhill ignoring the left and right turns that are part of the downhill cycle tracks.



When the wide track splits in two keep right.



A little bit further on turn very sharply right to go downhill. The change of direction is easy to miss but it is the only right turn after the paths split.

Walk on down to a much wider track. The barrier in the photo was missing when I last walked it.





When you reach the wider track turn right and follow the sign to Morwell Rocks and Morwellham

The shortcut comes up from the left so if you are on this walk continue with the Long Walk instructions



Stay on the track which is a county road through a gate which is sometimes closed

About 100m further on a signpost on the right shows two ways to Morwell Rock and Morwellham we want the walkers route so here turn left. It's a bit steep in places so watch your step.

The narrow path takes you through a gate and over a stream just behind it and then along a disused leat cut through the rock

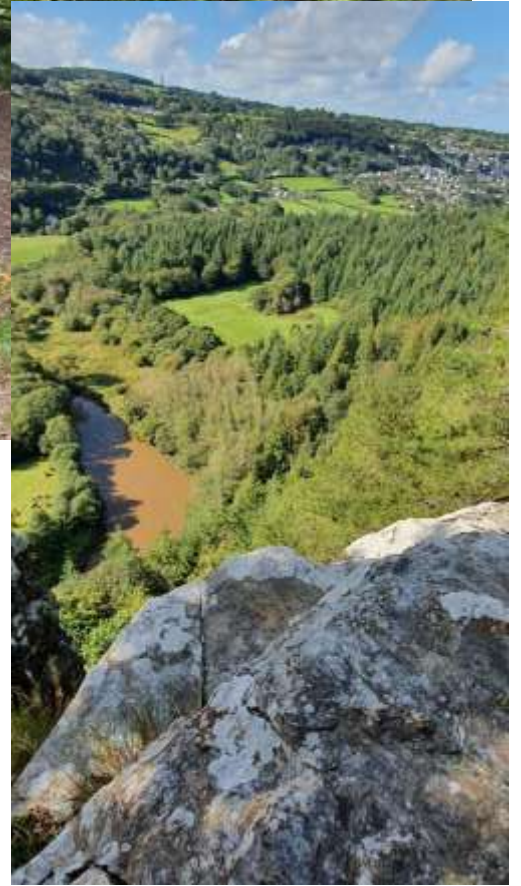
A little bit further on the path makes a sharp right hand turn. Follow it around and through the wood.



Turn right when you reach a woodland road that leads to a reservoir that you may have seen on your left. The reservoir was built in the 1930's and feeds the power station below. When you reach the main road turn right and then straightaway cross over signposted to Morwell Rock to walk down a wide track that leads to Incline cottage.



A short way down this track you arrive at a bench next to a Tavistock Canal information board and a bridge. Go over the bridge to follow a woodland path passing on your way an inclined plane and another information board this time about inclined planes.



The path takes you through the woods all the way to Morwell Rock where you can enjoy a very fine view but please stay behind the barrier it is a very very long way down.

Having taken in the view head off downhill towards Morwellham. When you reach a tarmac road turn left and walk downhill all the way into Morwellham village passing a row of houses on the way.



Arriving in the village centre walk out of the village passing the Ship Inn on your left.

(THE SHORTCUT WALK STARTS HERE)



As the road climbs out of the village it makes a sharp left hand turn. Here go straight ahead towards George and Charlotte copper mine

(A sharper right turn is the access to the hydro-electric power station)



Walk on past the building and on to the railway line which is a public footpath. Unless you have long legs to step on the sleepers it is not a particularly easy to walk on the track best keep to the right. Soon you pass the mine entrance with a mine shaft right next to it. Keep going.



A few yards past where the mine railway exits the tunnel the track starts to become overgrown. Here fork right to walk next to a wall.



Looking over the wall you will see two mooring bollards which are just about all that remains at this end of Newquay a now deserted village and port.



Continuing the walk go under the arch of the inclined plane. On your right you will see the old dock and overgrown buildings and on your left the lime kilns.

Now with the limekilns on your left keep left to walk up hill to a gate.

The old mostly demolished village and quay of Newquay is on your right.





**FOR THE SHORTER WALK TURN LEFT AND WALK UP THE HILL ON THE SHORT CUT.
THEN SCROLL BACK UP TO PAGE 4 TO CONTINUE THE WALK GUIDANCE TO RETURN TO MORWELLHAM.**



**At the next hairpin bend go sharply right.
At all times following a blue arrow. You are
now in a downhill cycle track area so do
keep a look out for bikes.**

For the **LONG WALK follow the footpath
sign to go up through the wood. When you
come to a wide clearing turn sharply left.**



**When you reach a gate turn
left and walk on up the
woodland track which takes
you back to Maddacleave car
park.**