

# Brisworthy Stone Circle

This 5.25 mile walk starts in the village of Meavy and goes via the hamlet of Loveton and the 15th Century farmstead of Durance and on to Brisworthy where you will find the restored stone circle. You will twice cross the Loveton Brook using small granite footbridges and on your return to Meavy cross the River Meavy either by the Higher Meavy Bridge or some stepping stones if the river is low enough. Your return to Meavy is over the western edge of Ringmore Down where there are more antiquities to discover if you wish. (take an OS map with you) You will also pass Marchants Cross another restored antiquity that was twice damaged by runaway cars.

The photos show a lot of soggy ground but it's not surprising it rained nearly every day in February 2024. Hopefully drier when you go on the walk .



# The Royal Oak Inn, Meavy



To book a table, please phone 01822 851924.



Start in the village of Meavy by setting off back towards Yelverton and at the first junction on the very edge of the village turn left.



Go over the river Meavy and bear left onto a narrow sunken lane.

Go through a gate and follow the track around to the right





**Go through another gate and instead of wading through the ford fork left and go over a small granite bridge that spans Loverton Brook.....**



**.....and follow the path as it bends around to the left.**



**The wide grassy path will take you up to a stile on the edge of the wood in front of you**



**Go over the stile and turn left to follow the finger post sign to Loverton.**



**The path follows the edge of the wood**



**Go over another stile.....**



**....and another one to exit the wood. Turn left and walk along the lane to Loverton.**



**Fork right opposite the phone box**



**After about 100m bear around to the right ...**



**...and go over the Loverton brook for the second time.  
Then bear left to go through a gate and up a wide track.**



**Keep left here .**



**When you reach Durance farm go left between the two stone walls by the barn then in the farm yard turn right and walk up the access drive.**

**When you meet the track going downhill keep going uphill.**



**Go over the cattle grid and turn left onto the road**

**This is a well used moorland road that takes some quite heavy traffic but you are only walking on it for about 300m. Stay on the right to face the traffic and cross to the wide verge on the left when you can.**





**Stay on the wide verge and then as it swings sharply right turn left onto a much smaller lane.**



**Follow the little lane around a bend and then turn right to Brisworthy which is out of bounds to troops.**



**At the end of the tarmac lane keep to the left of the large barn and walk up the track to the moor gate.**



**Go through the moor gate and immediately fork left**



**Ignore the vehicle tracks and keep following the stone wall around to the left**



**Go over the stile and up on to Ringmore Down and fork right.**



**Briseworthy Stone Circle is about 200m away next to the fence line on the other side of the dense patch of gorse in front of you which you now have to go around by forking left away from the fence line.**



**Having gone around the gorse patch walk on down to the stone circle.**



**To return to Meavy stand on the far side of the circle look back to where you came from and take the track that passes by the upper side which should be on your right.**

*(If you want to look for the cairns the enclosure the stone row and pillow mounds shown on the OS map now is the time. Then make your way to Ringmore Cottage)*



**At the first Y junction keep right**



**Then a little further on when you meet this wider track go left.**



**Follow this track around to the right to walk parallel with Brisworthy Plantation about 150m away on your left.**



**Keep right as you go past Briseworthy Plantation**



**Keep following the wide grassy track  
without turning left or right.**



**In about 10 minutes when Ringmore Cottage  
comes into view walk on down to it.**



**Go over the stile and down to the road.**

**Turn left and then immediately go across the road on to a wide grassy track that narrows as it goes down the hill.**

*(This is apparently an early medieval track that once went up towards Whiteworks)*



**When you reach this corner keep left and follow the fence all the way down to a tarmac road.**

**On the way down you get a glimpse of Meavy village.**





**Turn left when you reach the road**



**Turn right when you reach Marchants Cross and walk on down to the river....**



**...where you have the choice of going over the stepping stones or using the road bridge.**





**Stay on the road and when you reach Meavy primary school turn left and walk back to your car...**



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**Marchants Cross**

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