

Wheal Jewell Reservoir Walk



The walk, which is about 6 miles with no steep hills to climb, starts in Mary Tavy.

To reach the start take the A386 from Tavistock towards Okehampton and turn right next to the Mary Tavy Inn. Go down the hill and over the bridge and after you have passed the school on your left find a convenient place to park. (Dog walkers there are lots of stiles)

Set off the way you are facing along the road walking away from the school soon arriving at a bridge over the Cholwell Brook.





Go over the bridge and take the next right turn by Brookside cottage to walk up Roundsleys Lane.

Over the bridge and up the field..



...then veer left before you reach the fence line.



Go through the gate just down from the fence line in the top corner of the field.



Over a stone stile and across a field



Over a wooden stile past fencing on your right then over another stile and finally....



go over the last wall which has cantilever stone steps on either side and turn left to walk up the lane.



The tarmac road becomes a dirt track that becomes a moorland track

Go through the right-hand-side gate and on to Kingsett Down and follow the hedge/wall on your right for half a mile, (about 800m) until it makes a sharp right hand turn.



Dead ahead in the far distance you will see a building on the edge of Wheal Jewell reservoir a good place to stop for a coffee.



With the building and reservoir behind you set of down the track and when you reach the houses turn left to walk along the road.



Stay on the road for about 150m and then take the first right turn signposted to Creason that soon becomes an unmade up track.

Stay on this track all the way down hill through gates and passing several houses and a farm finally emerging on a lane just past the Old School House. Turn right and



walk on down hill for about 50m and then turn right again. Go through the pedestrian gate to walk down to the river and leat which serves the hydro electric power station in Mary Tavy.





You have now reached Hill Bridge a popular spot for picnics by the river.



You are now going to follow the leat for just over a mile first going over the metal bridge.



**Turn right when
the leat goes
under a lane.**

**Walk up the lane
and after you have
passed a few
houses keep left...**



**...and then go
left again at the
phone box.**

**Walk down the road for
150m towards the
Elephants nest pub (now
closed) but before you
reach the old pub fork left
along a wet track called
Brimhill Lane.**





When the track bends left go right over a stile into a field



cross over the field to a ladder stile. Go over and turn left down a track on the other side.



Go through a gate and bend right to walk between a hedge and fence.



When you reach an open field fork left to go across to the far corner



...and then over the stile and straight across the next field keeping close to the hedge on your left.



Go over the ladder stile...



..and on the other side go diagonally left across the field to go through a metal gate in the far corner and onto a farm track.



Keep following the track to go past the chimney. This building which is known as a Dry is where the miners dried their clothes and is the only surviving example on Dartmoor.



Just past the chimney go straight ahead through the mud and over the stile and follow the path in front of you.



When you reach a metal gate go left along the edge of the field.



Turn right and walk on down the edge of the next field towards the church.



**Over the stile and into the church yard.
At present this is a challenging stile.**



**Turn left and walk around the church yard
keeping the church on your right.**



**When you reach the road turn right and
walk back to your car.**

Useful links

Wheal Friendship Mine

https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV4185&resourceID=104

Hill Bridge Leat

https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV26314&resourceID=104

Wheal Jewell

https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wm16KY_Wheal_Jewell_Reservoir



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