

BuStop WALKS



Anderton Lay By A386 to Double Waters

A 6.5 mile circular walk that should take about 3 hours excluding stopping for a picnic and taking photos



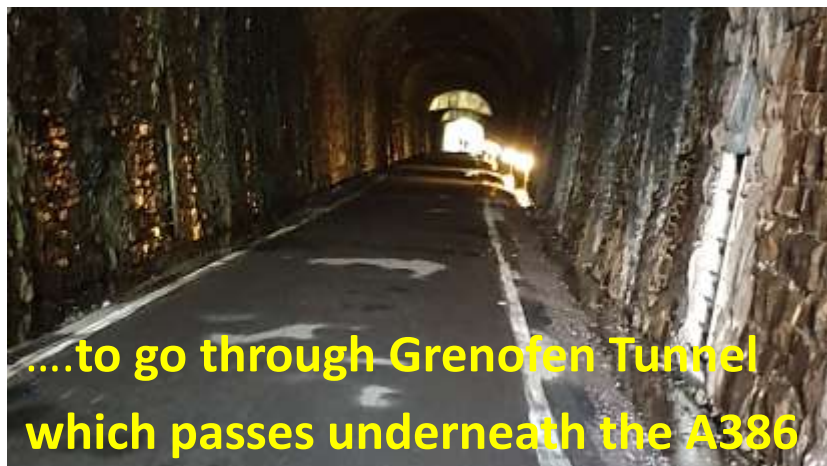
This BuStop walk will take you through Grenofen tunnel over Gem bridge across the north end of Roborough Down on to Double Waters and back via West Down returning to the bus stop on the other side of the A386. Your Bus stop is Anderton Lay-by. The bus won't stop unless you ring the bell. Coming from Tavistock ring the bell having gone around the roundabout leading into Buzzard Way and when you can see the brown Whitchurch Inn sign on your left. From Plymouth ring the bell when you go down the hill after passing through Grenofen at the top of the hill.



With the bus stop behind you walk towards Tavistock to the junction with Anderton lane and turn right. If you are coming from Plymouth cross the A386 first.



At the bottom of the hill turn right onto Drakes Trail a combined footpath and cycle track and stay on the tarmac path...



...to go through Grenofen Tunnel which passes underneath the A386



Over a raised board walk that was rebuilt in 2023.



And then over Gem bridge built in 2012



Having gone over Gem bridge and a just past a wall of railway sleepers fork left. Then staying roughly parallel with the cycle track walk up to a bridge by keeping right at various forks in the woodland path.



Then fork right to go over the railway bridge believed to be called Skew Bridge.



Follow the wide track up through the wood and turn right when you reach a crossroads of grassy tracks



After a couple of hundred yards fork left



Quite quickly meeting another crossroads of grassy tracks. Here go straight across and stay on this track until you meet a road.



Turn right and walk down the hill.



The tarmac path ends at a house but keep going on the unmade up slightly muddy track



You will eventually come to a bridge which was rebuilt in September 2023. Cross over.



Having gone over the bridge you have now reached Double Waters.



Continuing, start to walk up the River Tavy but quite quickly turn right to go into a tall rock cutting called Goat Rock. Take care it can be a bit slippery as you go through.



You will now find that the river Walkham is now on your right and you are going to follow it for just over a mile, but first you must get around a couple of houses. The track you are on becomes a short steep concrete track.



At the top of the short incline you meet this junction of tracks. Here turn right and walk on down the unmade up drive to go past the houses on your right. Stay on the obvious track to eventually reach once more the river Walkham now on your right.



Stay on the rooty rocky woodland path with the river on your right for about a mile.



You can walk right next to the river all the way but if you keep to the path that veers away from the river you come across old moss encrusted mine buildings and a chimney built but probably never used as the flue is quite clean inside.



Passing the chimney you arrive at this stonemasons wall where elvan rock was shaped having been cut from the quarry in the woodland above.



Quite soon after the stonemasons wall turn left to go up through woodland on a zig zag path. You can avoid the muddy sunken bridleway by taking a short cut up through the wood.



There is even a sign post for you to follow going up the hill



Emerging from the woodland at the top of the hill keep the wall on your right. Go around a corner to reach a gate.



Go through the gate and walk ahead down the road.



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then at the bottom of the steep hill
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