

The Four Bridges Walk

Magpie Viaduct Gem bridge Grenofen bridge Horrabridge bridge



This walk starts in the village of Horrabridge between Yelverton and Tavistock on the A386.

The walk will take you up on to Roborough Down and then underneath the viaduct seen in the top photo. You will then walk through the Walkham valley to go under Gem bridge built in 2012 and carries route 27 cycle track. Then staying in the valley to walk the river bank to go over Grenofen bridge. Then climbing out of the valley and going through a long since disused railway tunnel and past mine workings you return to Horrabridge and walk back over the bridge in the middle of the village.

Wherever you have parked in Horrabridge walk back up towards the church fork left into Station Road and with the church on your left walk up to the A386. Cross over into Old Station Road and walk to the top of the road.



You could of course catch a bus to Horrabridge and from the bus stop walk back up to Station Road.



Go through the little gate and



..cross over the road and up the track perhaps pausing to read the information board all about Horrabridge.



**Keep following the track with the hedge/
stone wall on your right until it makes a
sharp right turn.**



**Go around the bend and fork slightly right.
Then look to the horizon and follow the
grassy tracks that aim straight for Brent Tor
Church on the horizon until it disappears.**



**Then take the path that leads you
steeply downhill to the stream on the
valley floor and start to follow it.**



Keep the stream on your right as you go under the viaduct ..



...and then fork left...



..and then in 50m fork right...



...to follow the well used track through the woodland. Turn left when you arrive at a wide track.



Take the right hand footpath



You need to fork left but there is a fallen tree in the way so fork right to go around it until its cleared away.



If you want to go up to the top there is a small gate on your left with a zig zag path behind that you can take.

Gem Bridge was officially opened on 22nd May 2012, costing £2.1M The previous iron girder bridge was demolished in the 1960's. It was named after Little Gem mine which you will walk past.



*The original
riverside path
has now been
largely
washed
away.*

**Having gone under Gem Bridge go
straight ahead and follow the leat .**



**When the leat is blocked by the spoil heap
from Gem mine walk over it keeping close
to the barbed wire fence on your left**



Keep following the leat



At the end of the leat go sharply right down the embankment to reach the river bank. Take the path that is close to the river and walk up to Grenofen Bridge.



Go over the bridge and walk up the road but only as far as you can see.



Turn right and go through this gate



Go through the gate at the end of the track and walk up the steep woodland path.



When you reach the cycle track turn left



Grenofen Tunnel designed and built by Isambard K Brunel in 1859

Keep on the left through the tunnel next to the lights as you will be more easily seen by cyclist. You may need an umbrella!



50m the other side of the tunnel turn right and walk up to the A386. (If you want to stop here you can take a bus back to Horrbridge.)

Walk around to the other side of the building. (which was once the Half Way House pub)





Go down the gated road and turn right when you reach Whitchurch Road. Walk up the road for about 100m.



Opposite Branson Park fork left to walk up Fullamoor lane for slightly over a mile.



A footpath crosses the road and here turn right and go over the stile into a field.



Walk next to the hedge/fence on your left all the way to the farm.



Go through the gate and then leave the farm by going over the ladder stile ahead of you.



Follow the well used path out to a driveway. Go over the stile and turn left to walk up past the Old Mine House



**When you reach the slate fronted
Old Mine House keep dead ahead.**



Stay by the field edge...



**...over the stream and immediately left
up a fenced in path and over a stile.**



Follow the well used path through the wood passing all the mine workings.

Go past a building on your left and lots of spoil heaps in the wood on your right.



Turn right when you reach this gate...

...and walk on down hill passing this huge spoil heap on your right.





Go through this gate



and then this one



When you reach a junction turn left to walk behind Grimstone Manor and then....



...fork left and walk along their access driveway.





About 50m before the drive meets the road turn right through the gate.

Through the parkland.



Across a track in the parkland

When you reach this gate go straight across the track and through the next gate





You are following a well used footpath that takes you down through the fields and gates and along a sunken path that comes out in....



...the car park of the Leaping Salmon.

Go out to the road and turn left.



And here is the last bridge. Built in about 1400 this grade 1 listed bridge in the middle of the village of Horrabridge spans the river Walkham.



Cross over the bridge and walk back to your car or to the top of the hill for the bus.