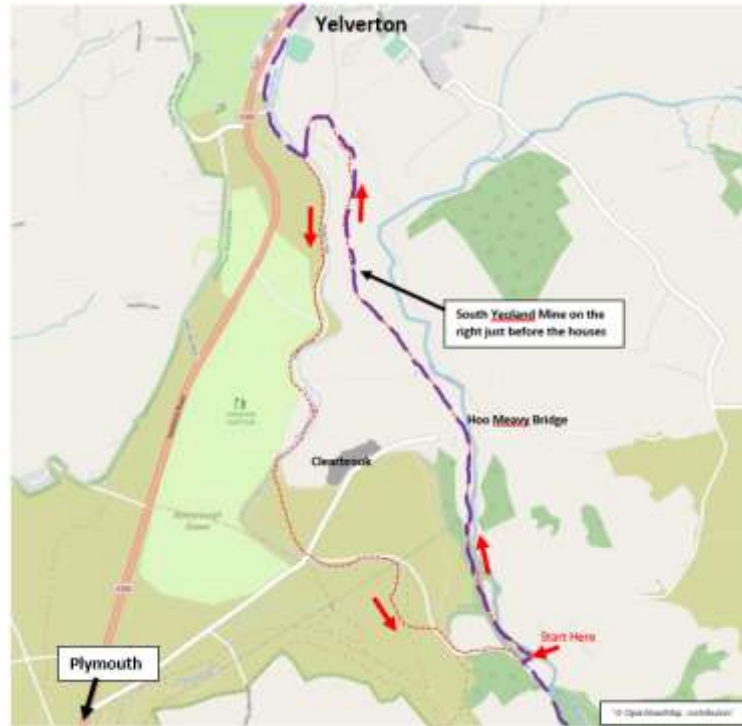


Walking the West Devon Way

Walk 5

Goodameavy Bridge to Yelverton



This walk is just over 4 miles and is a bit of an industrial archaeology walk as you will pass by South Yeoland tin mine, walk next to the Plymouth, Devonport and Clearbrook leats and also on the Granite tramway built in 1823. You will walk next to and under the railway that ran between Plymouth and Tavistock and which closed in the mid 1950's

On Walk 4 we left the West Devon Way at Goodameavy bridge and went back to Bickleigh railway bridge. This time we are going to set off from Goodameavy bridge. To find it turn off the A386 towards Clearbrook and take the second right turn which is next to a small bridge and car park and quite some way before you reach the village.



At the bottom of the hill go left under Goodameavy bridge. The best place to park is 50m on just past the little hump back bridge that crosses the River Meavy. The start point is SX 528 645. The nearest satnav post code PL6 7AP.



Setting off from the car walk back over the little bridge and turn right on to the West Devon Way by going over a stile and into the meadow next to the river. This is a well walked path that closely follows the river Meavy, which is on your right, all the way to Hoo Meavy bridge passing over 2 stiles and going through a gate.



On reaching Hoo Meavy bridge, go over the ladder stile and on to the road and turn left....



...and then almost immediately fork right to keep following the river. Stay on this public footpath/private road with the river on your right as far as you can go. You will pass by the moss encrusted South Yeoland tin mine on your right just before you meet the houses that the road serves.



At the end of the road fork left to go through a gate and with fencing on your right stay on this path all the way to another private road passing through a kissing gate and walking next to the disused railway line on your left high up in the wood.



On reaching another private road turn left, go under the bridge, and follow the road around to the right.



At the next junction go left and walk up the private road ignoring a drive leading to the Coach House.



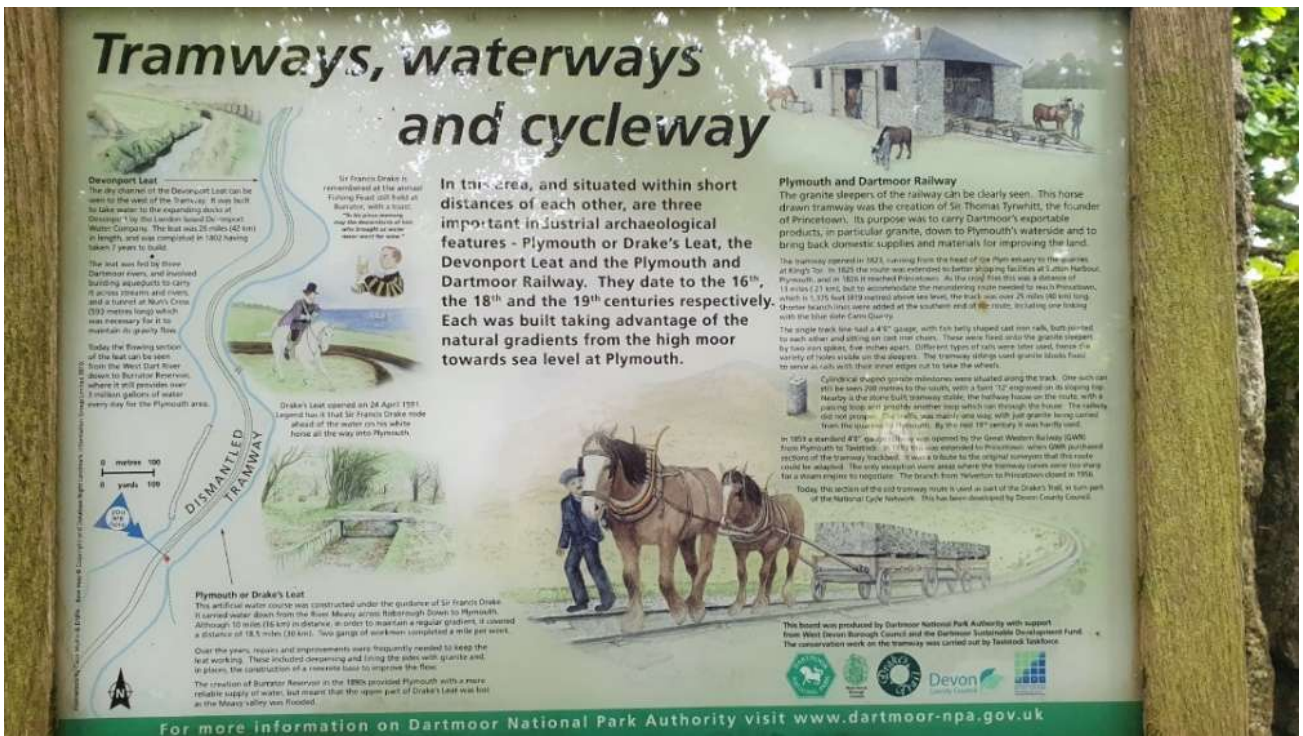
Go through the gate and passing a cottage on your right walk on up to the cycle track.



Here we turn left to return to the start and is where we leave the **West Devon Way** which now turns right.



To return to your car at Goodameavy Bridge and having turned left follow the cycle track (**Route 27**) passing through 2 gates and possibly a very docile Belted Galloway cow. You are now walking on an old horse drawn tramway that had granite sleepers. The railway transported mostly granite to the docks in Plymouth that had been taken from quarries on Dartmoor.



Next to the second gate you walk through there is an information board telling you all about the tramway.



After studying the information board by the second gate walk on just a little bit further and then fork left off the cycle track.



Go over the leat and then straight on towards a car park on the horizon. This is a shortcut as the cycle track goes in a big loop and comes out at the same place.



When you reach the road cross over the leat bridge then turn immediately left to follow the dry leat which should be on your left.



On reaching the second footbridge cross back over the leat and walk on down the wide grassy track in front of you.



In about 150m you will reach a wide junction of paths. Here turn left and follow the grassy track out to the road. On reaching the road turn right and walk on down the hill under the bridge and back to your car.



On the next walk you will visiting the Garden House