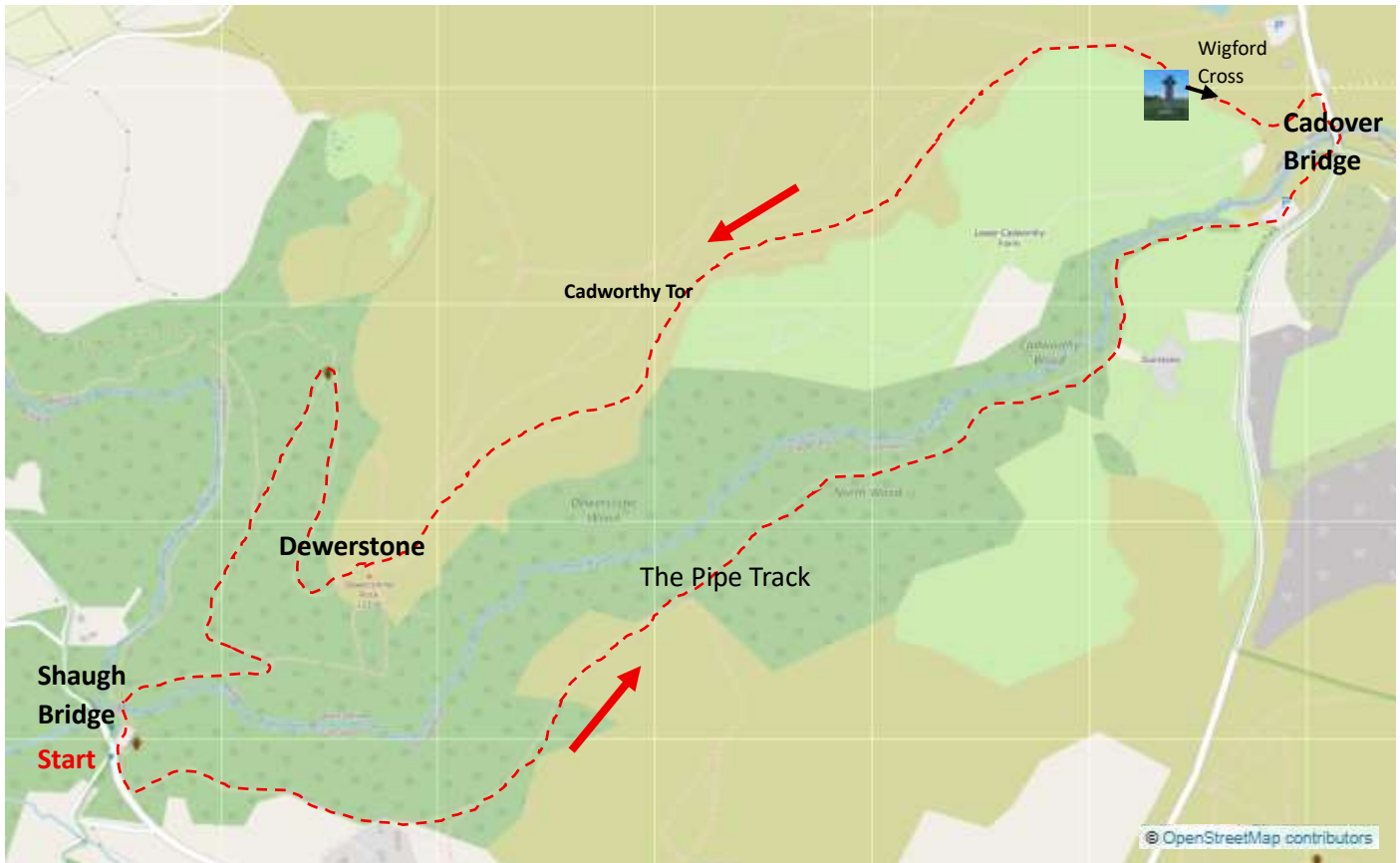


# River Plym from Sea to Source

## Walk 5

### Shaugh Bridge to Cadover Bridge



The 4.5 mile walk starts in the car park next to Shaugh Bridge. The car park was once the loading bay for china clay that was sent down from Cadover in pipes to settling tanks that can be seen above the car park and which you will walk past. The footpath between Shaugh Bridge and Cadover bridge is locally known as the Pipe Track as it follows the pipes which you will see in the path.



From the car park walk up the steep flight of granite steps and follow the path at the top signposted to Cadover Bridge



**Go through a pedestrian gate and then walk straight ahead on a wide but indistinct route through the woodland.**



**At the fork you can go either way. The right fork has distant views the left fork follows the pipe and looks down through the woodland.**



**A view of the pipe you will see along the route**



**At the next gate keep following the tracks through the woodland by forking either left or right but still going up hill**



**The tracks merge at the highest point of the walk by an abandoned building. Go around the building and follow the pipes.**



**On your left you will soon have a fine view of the Dewerstone Rock where you may see climbers going up or abseiling down.**



**When you reach the metal pipe go through the gate and straight on**



**Again here you can go either way over the top or close to the river**



**You are now walking almost level with the river**



**When you reach Cadover bridge car park walk along the river bank and then go over Cadover bridge.**



**Once over the bridge take the first left turn along a farm track**



**Having past by a couple of drainage pipes on your left fork right up the slope towards the Cross on Wigford Down also known as Cadover Cross.**



**Walk up to the granite cross**



**Standing by the cross you will see a stone wall on your left. You can now follow the wall or at least keep it in view all the way until the Dewerstone comes into view just before you reach Cadworthy tor.**



Go on past Cadworthy Tor and follow the wide tracks to the Dewerstone passing through a prehistoric fort.



As you reach the top of the Dewerstone keep to the right and start to walk behind it.



**You will quickly see a narrow but well used track that heads off down into the woods.**



**The woodland path takes you down to the end of a much wider level track. Follow this track that once served the granite quarries on your right until you reach the winding gear of the inclined plane railway.**



**When you reach the end of the track turn sharply left and walk down the inclined plane that once carried granite down to a lower railway track**



**When you reach the lower railway track fork left and follow it all the way down to the river passing more quarries on your left.**



**Cross over the river and you will find the car park on the other side.**

Here is some historical information for you

**Mines at Shaugh Bridge**

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2396&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2396&resourceID=104)

**The Pipe** <https://heritagerecords.nationaltrust.org.uk/HBSMR/MonRecord.aspx?uid=MNA105570>

**Dewerstone Hill Fort** [https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2380&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2380&resourceID=104)

**Granite quarrying at the Dewerstone**

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV80768&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV80768&resourceID=104)

**The Dewerstone Quarries.** <https://dartmooreexplorations.co.uk/dewerstone-quarries/>

**Cadover Cross** [https://www.legendarydartmoor.co.uk/2016/03/16/cadover\\_cross/](https://www.legendarydartmoor.co.uk/2016/03/16/cadover_cross/)

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1009188?section=official-list-entry>



