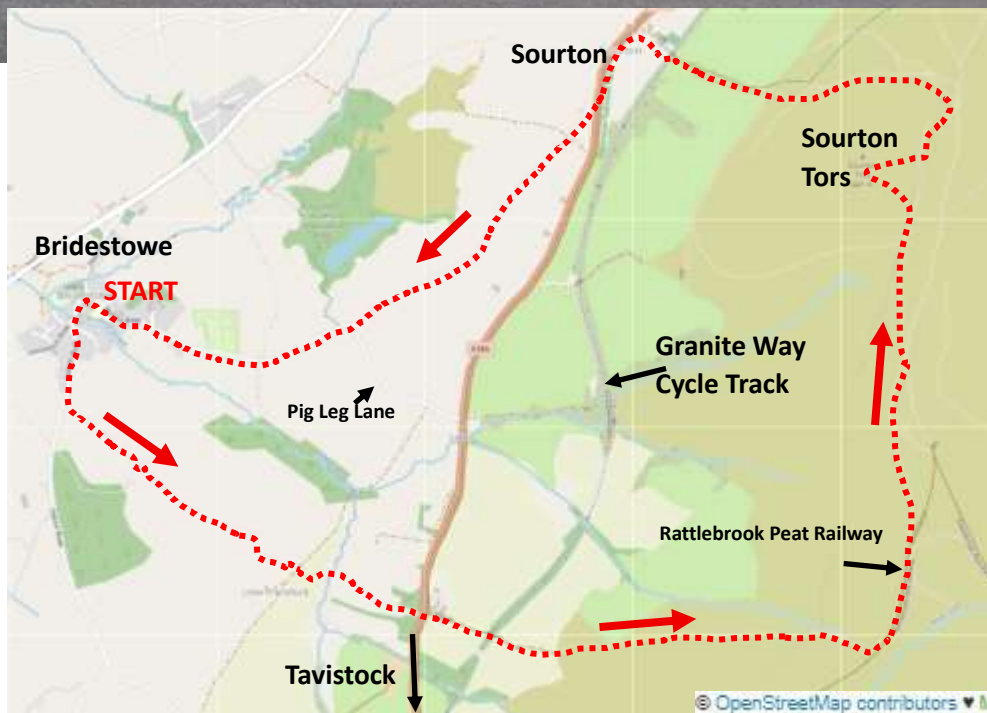


Bridestowe Sourton Tors and the Highwayman

This is 6 mile walk that's starts here in Bridestowe and goes up to Sourton Tors and then down the other side to pass the Highwayman pub on the way back to Bridestowe. There are stiles and also a stiff climb up to the top of the Tor. The walk starts by Bridestowe church.



From the church walk back to the centre of the village to pass the White Hart pub on your left and then carry on up Station Road signposted to Tavistock which is probably the road you came in on.

Walk past all the houses on your right and then 50 yards past the derestriction signs



go over the stile on your left and veering slightly right cross over the field to reach a gate.

Go through the gate over the stream and straight across the field aiming for a five bar gate just to the left of the white house.



Go through the gate and along a track to reach a driveway.



Go straight across the driveway and keep following the way markers

**Through 2 gates and up the side of a field to reach another gate.
(It's all well waymarked.)**



**A spring emerges just on the other side of the hedge making the access to this gate quite wet.
Best to stay close to the fence on your right.**



**Go through the gate ahead of you
and then turn immediately left
and go through another gate.**

**Having gone through this gate stay
close to the left side of the field
passing through into a second field.**



**At the far side of the second field go
through the gate and turn right to walk
around two sides of this field and down to
the very far righthand corner.**



Through the gate and straight across the track and through the gate on the other side

Walk along the edge of the tree lined boundary on your left to reach a stile



Go over the stile and then straight ahead to where the field bends left and becomes quite damp



You should now see a bridge ahead of you and when you reach it another one further on. Go over both of them.

On the other side of the second bridge go left and walk next to the post and wire fence.



It may look impassable but there is a good track through the soft rush.



On reaching the field veer right towards the top righthand corner to a stile/gate.



Go over the stile and across the A386 and walk up to the farm road on the other side.

Go up the farm road passing a bungalow on your right and barns on your left.



The wide well used farm track passes over The Granite Way cycle track.



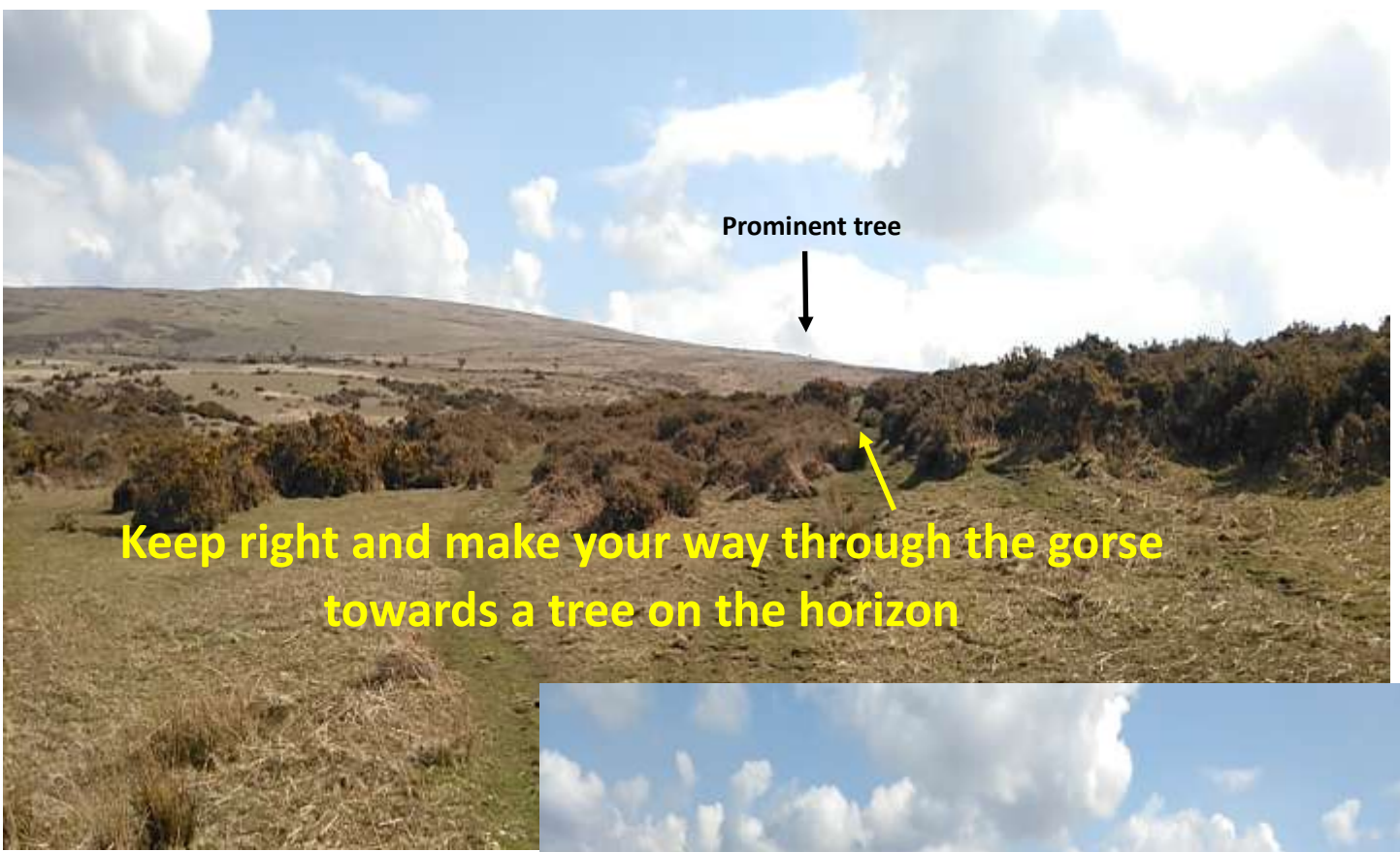
At the choice of gates go through the lefthand side one and stay on the track to reach the moor gate.



Go through the gate and then veer left very slightly and head up hill....



..with the gorse on your right start the long climb up.



Keep right and make your way through the gorse towards a tree on the horizon

The path sort of comes and goes but just keep on heading up hill near enough in a straight line towards the prominent tree on the skyline.





When you reach this dry valley (where there is a small row of stones that once formed the end of The Kings Wall) walk up it going slightly away from the tree.

When you reach the old Rattlebrook Peat Railway line turn left and walk along it passing the prominent tree on your right about 100m away.



After no more than 500m along the track fork left to go along a well used path.

Sourton Tors

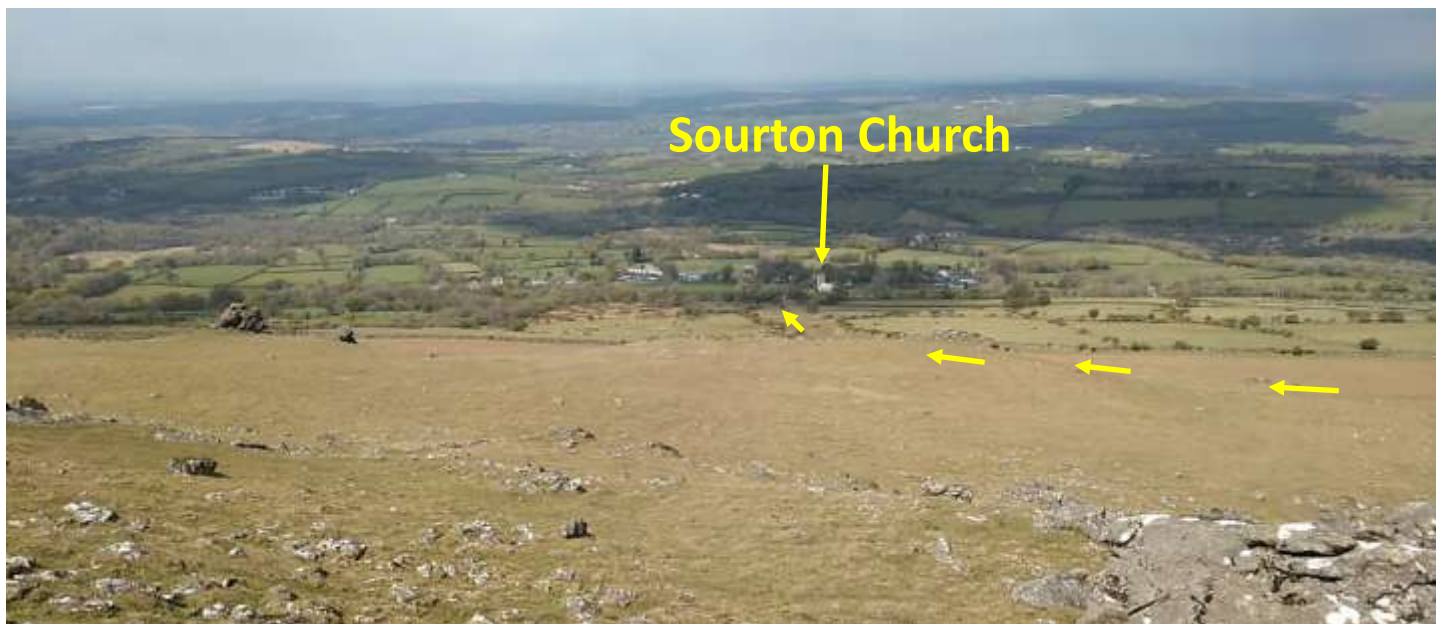


Getting closer. Stay following the track

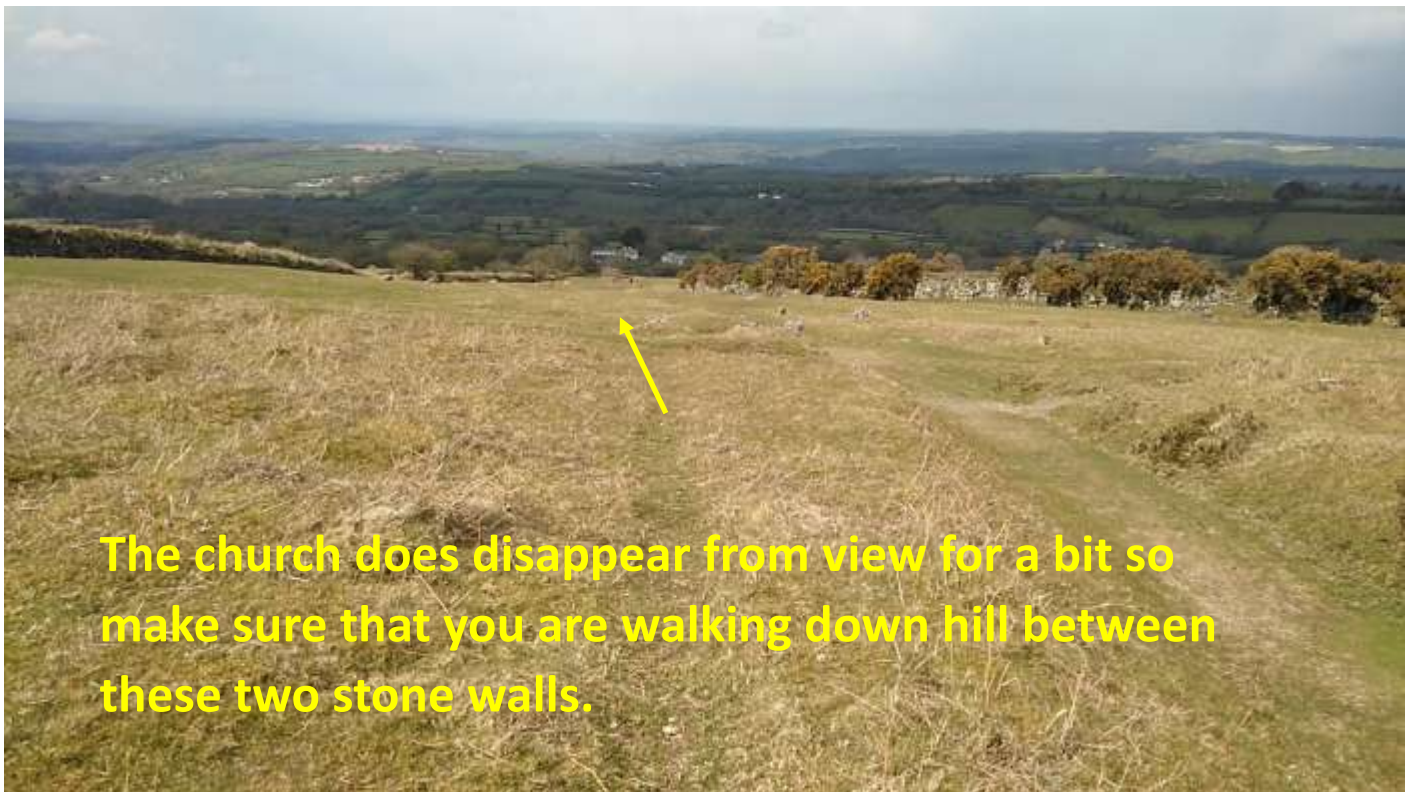
You will soon reach a path that will lead you up to the top of Sourton Tors



Nearly at the highest point of the walk



Having taken in the views from the top its time to come down. We are heading towards and passing by Sourton Church. To get there you can either go in a straight line (Not dangerous but somewhat challenging) or turn right and go initially towards Meldon Reservoir and then loop to the left to get down hill more slowly.



The church does disappear from view for a bit so make sure that you are walking down hill between these two stone walls.

The walls funnel you into a well-used track that yet again goes over the Granite Way and then past the church.



Having gone past the church you very soon meet the A386 again and on the opposite side of the road the Highwayman Inn apparently Britain's most unusual inn. Turn left



...and walk along the pavement. Go past the bus stop and when you reach a gate on your left cross over the road and go down the path between the tall yellow house and the stone barn.



Follow the path to go behind the barn and very soon you will go through a gate into a farmland. In the first two fields the hedge is on the right and thereafter always on your left.



You will now pass through 9 fields following



the pale purple



Dartmoor Way way markers and yellow public footpath signs



passing through



gates and over



ladder stiles



until you eventually



reach

.....Pig Leg Lane which will take you back to Bridestowe and perhaps a drink in the White Hart.



Bridestowe