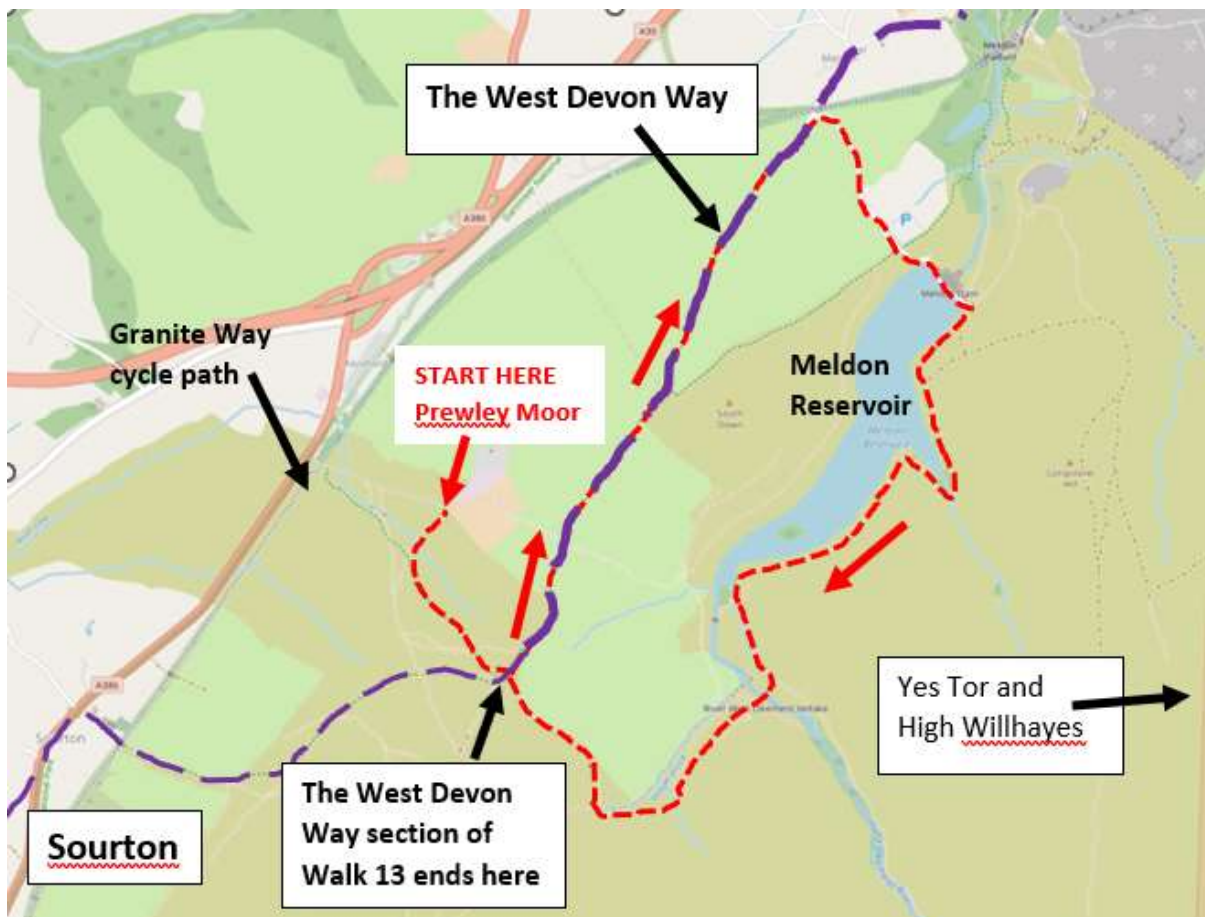


Walking the West Devon Way

Walk 14 Prewley Moor to Meldon Reservoir



This is a 5 mile walk but which could be incorporated into walk 13 to make a 9 mile walk. This walk basically takes you around Meldon reservoir. It's a reasonably level walk until you leave the reservoir when there a bit of a uphill climb. The walk starts on Prewley moor just down from the Water Works building.





To reach the start from Tavistock drive towards Okehampton. After going past the Highwayman pub at Sourton look out for a large green road sign on the left which tells you there are services in half a mile. Here turn right onto a single track road immediately opposite the sign.

From Okehampton come off the A30 signposted to Tavistock turn left on to the A386. Go past the Pump and Pedal cycle hire turning on the left then in another 200m take the very next easy to miss left turn.

Now drive up as far as you can go to a parking spot at the top of the road just down from the water works gate.



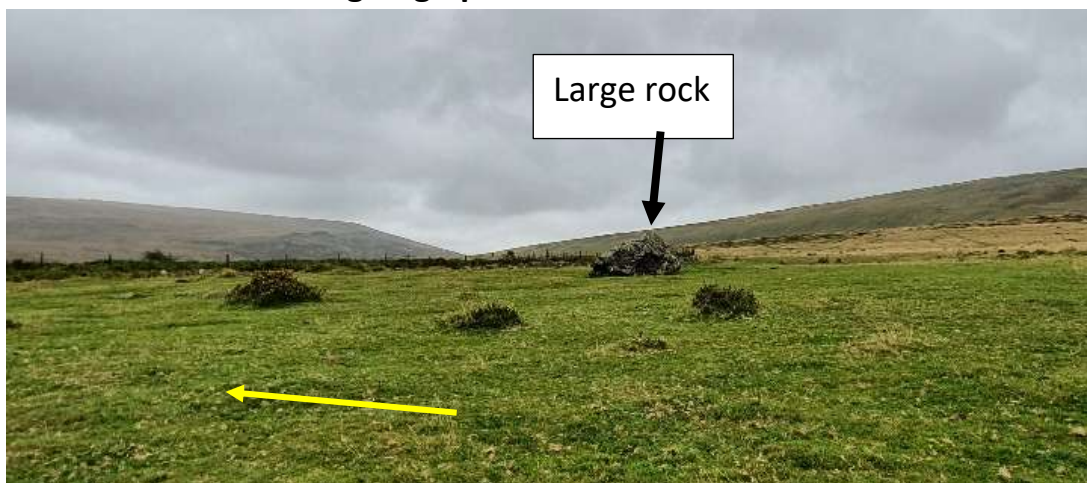
Looking at Sourton Tor set of from your car by taking the less obvious route through the bracken. It soon becomes an obvious cart track.



Follow this wide grassy cart track which bends left to go up hill.



Part way up when you reach a junction take the wider track still going up hill.



When you reach the large rock turn left.
You are now back on the West Devon Way. (The walk comes back here where you retrace your steps to return to your car)



Follow the wall on your right to a gate. Go through the gate and follow the bridleway and way markers for The Dartmoor Way and West Devon Way. The track becomes a driveway and then a lane. In about a mile and a quarter you will reach a bridge over the road.



The bridge is where we leave the West Devon Way and return via Meldon Reservoir. Turn right just before the bridge and stay on this lane all the way to the reservoir passing a DNP car park on your left.



Walk over the dam to the otherside.

(There is a picnic bench here but a better one on the other side)



When you reach the otherside you will find a reservoir boundary fence on your right next to a wide gravelly track. It's this fence that you now need to follow for the next mile.



A couple of hundred yards further on you will arrive at a gate on your right. Behind the gate is a path leading to some picnic benches.



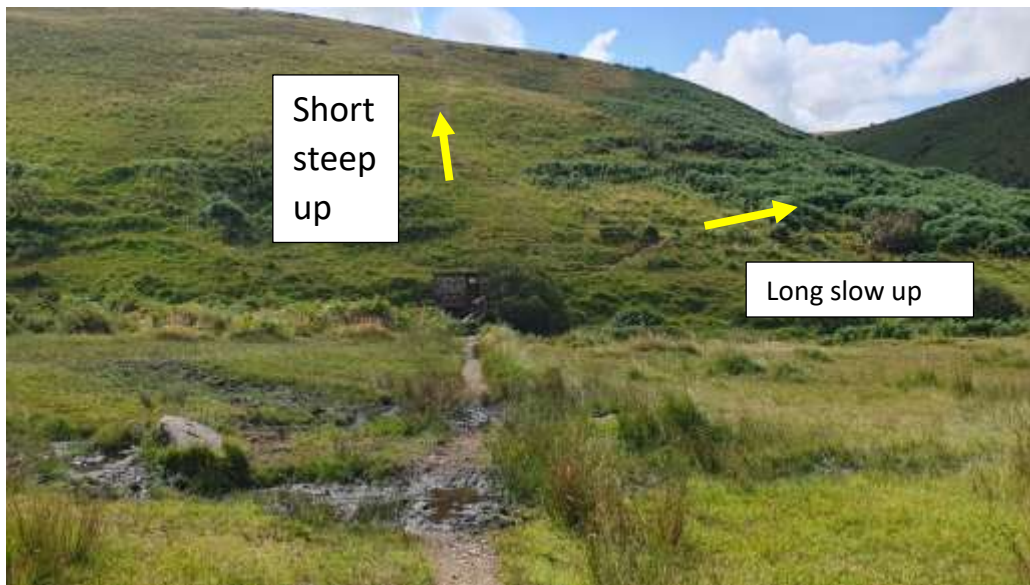
Go over the little bridge and keep following the fence.



The path, with the fence now below you, will take you all the way to the end of the reservoir where it opens out to a level meadow.



When you reach the meadow don't cross the bridge but keep going along the path.



When you reach the weir you have a choice of a short steep up or a long slow up. I prefer the short steep as the long slow is rather rocky and does run with water even in the summer.



Cross over the weir and chose your path.



Both paths are well walked and end up at the same place.



With the river valley on your right follow the path to some old mining activity where you cross over the stream.



Having crossed over at the head of the combe then after walking up a wide track look for the wall on your right and follow it quite closely.



When the wall turns right walk on past the big rock and retrace your steps back down the hill



and back to your car.