

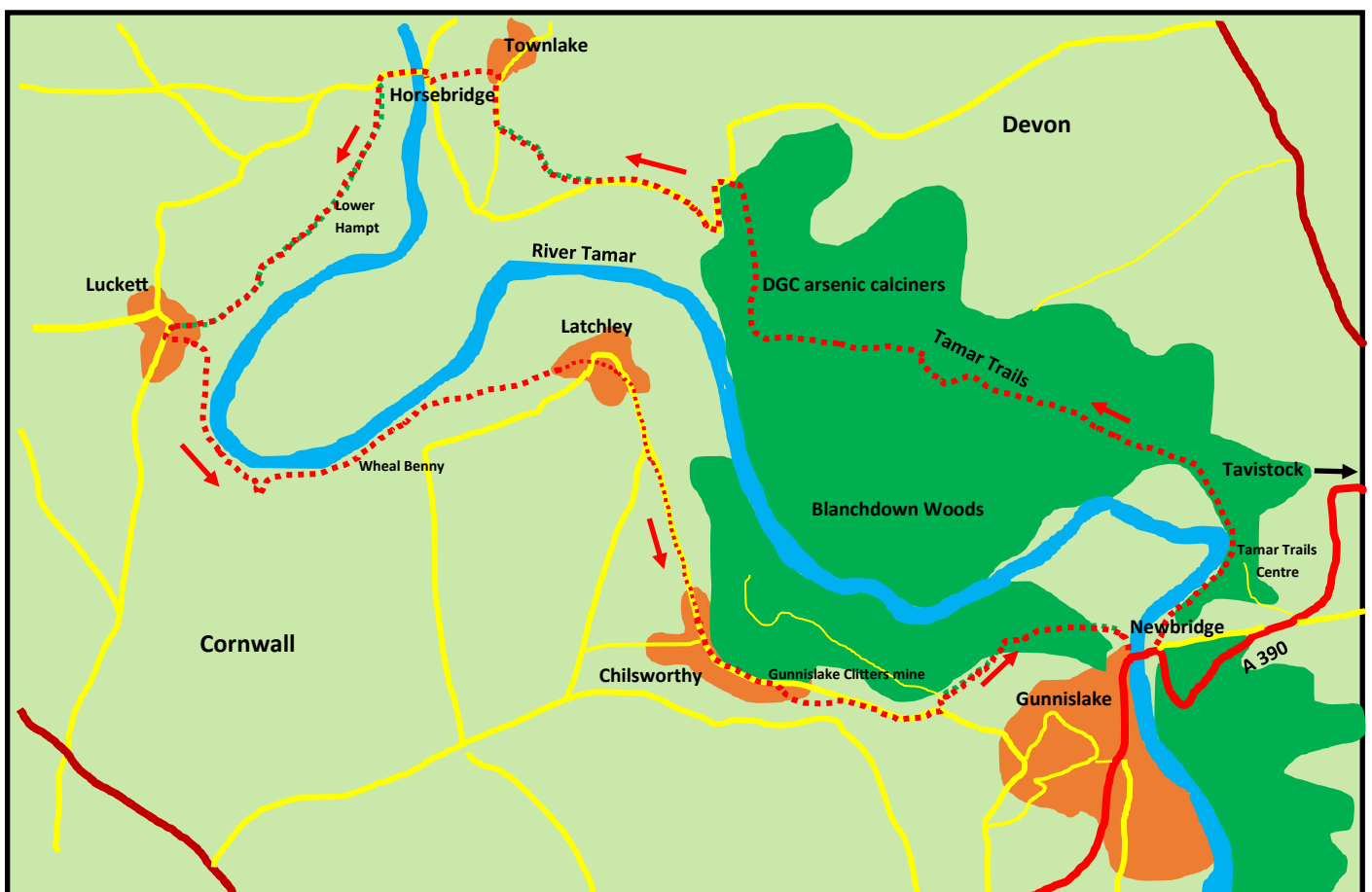
Walk 10 Horsebridge to Newbridge

This last walk in the Tamar Valley is the longest one at 9.3 miles. I've started at Horsebridge because if you time it right you can end the walk with a celebratory drink at the Royal a pub on the east bank of the Tamar next to the 15th Century bridge. If you have completed all of the preceding 9 walks then except for 3 very short sections of road the whole of the walk on the Cornwall side will be new to you. On the Devon side we will walk along a bit of the Tamar Trails again some of it will be new to you if you didn't do the shortcut in [Walk 7](#). You will also recognise a bit of footpath around a field between Scrubtor and Townlake but it won't be quite the same as you will be walking in the opposite direction.

You will pass briefly through the village of Lockett described in [Walk 8](#) and then go on via Greenscombe Nature Reserve and Wheal Benny to reach Latchley and Chilsworthy.

On the Devon side more than half of the walk is through Blanchdown Woods which is where you will find Devon Great Consoles ([Walk 7](#)).

Be aware that when you reach Newbridge and turn left behind what was once the Toll house you will be walking on a private road for about half a mile along a track well used by local dog walkers. I have only included this route as it is so well used by the public.





Find a parking space near the pub at Horsebridge PL19 8PJ SX400749. However if you can't you could drive to Lockett (drive over the bridge and turn left) and park in the village car park PL17 8NJ, SX389736 as the walk goes past it.

The walk follows the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail from Horsebridge all the way to Gunnislake so you need to look out for the posts with the apple emblem on them for the next 6 km or 3.75 miles.

First walk over the bridge into Cornwall



On the other side of the bridge as you go around the second bend in the road turn left. Follow this track passing Lower Hampt part of a settlement dating from the middle ages.

Just past the house where the drive bend sharply right the path goes left into a field. Stay on the path all the way to Lockett.

When you arrive in Lucketts turn left go over the bridge and then take the next left turn or take a shortcut through the village carpark. The road eventually becomes an unsurfaced track and then a footpath which goes through Greenscombe Wood Nature



Reserve home of the rare Heath Fritillary butterfly.



Follow the footpath signs and don't go through any gates.

When you arrive at this very convenient bench you will have walked nearly 3 miles so perhaps pause for a cup of coffee. It's a lovely walk through the woods which follows the Tamar all the way. At the end of the footpath fork right onto an unsurfaced road that leads into Latchley.



Go straight across the first cross roads and straight through the village without turning left or right. Its a pretty village somewhat marred by the steep hill you have to walk up on the way out.

Its about a mile of road walking between Latchley and the White Hart Inn at Chilsworthy. Keep left at the two junctions you pass.

When you reach the White Hart pub fork right and walk up a signposted footpath (ignore the second footpath sign on your right a little bit further along). Soon you will find yourself walking next to a dismantled railway on your right that once continued to Callington but which now stops at Gunnislake.



When the path meets the road next to a railway bridge go left and stay on this road and take the second left into Bitthams lane.



On your way to Bitthams lane you will pass Gunnislake Clitters mine chimney and numerous other buildings all now in a derelict state. The mine is located on land owned by the Duchy Of Cornwall, Prince Charles, but he is quite happy for you to go and explore.

Walk along Bitthams lane but only for about 50m. Then turn right next a row of cottages called Bakers Row. From here its down hill all the way to the Tamar.





When the path meets the driveway of a house fork right then a bit further on fork right again to walk down to Gunnislake New Bridge.

Using the refuges on the left hand side walk over the bridge.

Turn left to go behind the Toll

House into a **private road**.

The road you are now on very soon becomes a pot holed track. Stay on this largely level track for about three quarters of a mile passing by the drive down to Blanchdown farm and going through a gate to join a Tamar Trail.



When you reach this Y junction take the right hand fork signposted to Devon Great Consoles. If you have done **Walk 7** you will recognise this as the beginning of the shortcut walk.

When you reach the roofless mine office now an information centre keep left and follow the post and rail fence around the bend and up towards the chimney.

Our route doesn't take us past the chimney so keep following the wide dusty track around to the left.

If you haven't already explored the arsenic calciners now is your opportunity.





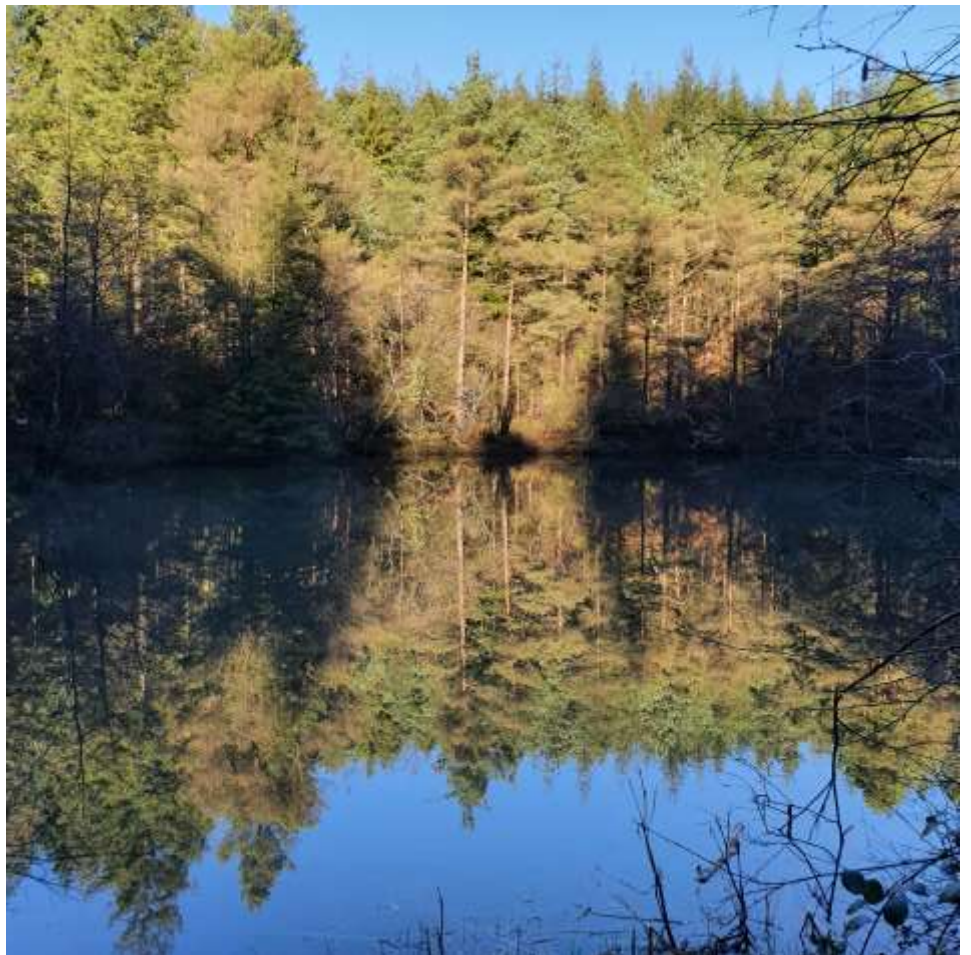
As you come around the bend on your right you will see a smaller track leading into the wood. Turn right.

At this point start following the green arrows → on the way marker posts.



They will take you through a wood passing some impractical picnic benches and then down a steep path.

If it's a clear sunny day with no wind you also may see a fabulous reflection in the pond at Wheel Fanny.





Not far past the pond at Wheel Fanny you can stop following the green arrows and instead fork right and head for Scrubtor car park.

Fork right at the next junction and then stay on this track all the way to the car park. Passing the spoil heaps of Wheel Maria on your right.



Go through the car park and turn left. You are now on the road that leads to Horsebridge but after about 1k (0.6miles) we are going to take a shortcut across some fields. Go over the little bridge and up the hill and around the hairpin bend. At the top of the hill as the road levels out go right into the field.





Walk diagonally left across the field aiming for the left hand end of the bank of trees on the other side of the field.

Go through the gate and turn right and staying in this field walk around the top boundary, out through a field gate and down to the road where you turn right.

On entering the little hamlet of Townlake turn left just after the second house on your left and go through a metal gate and down the steep path.



When you reach the road in Horsebridge turn right to walk back to your car or the pub.



View of the Tamar Valley just south of Horsebridge