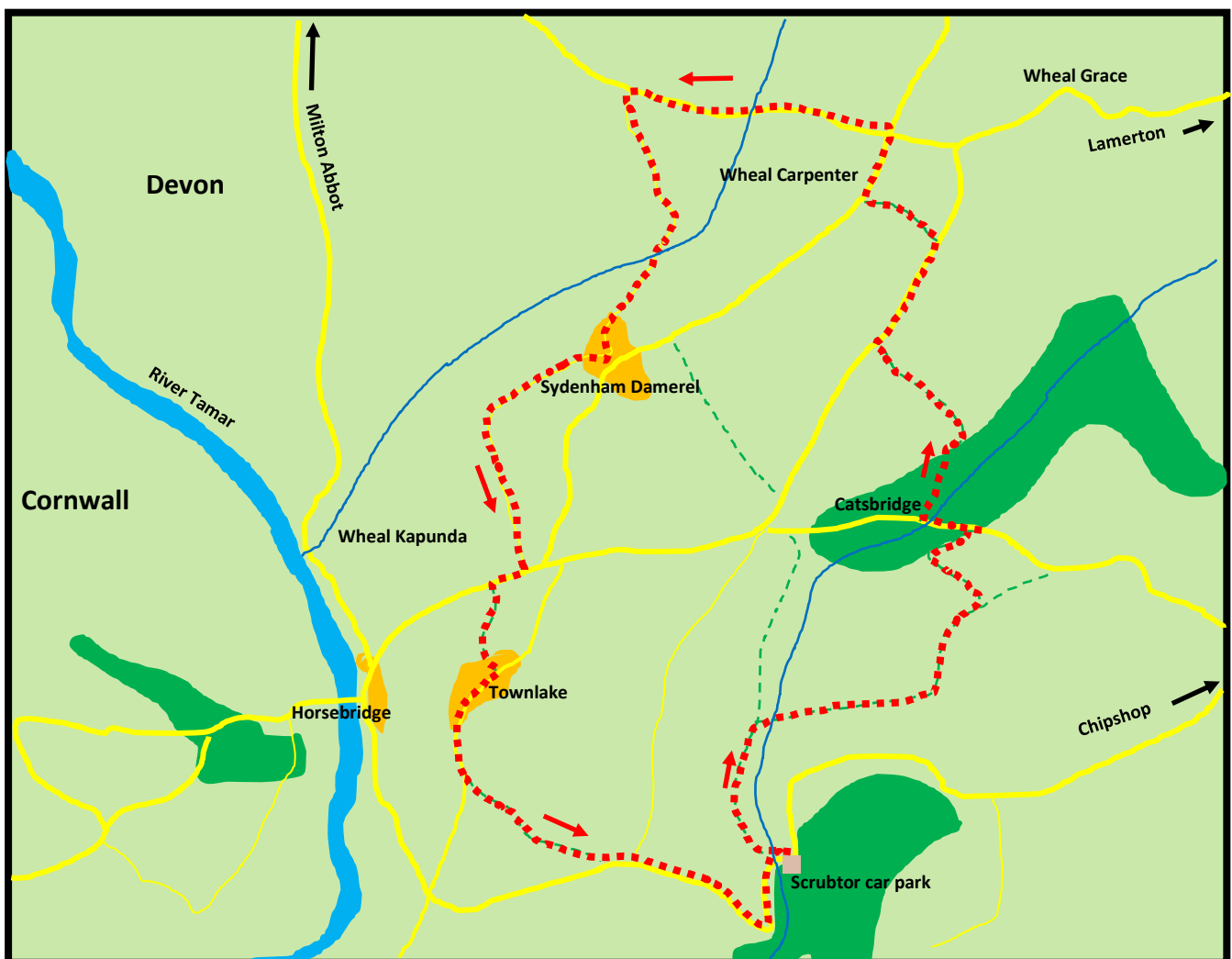


Walk 9 Sydenham Damerel

In this penultimate walk of about 5 miles you will be passing close to the three most northerly metalliferous mines in the in the Tamar Valley all within the parish of Sydenham Damerel. Wheal Kapunda, Wheal Carpenter (West Collacombe)and Wheal Grace (Collacombe Down) mined for copper silver lead iron and zinc .

Sydenham Damerel is described by the Parish Council as a small rural parish on the east bank of the river Tamar and this is very much a rural walk. It still lies within the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as do all of the 10 walks.





Sydenham Damerel church

The walk starts at the little Scrubtor car park PL19 8PE, SX414743 that primarily provides access to the north end of the Tamar Trails however our walk goes in the opposite direction.



Walk back out of the car park turn left and go down hill and over a small bridge.

A few meters past the bridge turn right into the drive to Lower Brimble Brook.

If you have a dog, and if you haven't already done so, please now put it on a lead.





Follow the way marked path around the top of the farm.

A couple of hundred meters past the farm buildings which are below you on the right you will arrive at this foot-path T junction. Turn right and follow the hedge line on your left through 3 fields passing over stiles and through gates and



squeezing past Combe Cottage

Keep following the way marked foot-path with the field boundary, which appears infested with rabbits, on your left until you reach this gate. The path now goes across the middle of the field. Aim for the tall trees opposite to reach a small gate in the hedge.



Having gone through the little gate turn right and walk along hedge line until you reach a large wooden gate. Go through the gate and through the next small metal gate.

Just after a sharp left hand bend in the track there is a stile on your left which you ignore and walk on to the metal gate at the end of the track. Go through the gate and walk down the field with the hedge on your left. Go through another field gateway and



turn immediately right to walk next to a post and wire fence. After about 100m fork left to go diagonally across the field to a stile in the boundary hedge. Go over the stile and drop on down to the road.



Having reached the road walk on down the hill over Catsbridge and turn immediately right to walk up in front of Catsbridge Cottages.

Go through the little metal gate just past the cottages and on up the track to an old hedge boundary bordering the wood and turn left. Follow the hedge bank on your right for about 50m and go through a small metal gate



and then turn right to come back down the way you came but on the other side of the hedge. Go around the field still following the field boundary through a gate in a post and wire fence. Walk up the narrowing field and turn right when you reach the road.



Walk along the road until you reach Olive Cottage. Turn left off the road to go along the edge of the field with the hedge on your left.



Go left through the next gate and head off across the field to a telegraph pole in the field. Just behind in the hedge there is a gate that leads out onto another little lane.

Turn right and walk up the lane to a crossroads and turn left. These are narrow little used lanes and you would be unlucky to meet a car.

In a bit over half a mile and having passed over a small stream take the first left turn to go down to a house called Youngcott. You are now back on the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail.



Following the way markers and keeping the buildings of Youngcott on your right stay on this green lane all the way to Sydenham Damerel.



On reaching the village turn right and then immediately turn right again to walk down a narrow tarmac road that leads to Sydenham Mill. It does only serve the one house so hopefully not a lot of traffic to contend with.

On reaching the gate that leads into the Mill turn left and leave the tarmac road to walk up a track that can be a bit muddy.



Turn right when you reach the road that goes on down to Horsebridge and then in about 70m turn left up some steps that lead into a field.

Go across the field to the corner of a hedge and then with the hedge on your right walk down to a house.

Turn left to go around the back of the house and out along their drive towards the road that runs through the little hamlet of Townlake.





When you reach the road turn right and walk all the way through the hamlet passing all the houses.

When you reach the second gateway after leaving Townlake fork left along a wide signposted footpath and then a little further along go through a gate into a field.

Go all the way around the field to the other side ...



...where you will find an opening through the hedge bank on the left and a metal gate. On a clear day there really are some splendid views from this footpath.

The footpath then goes across the field and not around it. To keep to the correct route you need to aim for a house that is just visible through the trees. When you get closer to the other side of the field you will see a gate that takes you out onto a lane. Go through turn left and walk back to your car which is about 15mins away.

