

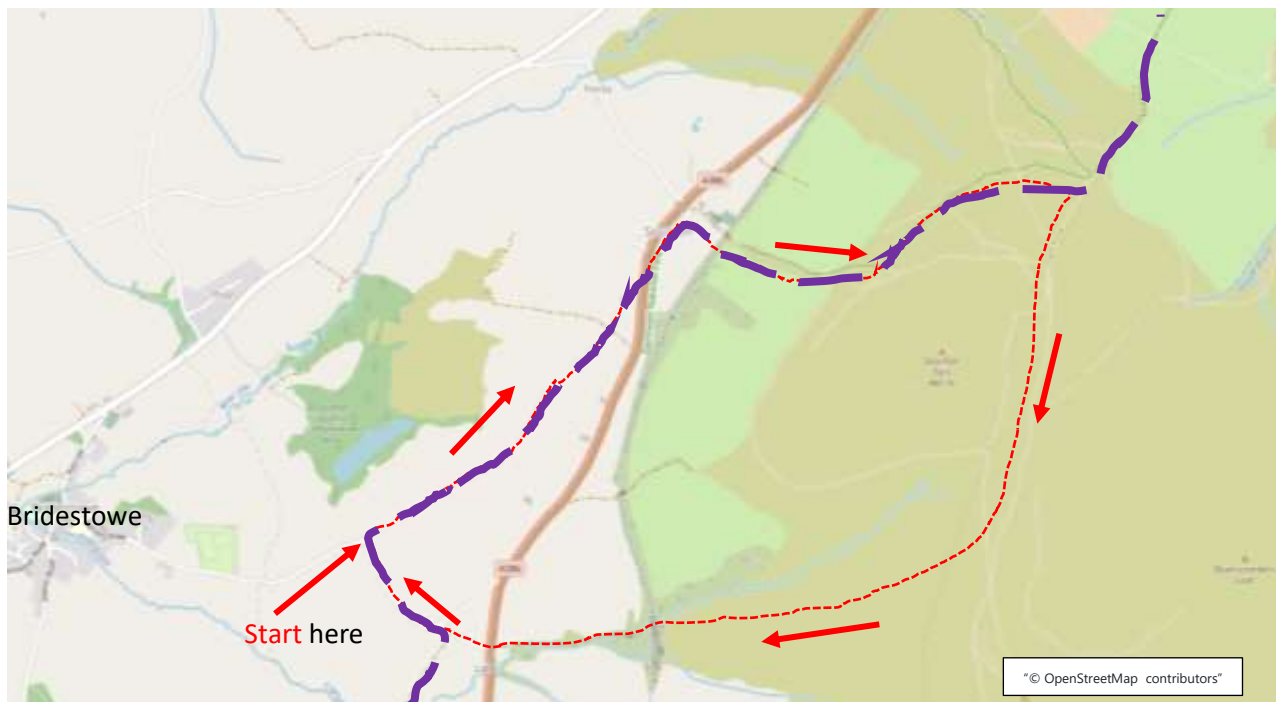
Walking the West Devon Way

Walk 13 Lake to Prewley Moor



This 4.2 mile walk starts off on the level through meadows but soon rises up for a moorland trek up behind Sourton Tors and then back down to go under the Granite Way cycle track. You will be following not only the West Devon Way signs but also the Two Castles Way and Dartmoor Way signs.

The walk starts in Pigs Leg lane on the sharp bend SX524892 but you could start in Bridestowe which will add another mile and a half to the walk but there is a nice pub there.





There is just enough space for a car to park off the road by the hedge without blocking the gate or ladder stile. Start the walk by going over the ladder stile and follow the path through all the meadows.



The footpath generally follows the hedge line on your right but having gone through this particularly muddy gateway the path then angles away to the left.





It's a well signposted route which then returns to following the hedge line in almost a straight line.



Finally you will go through a gate onto a narrow track



that will take you up between two buildings and out onto the road.



When you reach the A386 cross over and using the pavement walk past the bus stop and up to the Highwayman pub.



Turn right opposite the pub and up to the Church



Then take the footpath to the right of the church



The path will take you over a bridge that spans the Granite Way and then to a moor gate where a few yards further on you will find a handy rock on which to sit and have a cup of coffee.



Here is the very fine view from that rock.



Keeping the wall on your left stay on the path passing a way marker for the Dartmoor Way.



When the the path forks keep right



When you reach an old cart track fork left to follow it.



Having crossed a wet bit keep right



Then when you meet a wide path going up hill go straight across. This path will bend right and emerges



into a wide open area with a large rock and stone wall in front of you. This is where we leave the West Devon Way and make our way back to the start by turning right.



With the open area a large rock and the stone boundary wall all behind you start to walk up towards Sourton Tor using the wide grassy track.



Quite soon you reach a pair of stones. The path we want goes to the left of them not through them and



then passes another short upright stone.



When you reach this muddy area with a small pond there is a gully or double bank on your right which you now follow going slightly down hill.



However if you haven't been up to Sourton Tor now is a good opportunity to make a short excursion.



Follow the gully until it sort of levels out and meets a Boundary stone. Its not very big so don't walk past it.



At the boundary stone go left. The path is a bit indistinct at the start



but soon becomes an obvious track. On your right in the valley Lake viaduct will come into view and then disappear. The path goes around the hill so don't be tempted to start walking up hill or take any sheep tracks going steeply down hill.



When the viaduct comes back into view head towards it as the track starts to bend right and go downhill.



Go through a gate and under the viaduct and out to the A386. Go straight across, there is good visibility and a short way up the hill you will meet the West Devon Way emerging from the byway on your left which you will recognise from the last walk.



keep going up the road following the Dartmoor way signs and Route 27 and soon you will get back to your car on the corner of....

