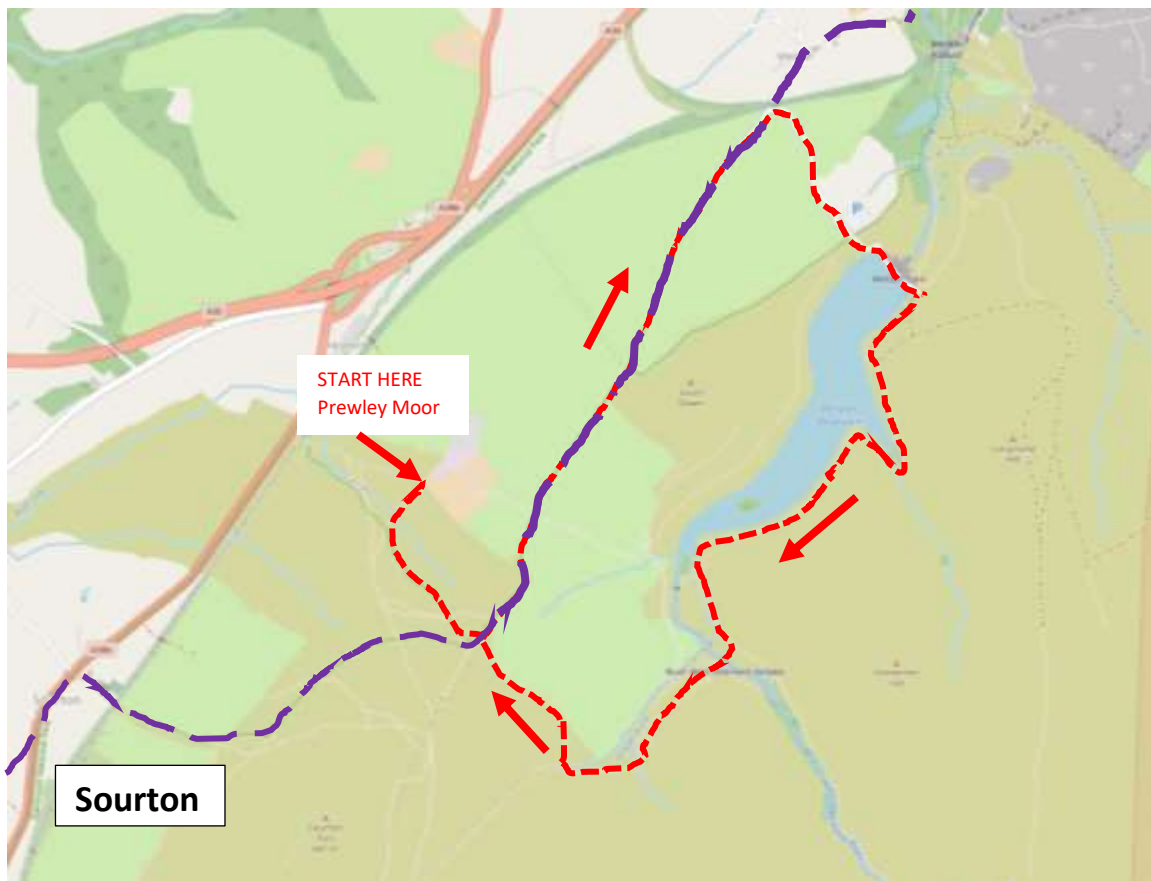


Walking the West Devon Way

Walk 14 Prewley Moor to Meldon Reservoir



This is another fairly short walk of just 5 miles 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 reservoir when there is short but very steep climb. The walk starts on Prewley moor just down from the Water works building SX 546 909.





From Tavistock go past the Highwayman pub at Sourton and then look out for a large green road sign on the left which tells you there are services in half a mile. Turn right onto a single track road immediately opposite the sign and drive to a parking layby as far as you can go at the top of the road.



With Sourton Tor on your right you could walk straight up the hill keeping the hedge bank on your left however you will encounter a very wet area so best to walk towards Sourton Tor



and then follow the wide grassy track to meet the West Devon Way at the top of the hill by a rock and a wall.



When you reach the wall turn left. You are now back on the **West Devon Way**. The walk comes back here.



Keeping the wall on your right walk along and through a gate. Then simply follow the way markers for The

Dartmoor Way Two Castles Way and West Devon Way along a track flanked initially by stone walls, and then along a lane until you reach a bridge.



This 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



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



However not very far along you will find a gate on your right. Behind the gate is path leading to some picnic benches which makes a useful coffee stop.



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.



This is a view of the steep bit.



To get to it cross over the weir and go up and over the hill in a straight line with the weir behind you.



The path is well walked



Having done the steep bit it is now a reasonably level walk along the top of the combe which you will cross at a point where there has been some mining activity.



Cross over at the head of the combe to the otherside and 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 then follow the track down hill



and back to your car.