

# BuStop WALKS

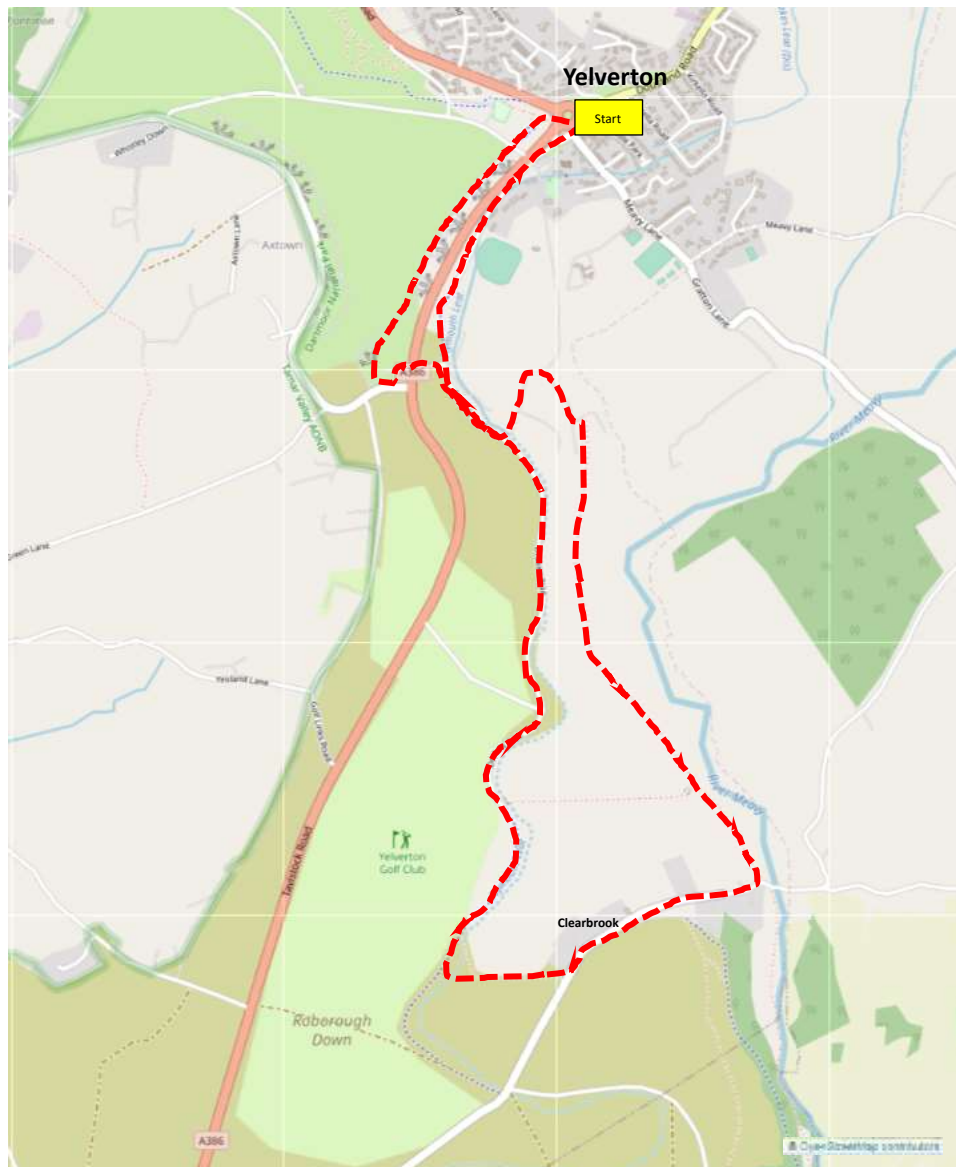
PLYMOUTH to TAVISTOCK  
Stage coach No. 1



## Yelverton Clearbrook and Harrowbeer Airfield

A circular walk of about 4.5 miles and should take you about 2 hours

From Yelverton you can visit Burrator Reservoir which is about an hour's walk or go down to the Garden house near Buckland Monachorum which will take you about 40mins. The selected walk from Yelverton to Clearbrook and back takes about two hours and takes in the industrial history of the area as well as some fine views and a nice pub. The first part of the walk of about 1.7 miles is almost entirely level and suitable for wheelchairs users.



Yelverton is about halfway between Plymouth and Tavistock and is a great place to get off the bus and go exploring. There is an excellent range of shops a café and a Delicatessen called the Larder that also do hot takeaway food. Just around the corner you can enjoy a drink at The Rock Inn.

You may wonder why the shops are only single storey buildings. Well this was because of the close proximity of the Harrowbeer Wartime Airfield. The height of the buildings were deemed a hazard and they were taken down and only one has since been rebuilt.

You will walk next to the Plymouth and the Devonport leat and along the Plymouth and Dartmoor Tramway that opened in 1823. Some of the granite sleepers are still visible. You will walk next to the Princetown Railway opened in 1883 and closed in 1956. At the end of the walk you will visit Roberough Rock and walk over the wartime airfield of Harrowbeer passing the dispersal or blast bays where the aircraft were stored for safety.

## The Start of the Walk



We start at the bus stop in front of the shops at Yelverton and walk to Clearbrook via the Route 27 cycle track. With the bus shelter behind you set off towards the church. Go past the toilet block and when you reach the small car park go straight through and up to the far right hand corner.



You are now about to start on 1.7 miles of tarmac surface cycle track towards Plymouth which is part of Drakes Trail.



This is the first of 3 gates you will pass through. You will also pass next to two leats that took water from Dartmoor to Plymouth. As you walk along you will see Plymouth leat on your left and Devonport Leat on your right but it's now only visible in a few places. If you scroll to the end there is a link to a heritage gateway website that will give you more information about both leats.



**Keep following the cycle track but remember this bridge as you will come back here later.**

**Its now going to take you about 45 mins to get to the point where you come off the cycle track which is not far past the third gate you pass through.**



**Having arrived at the 3<sup>rd</sup> gate look out for the information board on the other side of the wall**

**Having gone through the gate keep going on the cycle track but not for long.**



About 100m from the gate you will arrive at this small track leading off to the left with a NO CYCLES Signpost. Here fork left and walk on down to the little bridge over Plmouth leat.



Cross over the bridge and fork left. Then follow this path all the way down the hill to Clearbrook.



Your aiming for the telegraph pole on the right of the houses.



**Walk on down the road passing or calling in at the Skylark pub**



**At the bottom of the hill turn left as the road bends sharply right to go over Hooe Meavy bridge. Stay on this track for about 0.6 miles ignoring the footpath that goes off to the left.**



**After about half a mile look out for the remains of South Yeoland Tin Mine on your right.**



Just as you think you are about to go into a private drive the footpath forks left. Stay on the footpath that follows a fence line on your right and goes through a metal kissing gate. Be aware that you are walking quite close to some barbed wire in the first part of the fencing. Having gone through the woodland you will come to another private road.



Go through the kissing gate and turn left and under the railway bridge. Follow the road all the way around a paddock that you come to on the other side of the bridge.



The tarmac road goes on down to a house but you keep straight on



**Go through the gate and walk past the cottage on your right and back up to the Cycle track.**



**When you reach the cycle track turn right and walk back to that little bridge.**



**Now you can if you wish turn right and retrace your steps to Yelverton but to visit Roborough Rock and Harrowbeer airfield keep straight on.**



**When you reach the A386 cross over using the central reservation and walk back to the junction on your left using the wide grassy verge on the other side of the road.**



**Turn right by the Jubilee stone**



**Go past the Allan-Williams Turret WW2 gun emplacement and then fork left to visit the first Dispersal or Blast bay now used as a car park.**





Here you will find an information board telling you all about the wartime airfield. The big cream coloured building in front of you is Ravenscroft now a nursing home but was once the officers mess. Turn right and walk on down the road.



At the junction go straight across and walk through a scrubby area used by children on their bikes.

## The end of the walk



From here the path will take you up to the edge of the Yelverton roundabout and the bus stop.

## The links to the heritage gateway site for more information on what you have seen today

Plymouth Leat

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19108&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19108&resourceID=104)

Devonport leat

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19902&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19902&resourceID=104)

Harrowbeer airfield

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV55691&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV55691&resourceID=104)

South Yeoland Tin mine

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2345&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2345&resourceID=104)

Plymouth and Dartmoor Railway

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19112&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19112&resourceID=104)