

Walking the West Devon Way

Walk 5 Goodameavy Bridge to Yelverton

This walk is just over 4 miles and is a bit of a history walk as you will pass by South Yeoland mine walk next to the Plymouth Devonport and Clearbrook leats and walk on the granite tramway built in 1823. You will walk next to and under the railway that ran between Plymouth and Tavistock and which closed in the mid 1950's

On Walk 4 we left the **West Devon Way** at Goodameavy bridge went under the bridge and turned right to get back to Bickleigh railway bridge. This time we are going to set off from here. To find the start turn off the A386 towards Clearbrook and take the second right turn which is next to a small bridge and car park and quite some way before you reach the village. The start point is SX 52855 64567 nearest satnav post code PL6 7AW



At the bottom of the hill go left under the stone railway bridge. The best place to park is just past the little hump back bridge that crosses the River Meavy.



Setting off from the car walk back over the bridge and turn right on to the **West Devon Way** by going over a

stile and into the meadow next to the river. This is a well walked path that closely follows the river Meavy, which is on your right, all the way to Hooe Meavy bridge passing over 2 stiles and going through a gate.



On reaching the bridge, go over the ladder stile and on to the road and turn left.....



.....and then almost immediately fork right to keep following the river. Stay on this private road with the river on your right as far as you can go. You will pass by the moss encrusted South Yeoland tin mine on your right.



At the end of the road fork left to go through a gate and with fencing on your right stay on this path all the way to another private road passing through a tall kissing gate on your way.



On reaching the private road turn left, go under the bridge, and follow the road around to the right.



At the next junction go left and walk up the road ignoring a drive on your left leading to the Coach House.



Go through the gate and passing a cottage on your right walk on up to the cycle track.



Here we turn left which is where we leave the **West Devon Way** which now turns right.

On the next walk we will rejoin it about 300m further along on this road.



To return to your car at Goodameavy Bridge and having turned left follow the cycle track (Route 27) passing through 2 gates and possibly a very docile Belted Galloway standing on the old tramway sleepers. You are now walking on an old horse drawn tramway that transported mostly granite to the docks in Plymouth.



Next to the second gate you walk through there is an information board telling you all about the tramway.



Not very far along the track after studying the information board by the second gate fork left off the cycle track.



Go over the leat and then straight on towards a car park on the horizon. This is a shortcut as the cycle track goes in a big loop and comes out at the same place.



When you reach the road with the car park just the other side of the leat bridge turn right and cross over towards it and then turn left to follow the leat which should be on your left.



Cross back over the leat using the second footbridge and walk on down the wide grassy track.



In about 150m you will reach a wide junction of paths. Here turn left and follow the grass track out to the road. On reaching the road turn right and walk on down to your car passing over a cattle grid on your way back.



On the next walk you will visiting the Garden House

