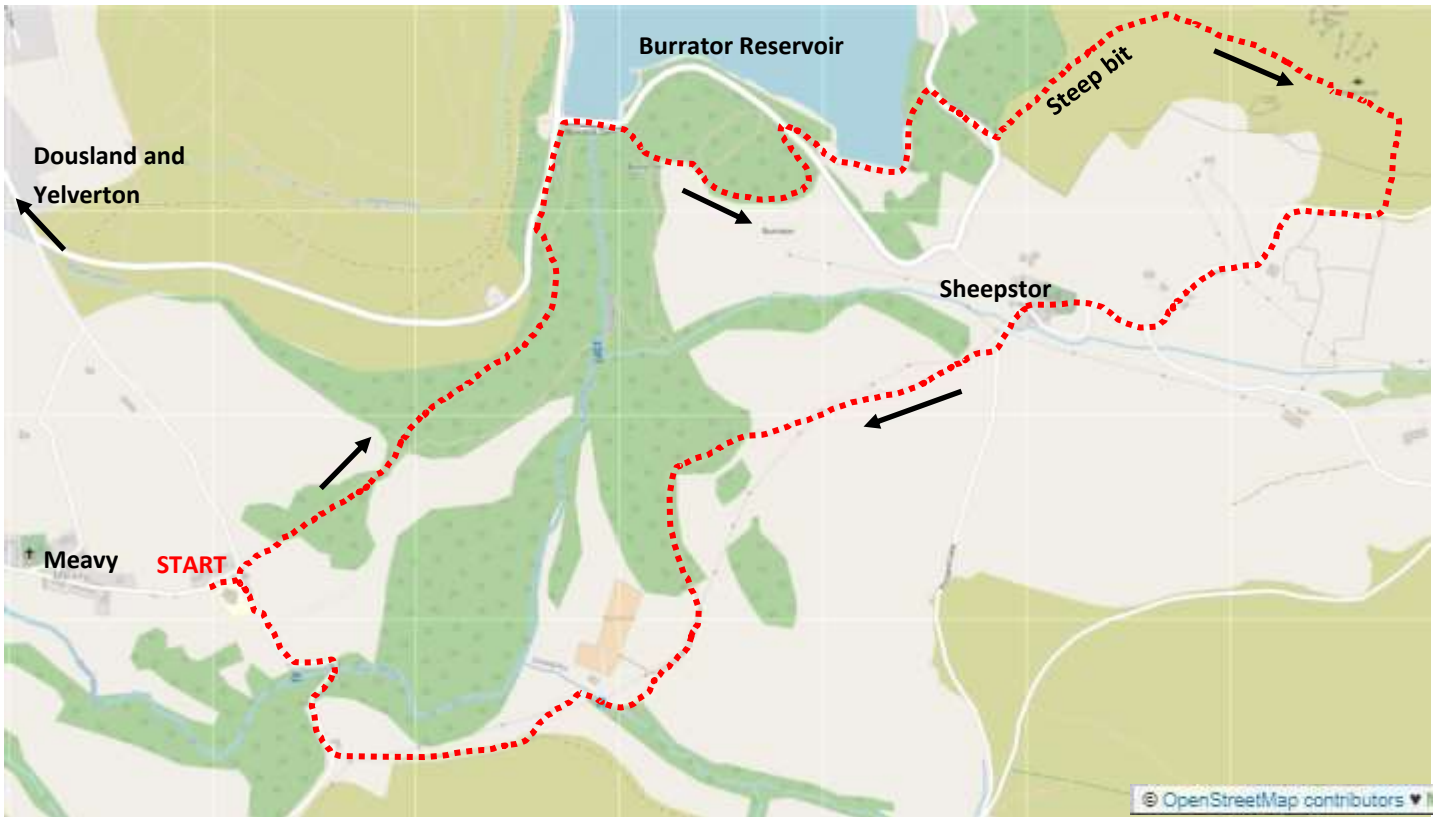


The Pixies House Walk



This walk is just under 5 miles and starts in the Village of Meavy SX540673. Finding the house is actually quite hard but it is a lovely walk especially in May when you walk through a bluebell wood. There are a few stiles for dog walkers to be aware of and one steep up.

With Meavy Primary School on your right go through the gate into the field which is behind the white house in front of you .



Follow the well used path across the field

Having gone through the double set of gates....



...keep left to go up hill through the wood



At the top of the hill you reach Drakes Leat also called Plymouth Leat and these words are inscribed on a wall next to the leat which we now follow heading towards Burrator dam.



When the leat disappears under a track fork left and walk up to the road emerging

....by the toilets which are probably shut.



Turn right along the road and walk up to the reservoir.



Walk over the dam and as the road bends left fork right over the stile and into the wood



Go diagonally up away from the fence and keep well left of the huge rocks unless you want to explore them



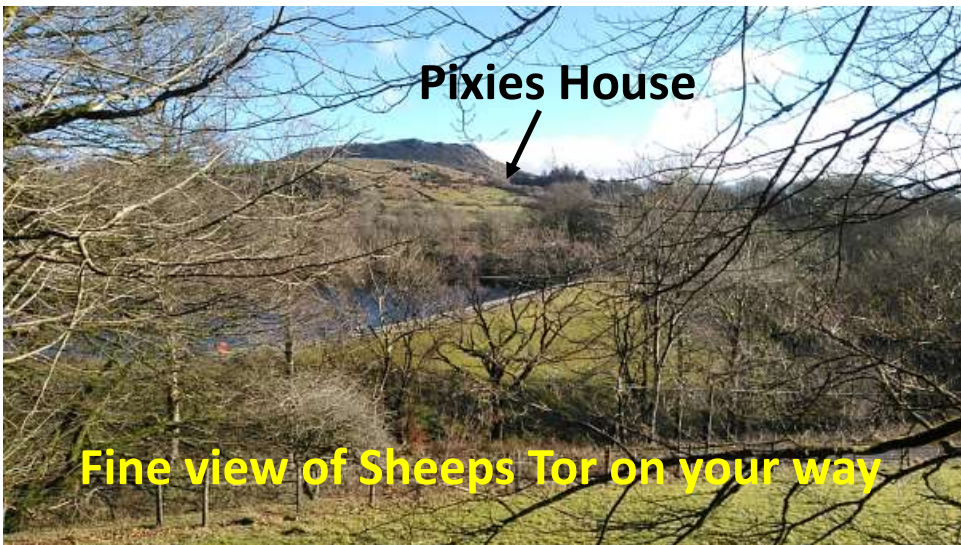
Don't forget to turn around and see the reservoir and dam behind you.





At the top a wall meets a fence on a corner

Keeping the wall on your right follow it all the way to the road.



You have to walk along the top of the bank to reach a point to get down onto the road. When you do turn right and walk back along the road for about 100m





Turn left through the gate and go over Sheepstor dam the smaller of the two dams which in 1898 only cost £24000 to build.



Follow the wide track all the way out to the road going through another gate. On reaching the road turn right.



In about 100m you will reach a small parking area. Here turn left and walk up an ancient walled track.

Go through the gate and onto the open moor and walk up hill (this is the steep bit)





Keep to the right of the post



and left of the big rock

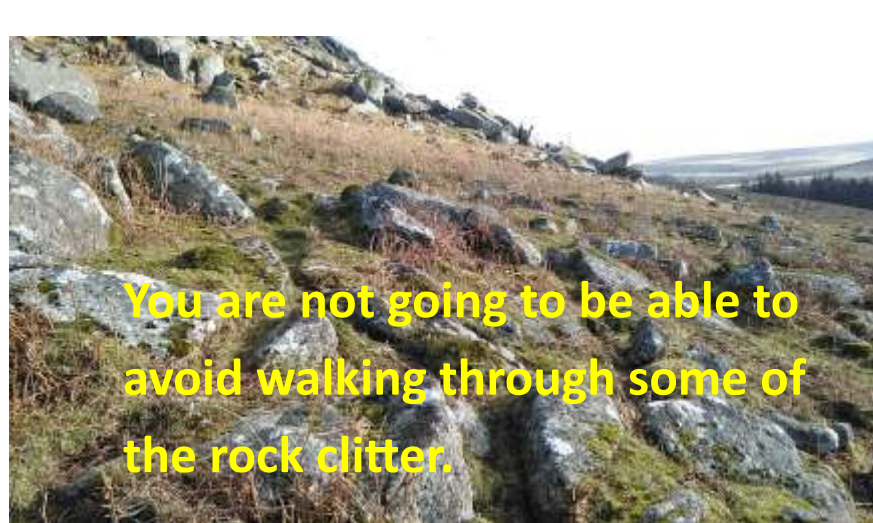


50m past the big rock it starts to level out slightly. Look right and spot a PCWW boundary marker and head towards it.

Passing the post on your right walk on up to the base of the rock clitter and then...



....using the sheep tracks veer right along the base of the clitter trying to keep to the same contour.



Looking right to the horizon you will see a clump of trees, keep going until it lines up with the barn in the field below. Look left and you will see an oak tree and a holly tree. The Pixies House is between the two and a bit higher up.



!!Please think twice about visiting, it really isn't very easy and unless you are thin you can't get in!!



**With Sheeps tor behind
you set off downhill...**

**..using the sheep
tracks and cross over
the dried up leat.**



**When you
reach the
road turn
right...**



**..and at the
bottom of the
hill turn right
again and walk
along the road
to the church**





As the road bends left walk up the steps and into the church yard



A delightful church made famous by the Brookes family who were the white Rajahs of Sarawak on the island of Borneo from 1841 to 1946.

The pink granite tomb is on your right and historical information is held in the church.





Exit the church yard via the lych gate then turn left and head off along the narrow lane in front of you.



Follow the road over Sheepstor brook and then turn right up a wide track.

Go left through a metal gate..



Pine tree



...and head towards the pine tree in the corner of the field. Go through the left hand side gate and into a field.





When you are in the field stick close to the hedge on your right where in the far corner you will find a pile of rocks and a stile that is not that easy to get over

The path takes you over another stile and into the bluebell wood



Follow the yellow dots



through the wood



Exit the wood by going over a ladder stile which is also a bit challenging and turn right.

The narrow path becomes a wide farm track



Turn left through a gateway next to a post with a white bucket on top.



The diverted path takes you around the farm instead of through it, into a wood and over a bridge .



Turn left when you reach the farm road.





On your right is Yeo Farm dating from 1610. When I first saw it in the 1980's it was derelict and used as a chicken house but is now fully restored.

Turn right at Marchants Cross and walk on down to the river Meavy



There are stepping stones but in winter best use the bridge.



Cross the bridge and follow the road for about a quarter of a mile back to your car.

I hope you enjoyed the walk and didn't get stuck in the rocks visiting the Pixies House



The Royal Oak pub at Meavy over looking the village green

Pixies house



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