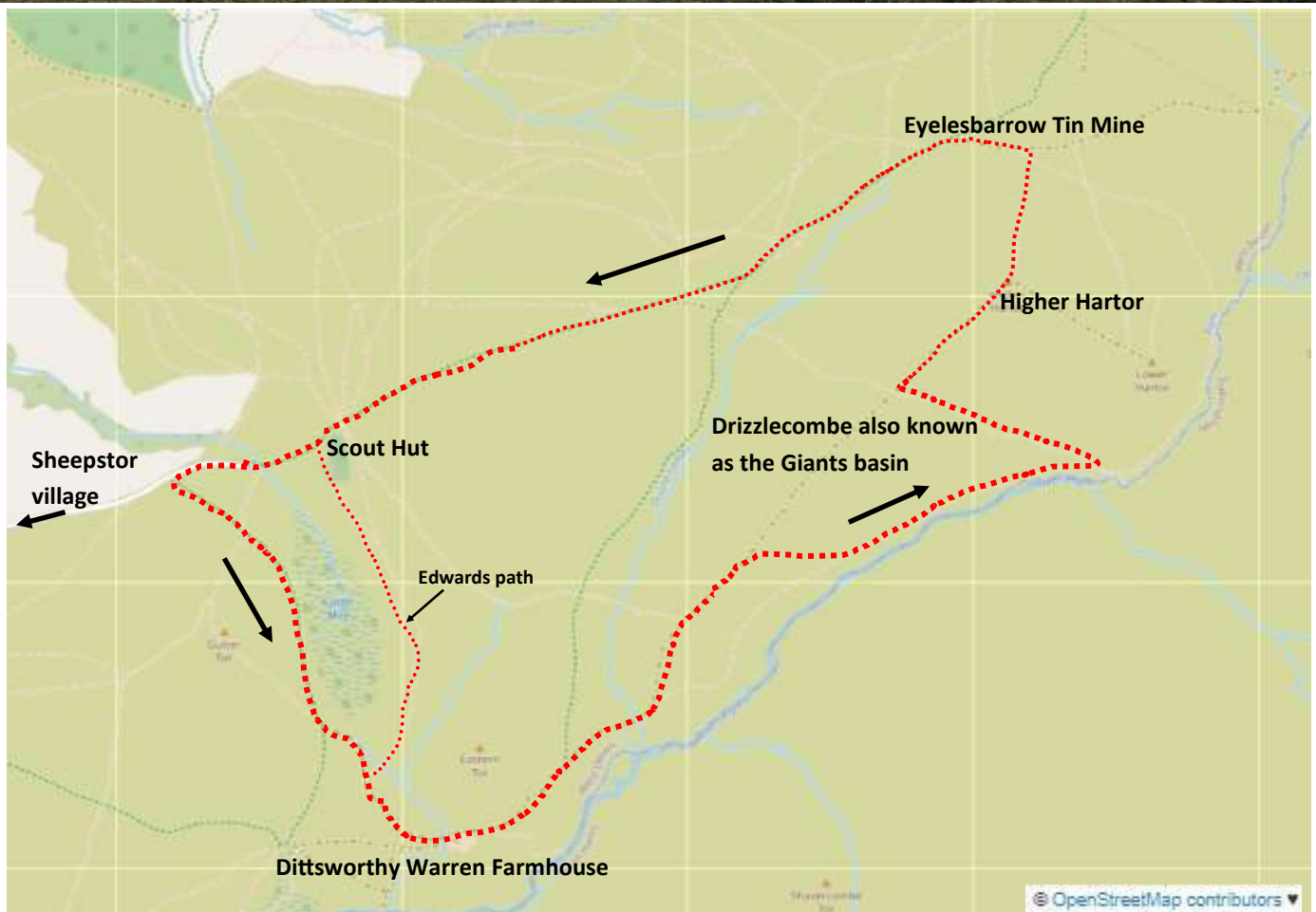


Drizzlecombe

Mines and Menhires





We start at what is commonly known as the Scout Hut car park. To reach it drive through the village of Sheepstor and take the second left signposted to Nattor. Park at the end of the road.

Start by walking back along the road and then turn left along a wide track.



Or you could keep going over the river and go through the Scout Hut grounds. On the other side bear right slightly and follow a grassy path called Edwards Path. Its marked on the OS map. A moorland route that is slightly shorter. I have shown it on the map.





Edwards path is a reasonably well used path that's even easier to see in the summer as it flanked by bracken.



When you reach the track turn left.

If you started out on the track stay on it.

You will pass pillow mound where the warreners farmed their rabbits

https://www.legendarydartmoor.co.uk/rabb_warr.htm



pillow mound

Keep the house on your right and follow the wide track to a stream that crosses the path .

This is Ditsworthy Warren farm house called Narracott farm in the War Horse Film directed by Steven Spielberg.

https://www.legendarydartmoor.co.uk/ditsworthy_warren.htm





On your way in the distance you will see the Giants basin and the menhirs



It may look impassable but the shallow stream does flow over firm-ish ground or at least not bog. Its better in the summer.

Not much further along the track you arrive at this second and last watery challenge.



Now explore the menhirs and the hollowed out cairn called The Giants basin, which is a good spot to stop for coffee.



Go a little bit past the last menhir closest to the Giants basin and fork right along a well used sheep track



The track bends left and you look down on the River Plym. Stay on the same contour..



...and just past the point where the Langcombe Brook meets the Plym

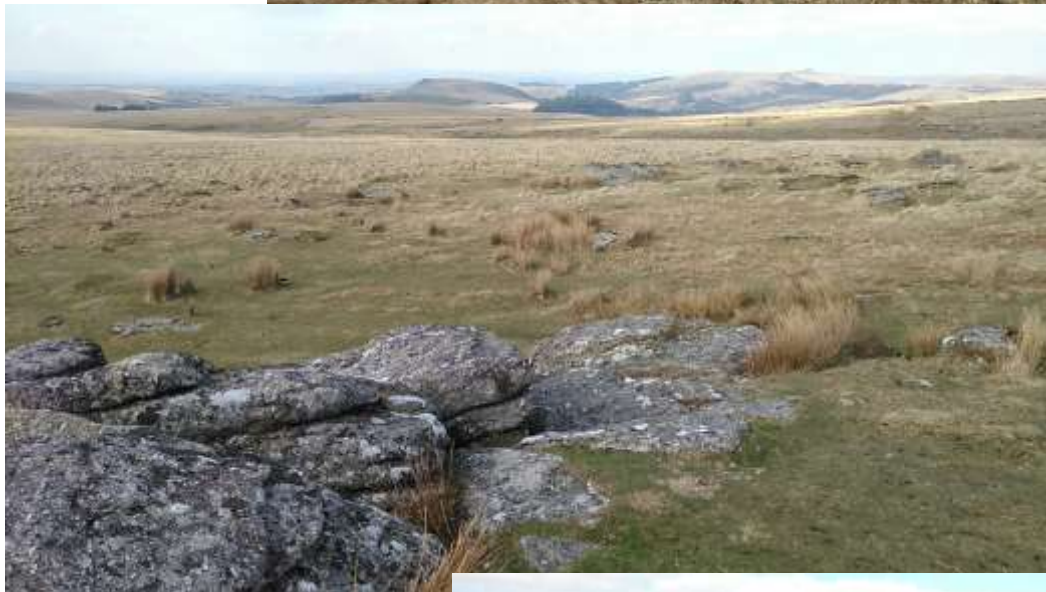


...you meet a track coming down from the left. Turn left and walk up this track



The stony track soon fizzles out and becomes a grassy and indistinct one but keep on up-hill bearing right when there is a choice.

At the top of the hill when you have stopped looking at the view turn right and walk up to the top of Higher Hart Tor



Breathtaking views. You feel like you are on top of the world

Keep going for another 20m or so and then fork left to follow a well used path that you can see in the distance.





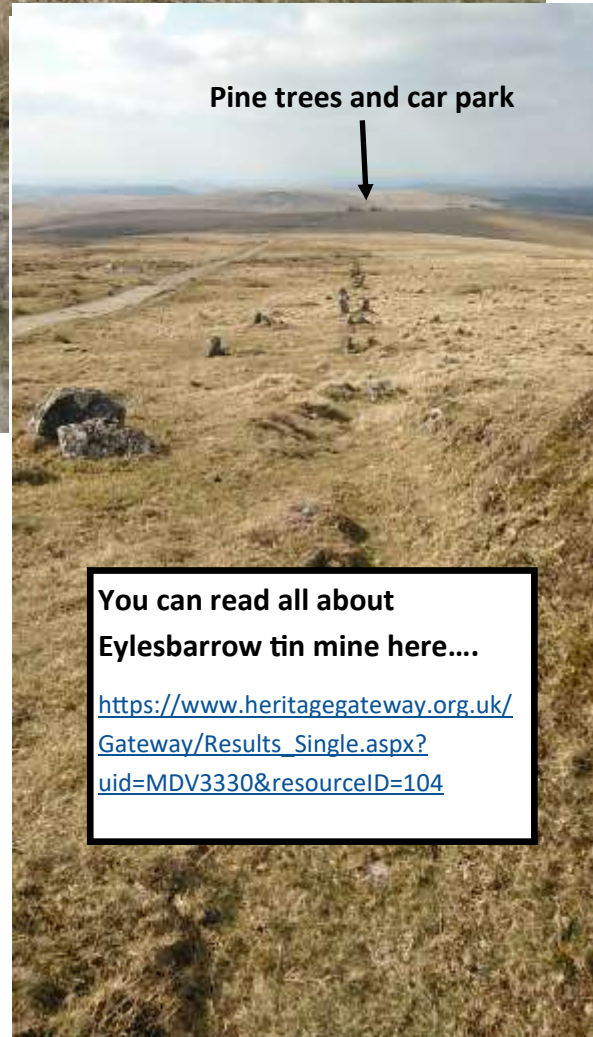
The path goes to Eylesbarrow tin mine which is well worth exploring when you get there

Hop over the wall and head for the gate posts



When you reach the wide track turn left and stay on the track all the way to your car which is parked behind the pine trees.

You will pass on your right not a stone row but supports for flat rods that drove the mine machinery



Pine trees and car park

You can read all about Eylesbarrow tin mine here....
https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV3330&resourceID=104



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