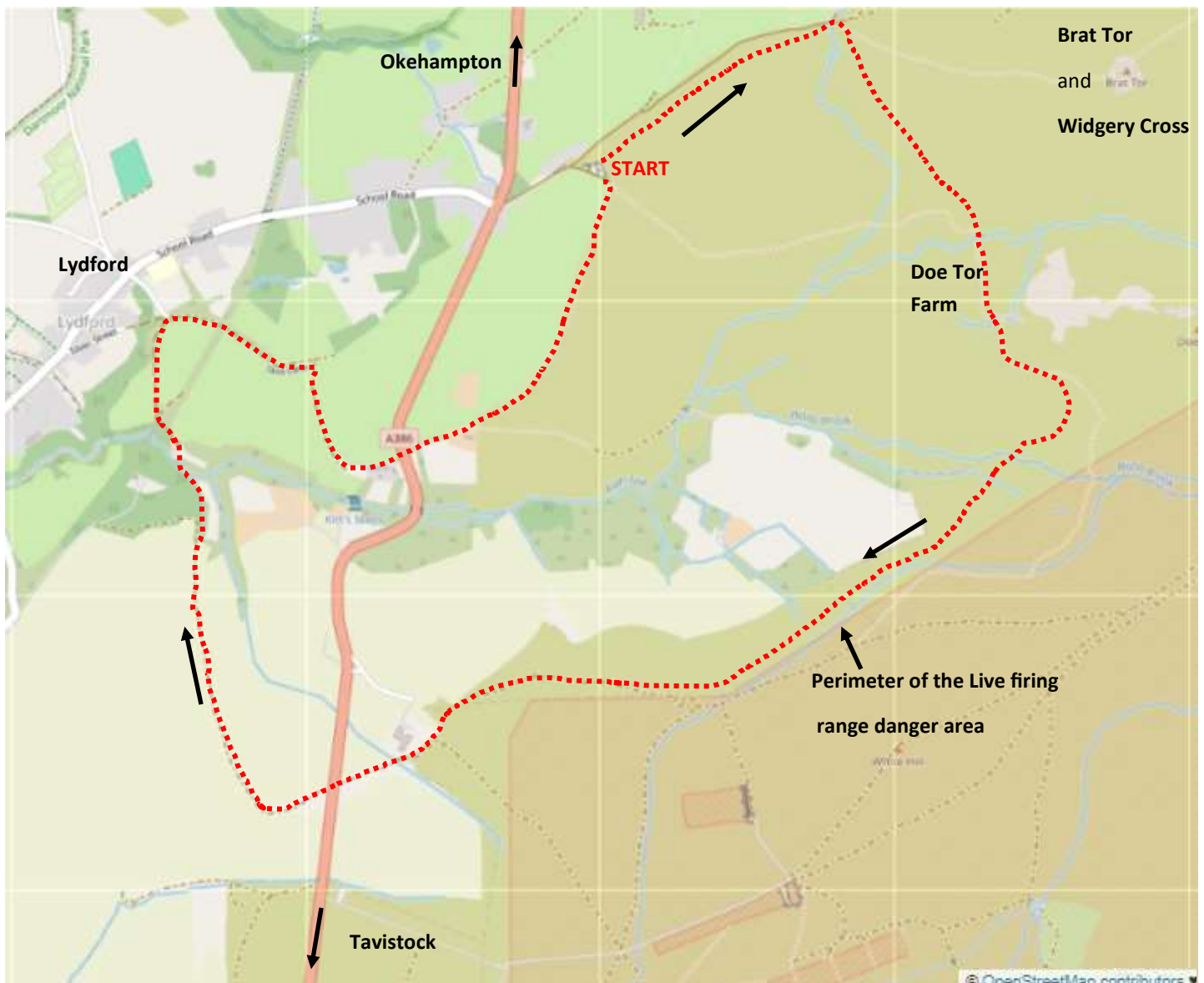


Lydford Viaduct Walk

The 6 mile walk will take you out along the river Lyd below Brat tor and Widgery Cross to the long since abandoned Doe Tor farm. Then skirting the Wilsworthy ranges but staying outside at all times we go past Wilsworthy camp across the A386 and on to Lydford viaduct returning to the car park via Skitt lane.

This walk starts at High Down Carpark SX 525 853. To find the car park coming from Tavistock on the A386 as you approach the left hand turn to Lydford with the Dartmoor Inn on your right turn right to go up a rough track. At the top of the track open the gate and drive on up into the car park.





Set off by going through the gate in the top left hand corner of the car park



You have a lovely view of Brat Tor and Widgery Cross as you walk along the track towards the river



On reaching the river Lyd cross over either by stepping stones or foot bridge



Then turn right and take the path that starts to run next to the river although it soon veers away.....



.....and becomes a wide level track that was at one time the main access track to Doetor farm.

Keep following the track and after rounding a bend go over the bridge and through the gate...



...and head towards the quite prominent Scotts pine tree



Go through a gate way and fork left to reach the pine tree. Then go through the gate next to the pine tree and into a small paddock with some stock protected trees.



Then through the next little paddock....



...and when you reach the row of 4 trees go left through the gate and back out on to the open moor.

If you are lucky you may come across the flock of black sheep that live here





With the moor gate behind go diagonally right for about 30yards then go left up hill to follow a vague path

The path bends slowly right. When you reach this prominent upright stone look right and you will see a row of red and white range marker post and a gate in the middle distance.



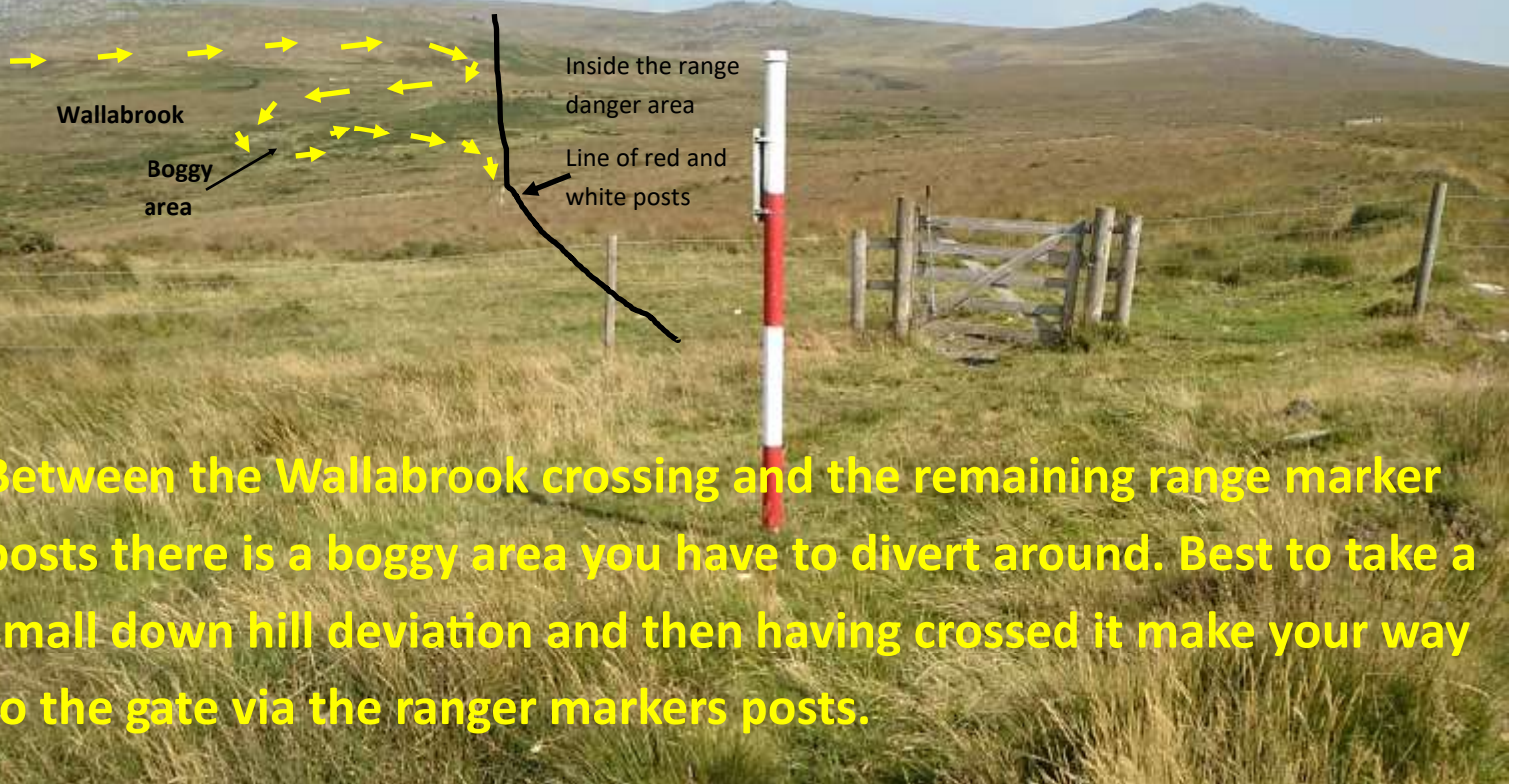
Walk to the nearest post on your right. Then keeping the posts on your left at all times especially when the red flags are flying walk towards the gate (and Brent Tor in the far distance)



However to get to the gate you have to negotiate the Wallabrook a fast flowing stream. Getting over the Wallabrook is not hard but first you have to go down hill a bit away from the line of posts until you see this scar in the gully bank on the other side of the Wallabrook . Cross and go up the scar.



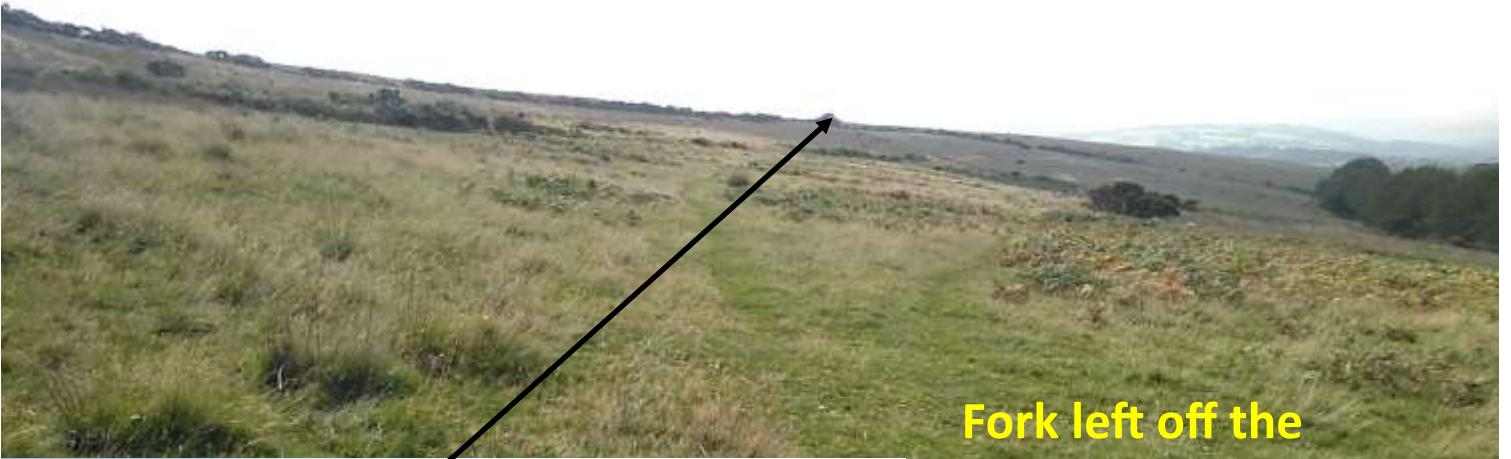
The arrows show your route from Doetor farm to the gate



Between the Wallabrook crossing and the remaining range marker posts there is a boggy area you have to divert around. Best to take a small down hill deviation and then having crossed it make your way to the gate via the ranger markers posts.



Having gone through the gate keep following the direction of the range markers by taking the grassy track that runs parallel to and just below a leat.



Fork left off the grassy track and make for this stone building



Go past the building and then along the hedge line all the way to a gravel road. Keep following those posts.





Join the gravel track at a sharp bend and keep straight on



As the gravel track bends right keep left of the range notice board to reach a wall corner



Keep the wall on your right as you walk on down to a stream and gate



Cross the stream and go through the gate. If the stream is in flood it is much narrower further back and easier to cross.

Go through the gate and take great care crossing the very fast section of A386 and go through another gate.



Having gone through the gate on the other side of the A386 keep following this wide track going through 3 more gates and along a delightful sunken lane



Go past the barn and stay on the farm access track



About 300yards past the barn there is an easy to miss footpath sign on your right. Turn right and follow the narrow woodland path.....



..that meets a stream. Go over the bridge and past some houses to go under....



Lydford Viaduct



High Down car park

When you reach a cross roads of paths and tracks turn right.



Village, pub, castle, church, toilets

If you would like to make a detour into the village and see the castle or visit the toilets then turn left but come back here to complete the walk.



Go under a bridge



and around a sharp right hand bend



Having gone past a few cottages you will meet once more the A386. Again taking great care as it is a very fast road go straight across and up a track



**Go through a moor gate and out onto the open moor.
Follow the stone wall on your left all the way back to your car**