Wheal Jewell Reservoir Walk



The walk, which is about 6 miles with no steep hills to climb, starts in Mary Tavy. To reach the start take the A386 from Tavistock towards Okehampton and turn right next to the Mary Tavy Inn. Go down the hill and over the bridge and after you have passed the school on your left find a convenient place to park.

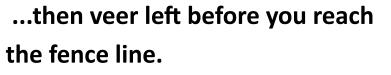
Set off the way you are facing along the road walking away from the school soon arriving at a bridge over the Cholwell Brook.





Go over the bridge and take the next right turn by Brookside cottage to walk up Roundsleys Lane.

Over the bridge and up the field..



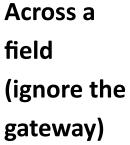




Go through the gate just down from the fence line in the top corner of the field.



Over a stone stile







Over a wooden stile



Finally go over the last wall which has stone steps and on to the road. Turn left to go up the lane.





The tarmac road becomes a dirt track that becomes a moorland track



Go through the right-hand-side gate and on to Kingsett Down and follow the hedge on your right for half a mile, (about 800m) until it makes a sharp right hand turn.



Dead ahead in the far distance you will see a building on the edge of Wheal Jewell reservoir a good place to stop for a coffee.



With the building and reservoir behind you set of down the track and when you reach Zoar turn left to walk along the road

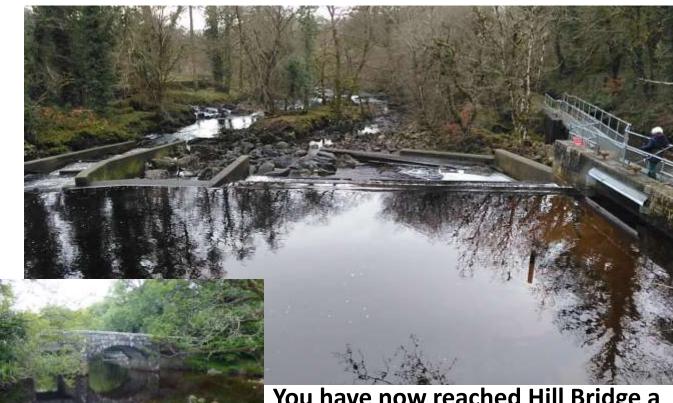


Stay on this track all the way down hill through gates and passing several houses and a farm finally emerging on a lane just past the Old School House. Stay on the road for about 150m and then take the first right turn signposted to Creason that soon becomes an unmade up track.





Walk on down hill but for only about 50m and then go right through the pedestrian gate and take the steps down to Hill Bridge.



You have now reached Hill Bridge a popular spot for picnics by the river.





We are now going to follow the leat for just over a mile first going over the metal bridge







Turn right when the leat goes under a lane

Walk up the lane and after you have passed a few houses keep left...



...and then go left again at the phone box.

Walk down the road for 150m towards the Elephants nest pub (now closed) but before you reach the old pub fork left along a wet track called Brimhill Lane.





When the track bends left go right over a stile. (If you look over the metal gate on your left you will see another small reservoir.)

Cross the field go over a ladder stile and turn left on to a wide track



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You are now on a well signposted route that takes you across the fields to Mary Tavy Church. To get there go....

Then another

There are quite a number of stiles and gates some of which can be a bit challenging for dog walkers

Across a field

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Go past the chimney. This building which is known as a Dry is where the miners dried their clothes and is the only surviving example on Dartmoor.

At this footpath junction go straight ahead over the stile and keep the hedge on your right



The miners track that leads to the Dry



When you reach the barrier go left along the edge of the field to a gateway





Turn right and walk on down the edge of the field to the church



Over the stile and into the church yard. At present this is a very challenging stile for those with short legs ! Turn left and walk around the church yard

When you reach the road turn right and walk back to your car.





Useful links

Wheal Friendship Mine

https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/ Results Single.aspx?uid=MDV4185&resourceID=104

Hill Bridge Leat

https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/ Results Single.aspx?uid=MDV26314&resourceID=104

Wheal Jewell

https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/ wm16KY_Wheal_Jewell_Reservoir



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