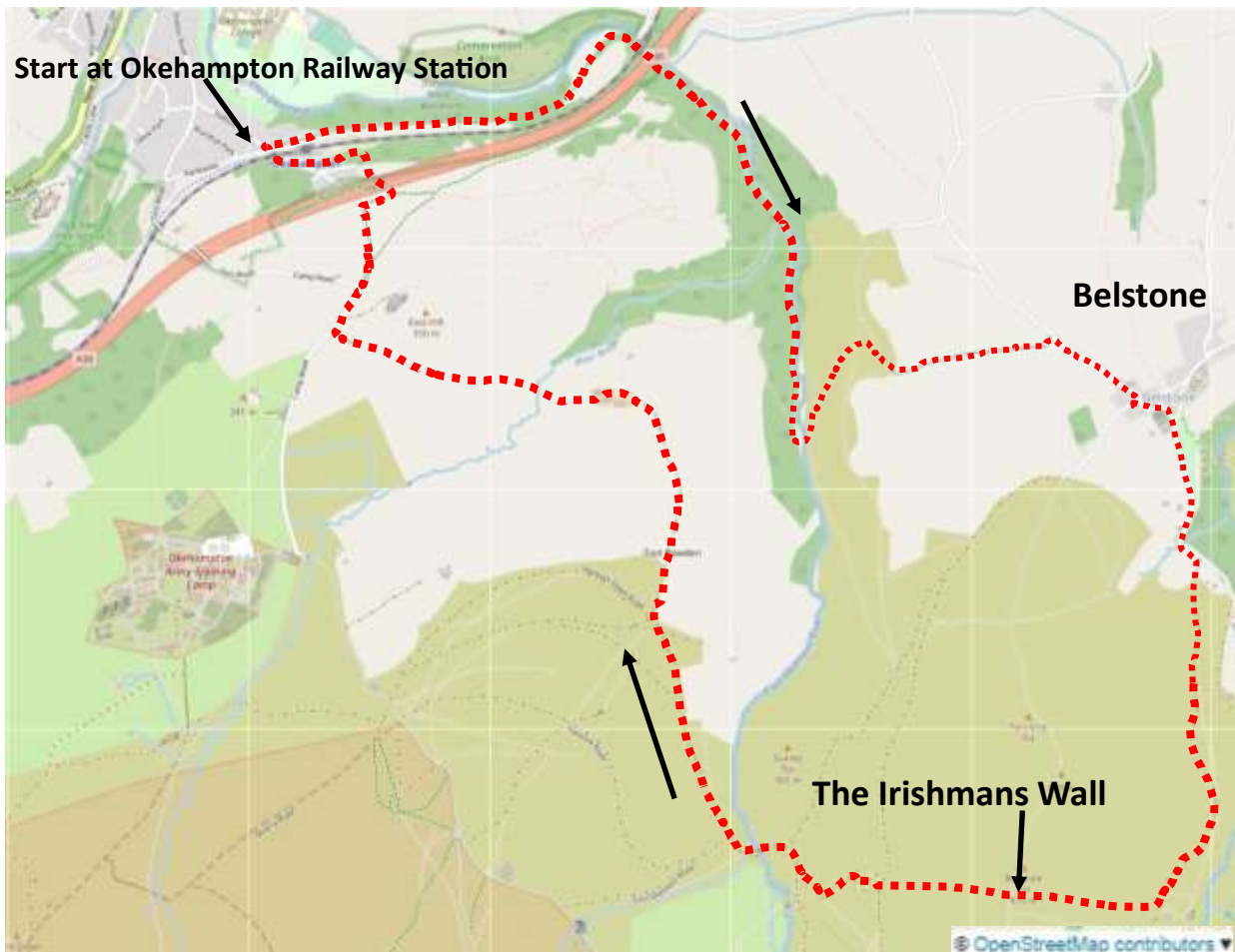


The Irishman's Wall Walk

This is a 7 mile walk starting at Okehampton Railway Station and walking out to Belstone via the Tarka trail and on to the Irishman's Wall, returning to Okehampton via the Cullever steps. The last 2 miles is nearly all down hill.



Whichever station car park you use come back out to the road and turn right. Walk on down the hill but only as far as the first house on your right and then turn sharply right almost back on yourself.



Stay on this foot path for a mile.



At the end go through the gate and under the A30



Follow the Tarka Trail and Dartmoor Way signs for about a mile with the East Okement River on your left.



It's a popular well walked path that most of the time is next to the river. It does deviate away at one....



Go over a little bridge

...point and you have to go over a small bridge to get back to it, but it is all well signposted.



Finally the path reaches the open moor and you go over the river via a wooden bridge . A good place to stop for coffee.



Having gone over the bridge go up the bank and turn left and walk on up this grassy track with the river now on your left.



Nearing the top of the hill the path you are on meets another path. Go straight over and up to a wall

When you reach the wall turn right and with the wall on your left walk along until you reach a gate.



Go through the gate and fork left....

And stay on this wide track passing through some more gates until you reach the road.





When you reach the lane turn right

...and when you reach the village fork left then



....turn right and walk past the pub

Stay on this lane with the spectacular valley scenery on your left.





**Half a mile
on where the
road splits
fork right to
go up the hill
and ...**

**...through the
moor gate**



**Stay on this track
but there is a less
rocky one on your
left that...**



**...runs parallel with it
all the way to the base
of the Irishman's wall**





And here is the wall.

Its not far along the track you can't miss it.

Turn right to walk up the left hand side of the wall. From the bottom it does look quite steep but when you get going you will find that its actually very steep. Take your time pause frequently and enjoy the view.





Going up

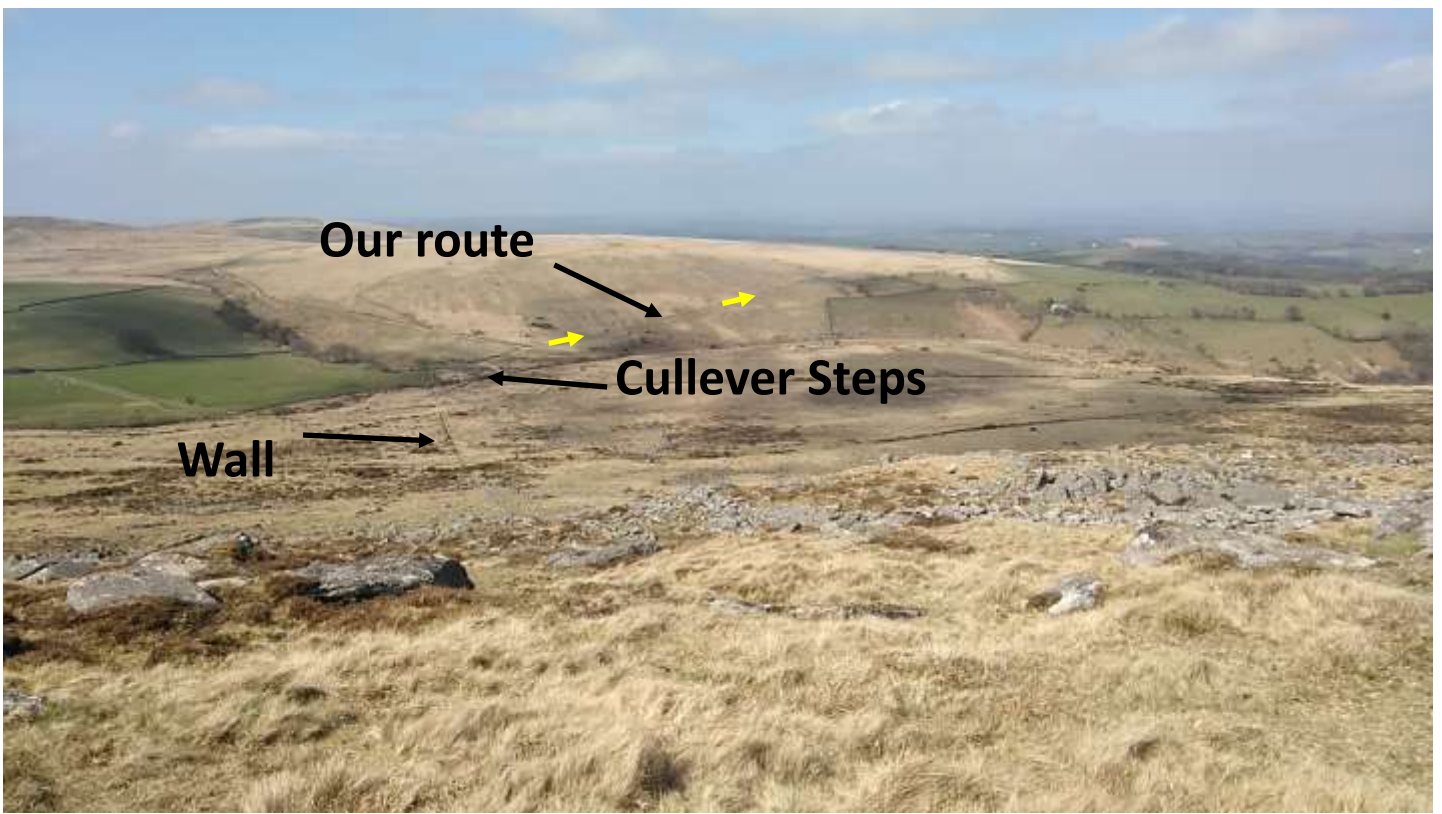


Coming down

When you reach the top have a rest and read about the wall.

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

Keep following the wall downhill. You will find a bit of a path about 30m from the wall as you thread your way between the rocks so take care and take your time.



As you come down the hill with the wall on your right you will see the wall heading off into the distance. About where it disappears

is Cullever steps which we are heading for. From here you can also see the route we will be taking back to Okehampton.



When you meet a wide track keep on downhill but take a shortcut and re-join nearer the bridge.



Look to your left and you will see Cullever steps. A good place to pause for coffee and a snack.





Go over the two bridges and set off up hill but at the first sharp left hand bend go straight ahead

When you reach this wall corner turn right.....



.....and walk on down through several gates and into the farm.

Keep to the right of the tree



Go past the silo and barn



Along the farm road



Over the cattle grid



Turn right when you reach the road and



...walk on down the road but only for a short way before going through the left hand side gate in front of you.





Stay next to the hedge for about 100m then fork left down hill as the path veers away from the wall.



Turn right when you reach the A30 embankment hedge.



Take the footbridge over the A30.

On the other side and following the signs to Okehampton you can turn left or....

go straight ahead to take a slightly nicer route through the wood on a permissive path.



When you meet the road keep going downhill until you reach....



.... Okehampton Station

I hope you enjoyed the walk.

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