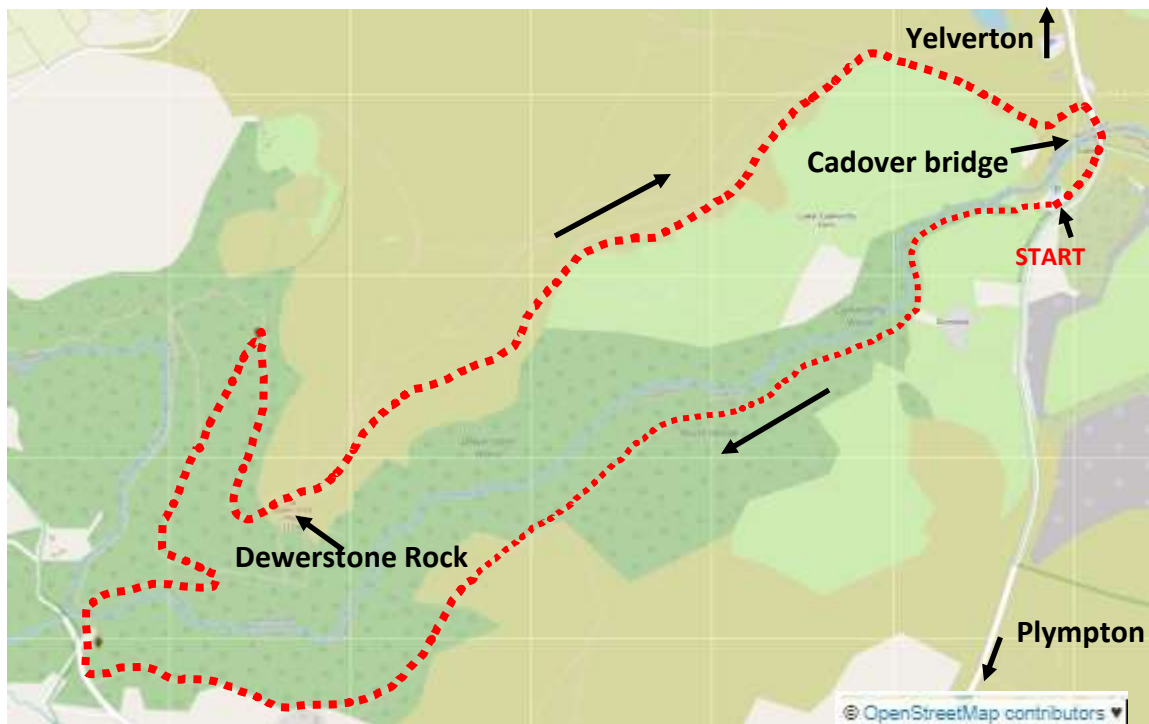


# The Dewerstone Rock Walk



This 4.5 mile circular walk starts at Cadover Bridge (SX554 645) and for the first part uses the footpath known as the Pipe Track and you will soon see why as you walk along it. The pipe carried china clay slurry from the china clay pits on the edge of the moor at Cadover to Shaugh Bridge where you will see the long since disused settling tanks and loading bays.

The walk to Shaugh bridge from Cadover bridge is primarily downhill but then there are two short steep straight paths to negotiate on the way up through Dewerstone wood.

Before you set off scroll to the end and check out the historical info.



**Starting in the car park and with the road behind you walk to the far left hand corner of the car park.**



**Go over a little stone slab bridge and through the gate a little further on.**

**You now follow the path with the broken pipe in it that once carried china clay in suspension and it did have to be very liquid to flow the 2.5 km to Shaugh bridge. We follow the pipe nearly all the way except not far along the track the track does take a short detour up hill.**





**...and when you get to the high point come back down on the other side to find the pipe in the path.**

**The pipe isn't always visible but the path is very well used and easy to see.**



**Just keep following the well walked track passing a few inspection chambers on your way.**





**At one point the ceramic pipe changes to a metal one as it crosses a stream.**

**It must have been very hard work laying a pipe through the rocky ground.**



**On your right having gone over the stile you do have a fine view of the Dewerstone.**



**When you reach a small moss encrusted structure on your right either go straight on or bear left on a wider path. Straight on is more direct. Both lead to...**

**...this gate.  
Here there is a finger post pointing To Shaugh Bridge which is where you are going. Follow the fence line...**





... and quite soon you have another choice and again they both end up at the same place but its less rocky if you go left.

Through another woodland gate and then quite soon you come across the settling tanks and other long since disused structures.



When you reach the road keep right to stay within the woodland.

**The path narrows and goes on down some steps into the car park. Turn right to walk all the way through the car park.**



**Before you leave the car park have a look at the information board.**



**Carry on past the information board and then go over the bridge ....**



**...and follow the railing around to your right.**





**Its quite a steep climb up but soon levels after you have gone around the left hand bend.**

**This used to be a railway line and you can still see evidence of this. Follow the track around a rock, past a quarry and then....**



**...fork right to go straight up hill right to the top.**

**Trucks on rails carrying granite were raised and lowered up and down this steep incline.**



**At the top you find the remains of a building that once housed all the winding gear and the culvert through which the wires ran.**



**To continue, turn around and face back the way you have just come and bear left slightly.**



**After you have passed the third granite quarry the path narrows and winds up through the wood.**



**Very soon  
Dewerstone  
tor comes into  
view...**

**...and finally you  
arrive at the top for a  
well earned rest. See  
if you can find the  
writing in the granite.**



**With the tor behind  
you take the middle  
or right hand path to  
head for the trees in  
the distance.**

**The middle path will  
take you through the  
centre of a neolithic  
hill fort.**





**Before you reach the trees you will pass to the left of Cadworthy Tor.**

**At the trees and using the wide grassy track follow the wall on your right...**



**....nearly all the way back to Cadover bridge. It dives off down the hill in one place but soon comes back up into view.**

**It's a wide well used track that eventually bends right to go down hill.**



**Passing Wigford Cross on your left or right and staying parallel with the wall keep walking down hill.**

**When you reach the farm track turn left and when you reach the road turn right. Go over Cadover Bridge and back to your car by walking along the river bank.**



**I do hope you enjoyed this short walk and when you arrived back at Cadover bridge enjoyed an ice cream for there is normally a van parked there.**

## **Links to local and historical information**

### **Mines at Shaugh Bridge**

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2396&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2396&resourceID=104)

### **The Pipe**

<https://heritagerecords.nationaltrust.org.uk/HBSMR/MonRecord.aspx?uid=MNA105570>

### **Dewerstone Hill Fort**

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2380&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV2380&resourceID=104)

### **Granite quarrying at the Dewerstone**

[https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results\\_Single.aspx?uid=MDV80768&resourceID=104](https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV80768&resourceID=104)

### **The Dewerstone Quarries.**

<https://dartmooreexplorations.co.uk/dewerstone-quarries/>