

# Calstock

## A long or short walk



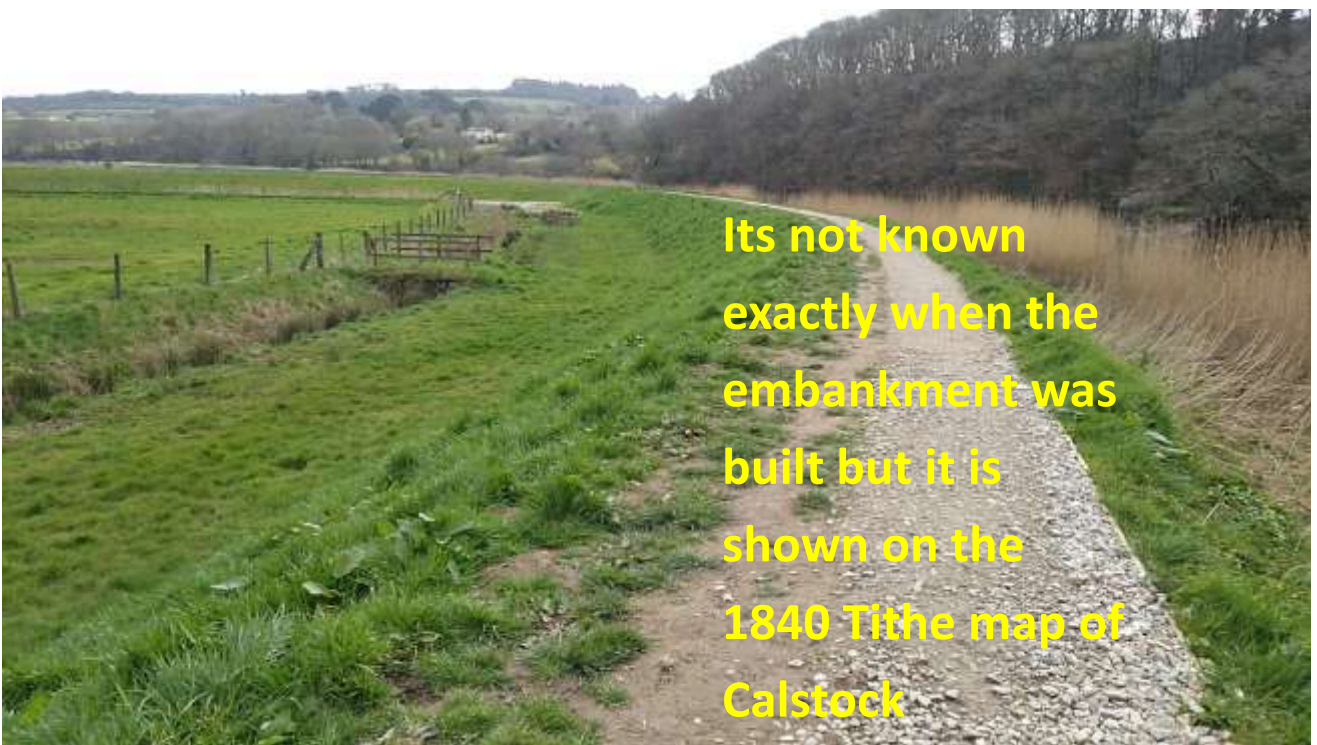
**A 3.5 mile walk to visit Okel Tor mine a Roman Fort and an inclined railway line or continue on for an extra 4 miles to go around Cotehele. Either way...**

**We start at Calstock slipway next to the bus shelter. With the Tamar on your right walk along the raised bank...**



**...but pause and look behind to see the viaduct and village**





**Its not known exactly when the embankment was built but it is shown on the 1840 Tithe map of Calstock**



**On the other side of the river you will see the remains of Buttspill Quay and Tuckermarsh Quay that served the mines on this side of the river**



**Ahead of you are the chimneys of Okel Tor Mine and Rumleigh brickworks and three restored limekilns.**

**Go through the gate and follow the footpath sign .....**

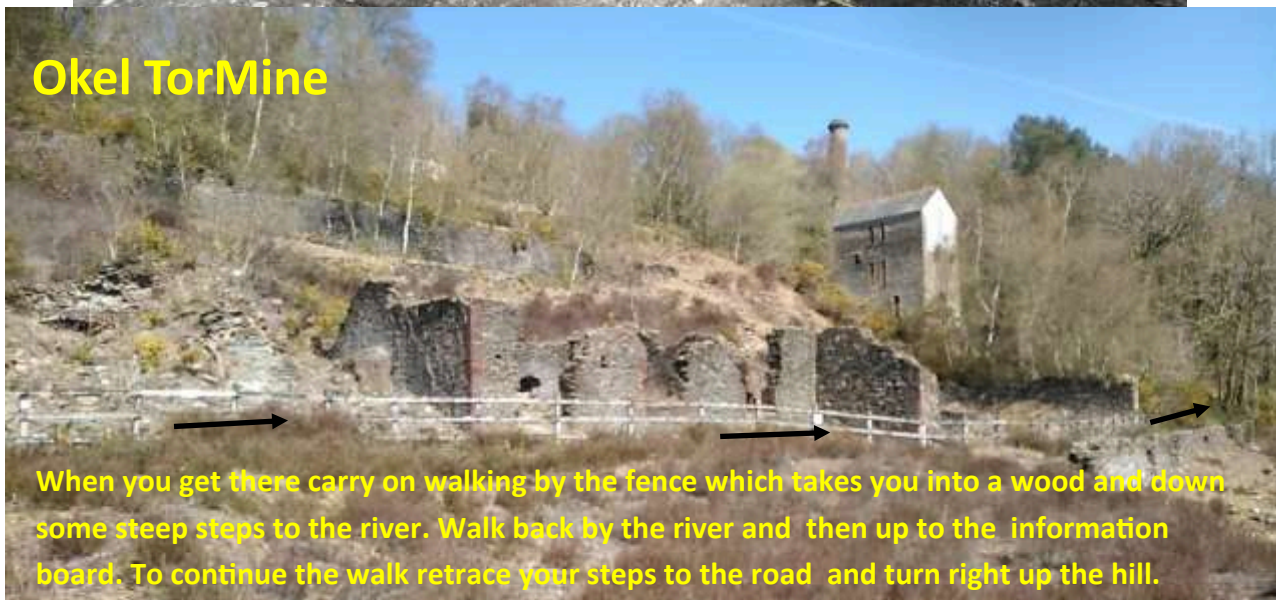




...to go up the hill



Excursion to Okel Tor Mine. (About 500m)  
To visit Okel Tor mine fork right otherwise carry on up the hill



### Okel Tor Mine

When you get there carry on walking by the fence which takes you into a wood and down some steep steps to the river. Walk back by the river and then up to the information board. To continue the walk retrace your steps to the road and turn right up the hill.





**At the top of the hill turn left....**



**...and walk along the lane**



**When you reach the railway line cross over .....**



**..... and carry on along the lane passing a very fine tree and on your right and at the top of the hill a view of Morwellham**





**Go past the church and straight on ignoring the left turn. Next to the cemetery if you stop and read the information board you will see the church was built inside a Roman Fort**



**Stay on the lane all the way to the T junction and then turn left but stay on the right hand side of the road.**



**Stay on the right to face the traffic for 120m...**

**...then turn right.....**



**....and walk along this narrow path which in the summer may be a bit of a challenge.**



**Turn right at the footpath T junction**





**Very soon you will reach a bridge. Go over and turn left down some steps but first....**

**...stand on the bridge and look down on your left and you will see below the old East Cornwall Mineral Railway line and the footpath.**



**Go over two wooden foot bridges. To continue the short walk turn right and walk on down hill.**



**For the extra 4 mile Cotehele loop scroll on down to the end and pick up directions from this point.**

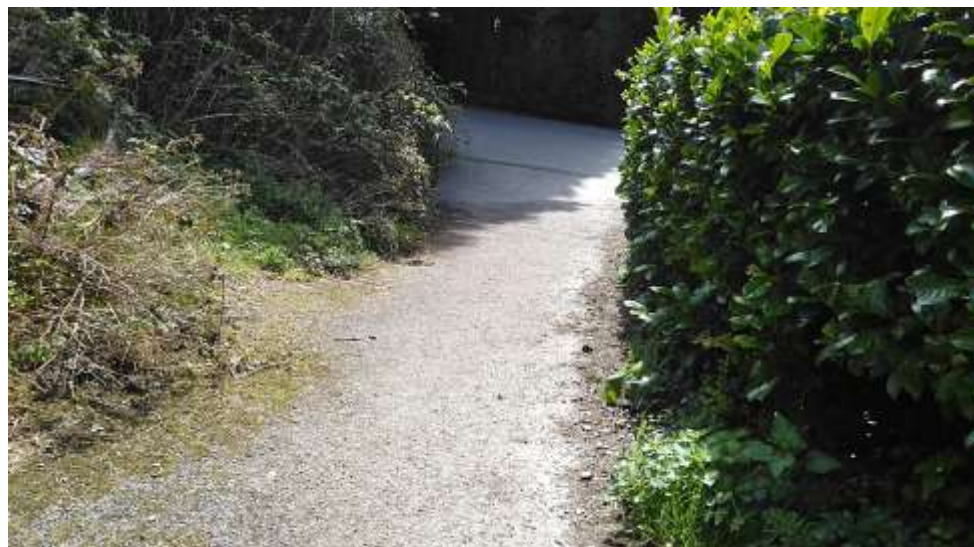


**Where the path turns right you will find a bench with a view**



**There is an even better view a bit further on but no bench**

**When you reach the road turn left.**







**Walk on into the village and if you are lucky you may see a train going over the viaduct**



**The viaduct built in 1904/7 is made up of 11000 concrete blocks cast on site.**

**Turn right and walk back down into the village and car or left to go up to the railway station.**



# The Cotehele loop



**Turn left**

**Then go left again  
and under the  
bridge you have  
just walked over.**



**In a couple of  
hundred meters turn  
right when you reach  
the wide track**

**Eventually the path  
splits left and right.  
Fork left .**





**Stay on this delightful woodland path which eventually drops down to another woodland path by a stream.**

**When you reach the stream turn right..**



**...and stay on this track all the way to Danescombe**





**When you reach Danescombe turn left. Just past the white house the road bends sharply left.**

**Here turn right and then fork left and walk up the path with the barn on your right.**



**After passing this rather sad house....**

**....keep left and up the hill on another woodland walk.**





**When you reach the road turn left. It's a quiet road but still safer to stay on the left.**

**On reaching the T junction turn left ...**



**...and on reaching the houses at Norris Green**

**Fork right. Then very quickly ....**

**...turn right again ....**



**...and then just  
around the bend  
turn left into  
Nicholas Meadow.**



**Take the first right  
turn....**



**..and straight ahead between  
the hedge and the fence.**



**Through the gate and along the  
edge of the field with horses.**



**Through the gate on the other  
side of the field and keep going  
along the unmade road.**



**When the road makes a very  
sharp right turn keep straight on.**



**Go past the bollard and into the  
hamlet known as Clampits part  
of the Village of Metherell**





**Walk on up  
through Clampits  
passing the back of  
the Carpenters  
Arms on your right.**

**At the T junction  
turn left and stay on  
the lane ....**



**.... which narrows  
considerably and  
makes a sharp  
right turn.**



**Turn left  
through the  
gate and along  
the field edge**





**Then across the field and over a stile to walk down to a little lane.**



**When you reach the lane turn left . In April the field on your left a short way along the lane was ablaze with primroses.**



**When you reach the T junction go straight across down a wide track and then with the river on your right walk on to Cotehele Bridge following signs to the Mill which you can visit if you wish.**



**Go past the bridge and on to Cotehele Quay**



**Now is your chance to visit the quay and all the interesting buildings**

**For a timing check at this point it will take you about 45 mins to walk back to your car.**



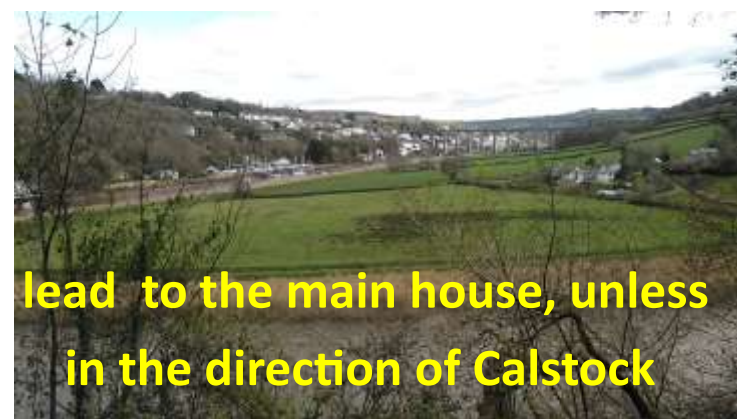
**Then fork left on to the**



**path behind the car park**



**Ignore all signs and paths that you want to visit, and head off**



**lead to the main house, unless in the direction of Calstock**



**Keep right and then turn right**



**to walk in front of the cottages**



**When you reach the road just keep on going towards the village**



**If you are lucky you may see a train going over the viaduct**

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**I did the walk in early April a lovely time of year to walk around Calstock as all the spring hedgerow flowers are coming out to join the daffodils.**