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WALKS



Gunnislake

Mines and Manure



This walk that starts at Gunnislake Station is fractionally over 4 miles. The walk takes you along the banks of the river Tamar passing a lock and canal and then through Gunnislake Clitters mine. You will pass many old mine workings, lime kilns and a 16th Century bridge. The walk is on a mixture of quiet lanes footpaths and tracks with a few ups and downs.

Take the 79 or 79a bus Tavistock to Callington and get off at Gunnislake railway station.



Walk out of the station and start back down hill for a few yards then take the first right turn into Well park Road. Then after no more than 100m take the left turn into Stony lane and walk to the bottom of the hill.

Its quite a steep down hill walk which can be slippery with autumn leaves. On reaching the bottom of the lane turn right.



Then in about 250yards turn off left along a track that leads to a house called Netstakes



You are now on the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail. Walk on down to the river and stay on the path with the river on your right at all times. Quite soon you will pass by the Tamar Manure Navigation Lock part of a canal that operated from 1802 to 1929. https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MCO23342&resourceID=1020



After passing some old cottages on your left turn right in front of a newer looking house. A turn that is easy to miss. Look out for the footpath way marker on the telegraph pole.

On reaching new Bridge (first built in 1520) and the A390 go straight across and up the track in the direction of the Gunnislake Cricket Club.





At the top of the short hill you will come across a three way junction. Here keep dead ahead on the wider level track.



A little further on the track narrows significantly. Again keep dead ahead ignoring gateways and private drives .



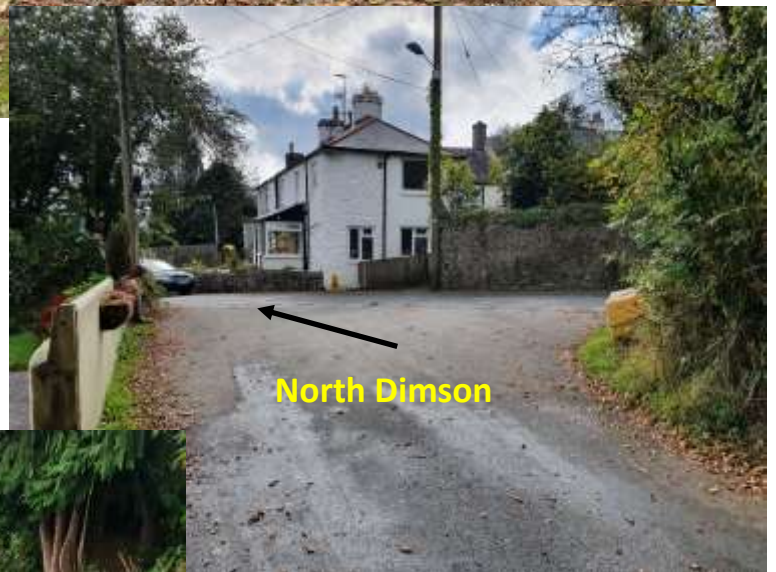
Then fork left onto a narrow path that goes to the left of a wooden shed. Passing by all the "Private" signs

The path will take you all the way up through Gunnislake Clitters mine.

After passing a mine chimney and engine house on your right, *which you are free to visit if you wish*, the track makes a steady climb all the way up to Bitthams lane where you leave the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail and turn left.



Before you reach North Dimson you might like to explore the mine workings and chimney on your right in the Duchy owned woodland.



At the end of the Bitthams lane you will reach North Dimson turn left and walk down the road and on reaching Middle Dimson turn right .



When you reach a sharp bend in the road turn right and follow the footpath sign to Delaware Road walking next to a fast flowing stream.



On reaching Delaware Road turn left and staying on the left walk on out to the junction with the A390. Cross over and walk down the footpath to your car.

I hope you enjoyed this short stroll around Gunnislake a village that was first recorded in the 15th Century. Gunnislake is of course far better known for its mines and mine shafts especially in 1992 when Michael Shaft collapsed creating an 8m wide hole 10m deep just 2.5 m from a bungalow in Woodland Way.