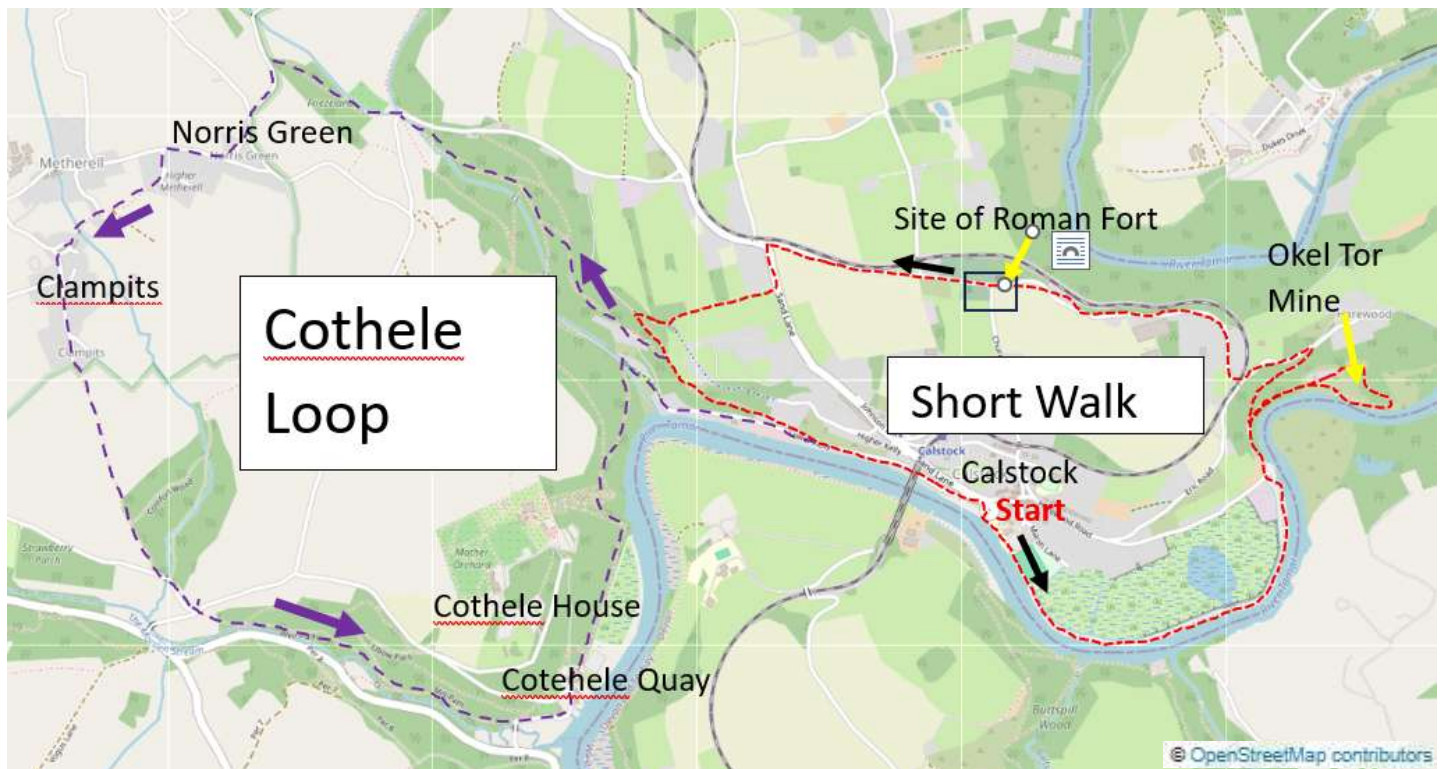


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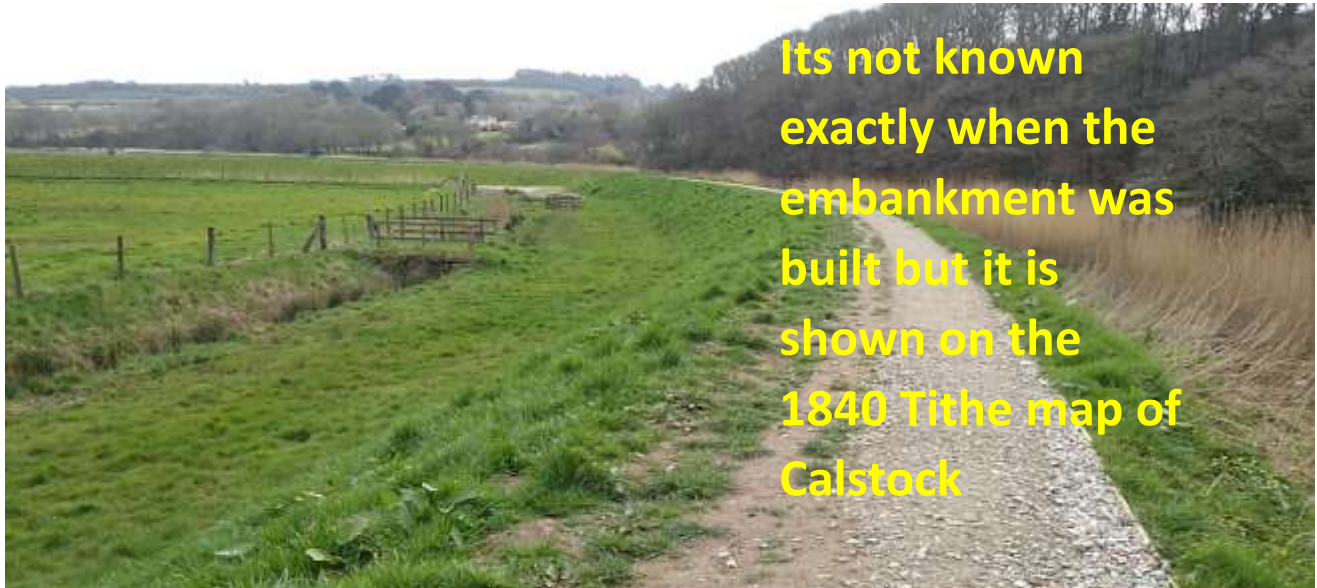
A long or short walk



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 Cothele. Either way...

We start at Calstock slipway next to the bus shelter.

With the river Tamar on your right set off to walk along the top of the embankment.



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. On your left is the new wetland area.



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 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



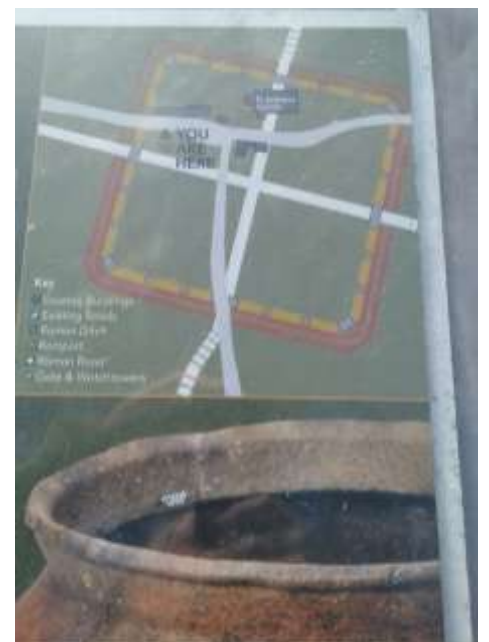
When you reach the railway line cross over

..... and carry on up the lane passing commercial greenhouses on your left and a fine view of Morwelham on your right.





Go past the church and straight on ignoring the left turn. If you stop and read the information board by the cemetery you will see the church was built inside what was once 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 next to this tall building set back off the road..



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



At the footpath T junction turn right and walk along to the bridge.



...stand on the bridge and look down and you will see below what was in 1872 The East Cornwall Mineral Railway line now the footpath.



Continue across the bridge and turn left to go down the steps. At the bottom turn right to walk down the route of the Mineral Railway line. Go over two wooden bridges.

Having gone over the second bridge **to** **continue the short walk turn right and walk on down hill.**

For the extra 4 mile Cotehele loop **scroll** on down a couple of pages to the end of the short walk 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 to walk back down into the village and the bus stop or left for the railway station.



The Cotehele loop



To start the 4 mile
Cothele loop Turn left

Then go left again
to go 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.



Stay on this track all the way to Danescombe.

It is very likely that you are walking in the footsteps of the Vikings who marched up here in 838.



**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 ruined building...
*(It was once a paper mill between 1788 to 1857)***

....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.**





**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.**



**When it narrows
considerably and
makes a sharp
right turn...**

**...fork 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.



When you reach the T junction go straight across down a wide track.



Then with the river on your right walk on to Cotehele Bridge. (*You will pass signs to the Mill which you can visit if you have NT membership.*)



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.

Ignoring all signs and paths that lead to the main house, (unless you want to visit) head off back to Calstock by taking the path behind the car park.



Keep right at this fork

Keep right and then turn right to walk in front of the cottages





The track becomes a road that will take you back to Calstock



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

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





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.

