

Meavy to Burrator Reservoir



This is a 2.5 mile circular walk from the Royal Oak at Meavy and takes you up to Burrator Reservoir and back.

You will walk the disused track bed of the railway that once served Princetown and visit the waterfall from the Devonport leat that now flows into the reservoir. On the way back you may well pass an ice cream van but you will walk through a lovely wooded and see writing etched into a wall.

If you have booked a table at the Royal Oak allow 90mins plus stopping to admire the view.

The Royal Oak Inn, Meavy



To book a table, please phone 01822 851924.



With the pub on your left walk up the back lane that serves the village all the way to the T junction with the Dousland road.

Go straight across and through a wooden gate



Walk up the short slope and fork right.

Then in about 100m go over a small granite bridge that goes over the now dried up Plymouth leat.



You are now aiming to get up to the road 25m to the left of the railings you can see under the black arrow in the photo. You can either go the steep route or the leisurely route



Whichever route you take cross over the road and walk up the grassy track next to a post with a public footpath way marker on it.





The path quickly crosses a deep gulley and continues up hill



When you reach the disused railway line turn right and follow it....



.....making a minor detour around a missing bridge. You can read all about the railway on this link: https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MDV19112&resourceID=104



When you arrive at a junction with another track turn right and almost immediately



..... follow the track around a tight bend, then all the way to a road.

On your right as you go around the bend there are some granite benches from where there is a fine view of the reservoir.





On your way you will pass another fine view of Burrator reservoir.



Turn right when you reach the road, perhaps pausing to photograph the waterfall, and walk back to the dam.



At the dam go straight ahead



Just past the public toilets fork left and walk steeply down hill on a wide track



When the track bends sharply left keep going straight ahead with the now dried up Plymouth leat on your right.



Fork left at the wall which has historical information etched into the stones.....



....and follow the well worn path down through the wood.



Through a gate ...

... and two more gates.





The track will then take you across a field and out to the road via a gate which you absolutely must shut.



Cross over the road and with the school on your left walk back to the village green and your car.

As you go past the school look up at the gable end and see Drakes Drum in the window and at ground level some information about it.



If you have time perhaps have drink or a meal in the pub before you leave the village.