



Gunnislake

Mines and Manure



This is a 4.25 mile walk that starts at Gunnislake Station. The walk takes you along the banks of the river Tamar passing a lock and canal and then through Gunnislake Clitters mine. The walk is on a mixture of quiet lanes footpaths and tracks with a few hills.

Take the 79 or 79a Tavistock to Callington bus and get off at Gunnislake railway station. Ring the bell half way up the hill otherwise the bus will not stop.



Scroll to the last page for the bus timetable

The bus stops just short of the railway approach road. Get off here and turn right 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.



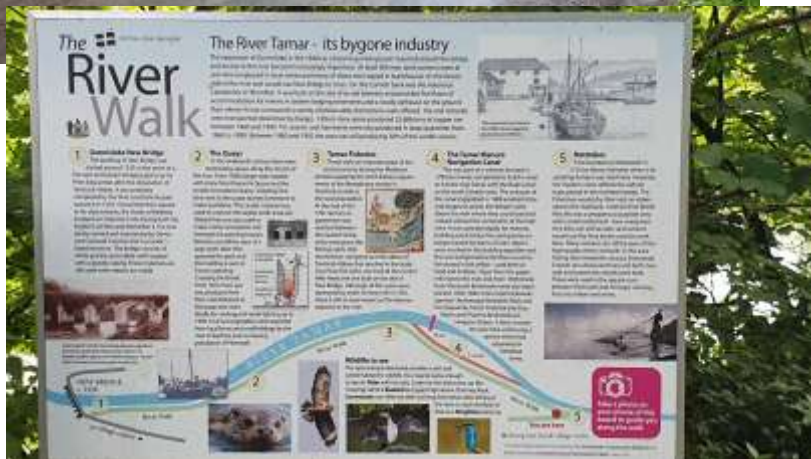
It's a steep down hill walk which can be slippery with autumn leaves. On reaching the bottom of the lane turn right.

Then as you pass the derestriction sign fork left along a track passing a drive 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. Its about a mile to New Bridge from here.



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



Way marker

After passing some old cottages on your left turn right in front of newer cottages. 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 hill.





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. This path will take you all the way up through Gunnislake Clitters mine so keep a look out for evidence of industrial use.

When the path starts to go up hill look to your right to see a chimney and a path leading down to it.

After passing a mine chimney and engine house on your right, 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

On reaching Middle Dimson check the bus times. If you are running late go left then immediately right to go down Chapel Street. At the traffic lights turn right to walk up to the village bus stop. Should take about 10 mins. Otherwise turn right for a 20 min walk back to the station bus stop.





Stay on the road to go around a few bends and on over a disused railway bridge. A little bit further on fork left off the road on to a peoples path that leads towards the station.



When you reach a cul de sac road turn right and then at the main road turn left and walk down to the bus stop shelter



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.

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<u>Tavistock Community College</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15:20	-	-	-
<u>Gulworthy School</u>	07:26	08:56	10:01	11:01	12:01	13:01	14:01	15:26	16:26	17:36	18:26
<u>Gunnislake, Cornish Inn</u>	07:32	09:02	10:07	11:07	12:07	13:07	14:07	15:32	16:32	17:42	18:32
<u>Gunnislake, Railway Station...</u>	07:34	09:04	10:09	11:09	12:09	13:09	14:09	15:34	16:34	17:44	18:34
<u>Albaston, Lay By</u>	07:36	09:06	10:11	-	12:11	-	-	15:36	16:36	17:46	18:36
<u>Calstock, The Quay</u>	07:42	09:12	10:17	-	12:17	-	-	15:42	16:42	17:52	18:42
<u>St Anns Chapel, Post Office</u>	07:47	09:17	10:22	11:11	12:22	13:11	14:11	15:47	16:47	17:57	18:47
<u>St Anns Chapel, Honicombe...</u>	07:50	09:20	10:25	-	12:25	-	-	15:50	16:50	18:00	18:50
<u>Metherell, Telephone Box</u>	07:53	09:23	10:28	-	12:28	-	-	15:53	16:53	18:03	18:53
<u>Harrowbarrow, Tregarthen</u>	07:55	09:25	10:30	-	12:30	-	-	15:55	16:55	18:05	18:55
<u>Harrowbarrow, Rising Sun</u>	07:58	09:28	10:33	-	12:33	-	-	15:58	16:58	18:08	18:58
<u>Callington, Tesco</u>	08:06	09:36	10:41	11:17	12:41	13:17	14:17	16:06	17:06	18:16	19:06
<u>Callington, New Road</u>	08:10	09:40	10:45	11:21	12:45	13:21	14:21	16:10	17:10	18:20	19:10

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<u>Callington, Community Coll...</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15:10	-	-
<u>Callington, New Road</u>	06:50	07:32	08:57	10:20	10:57	12:20	12:57	14:20	15:17	16:35	17:30
<u>Callington, Tesco</u>	06:53	07:35	09:00	10:23	11:00	12:23	13:00	14:23	15:20	16:38	17:33
<u>Harrowbarrow, Rising Sun</u>	-	07:40	09:05	-	11:05	-	13:05	-	15:26	16:43	17:38
<u>Harrowbarrow, Tregarthen</u>	-	07:43	09:08	-	11:08	-	13:08	-	15:29	16:46	17:41
<u>Metherell, Telephone Box</u>	-	07:45	09:10	-	11:10	-	13:10	-	15:31	16:48	17:43
<u>St Anns Chapel, Honicombe...</u>	-	07:48	09:13	-	11:13	-	13:13	-	15:35	16:51	17:46
<u>St Anns Chapel, Post Office</u>	06:59	07:51	09:16	10:29	11:16	12:29	13:16	14:29	15:40	16:54	17:49
<u>Calstock, The Quay</u>	-	07:58	09:23	-	11:23	-	13:23	-	15:47	17:01	17:56
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<u>Gulworthy School</u>	07:09	08:14	09:39	10:39	11:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	16:03	17:17	18:12
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From Tavistock suggest you catch the 9.55 to Gunnislake railway station and the 12.31 back to Tavistock.