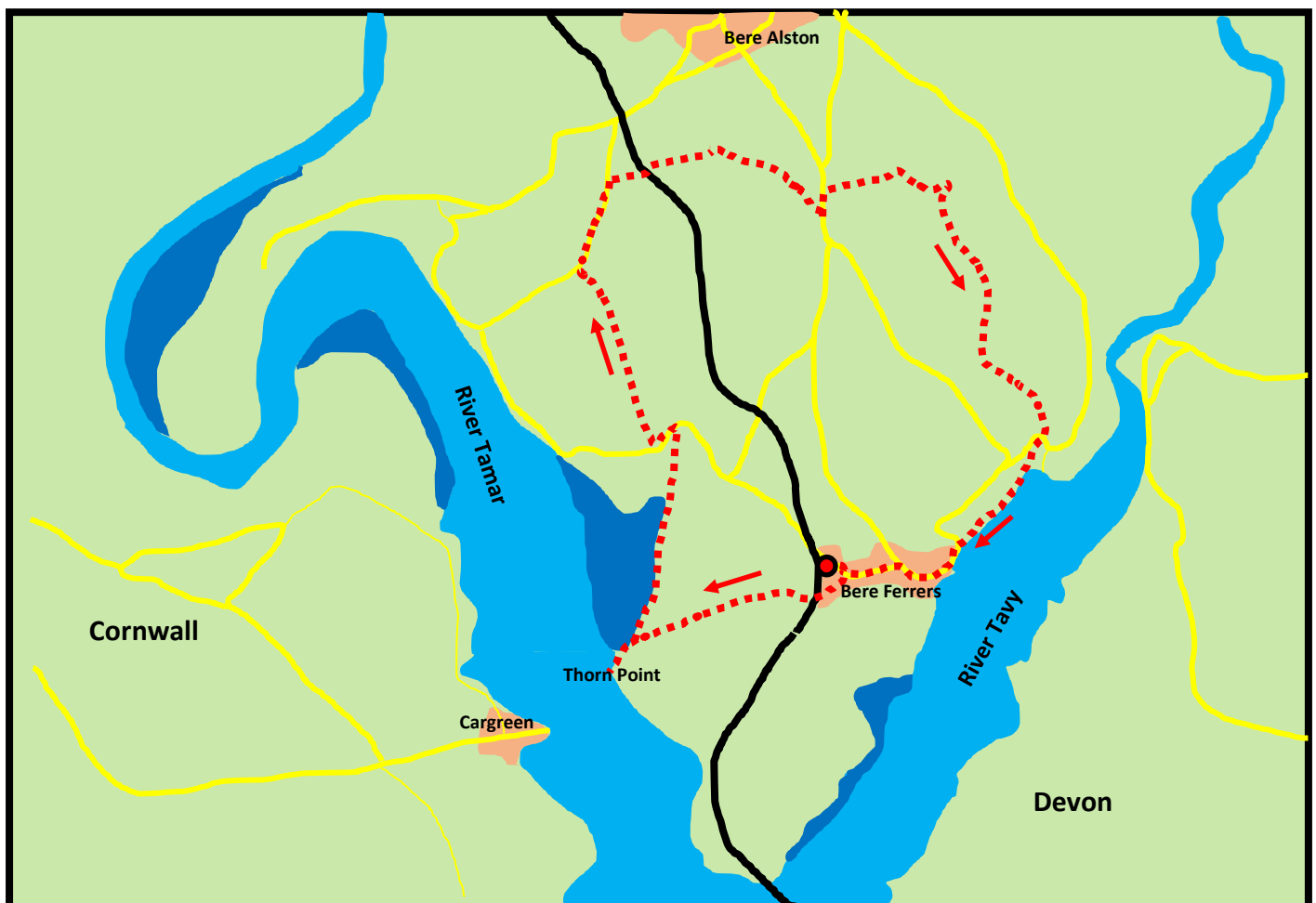


Walk 2 Bere Ferrers and the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail

This 6.75 mile walk starts with a magnificent view of the Tamar and introduces you to the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail which you will meet on most of the other walks.

Walk 2 starts at Bere Ferrers railway station and takes you down to the edge of the river. There is a little excursion you can do on this walk that will take you out to Thorn Point and where you can look across the river to Cargreen on the Cornish side where **Walk 1** started from.

To reach the start you could catch the 87 bus from Tavistock or the train from Plymouth. The walk starts at Bere Ferrers railway station which is at the top of the hill above the village. Park in the approach road PL19 7LT





From the Station approach road walk back towards the village and take the first right into Station road. After two bends in the road go under a railway bridge. On the other side of the bridge keep straight ahead as the road becomes an unsurfaced track. You are walking on the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail (TVDT) so look out for and follow the apple emblem way markers for the next 2 miles.



Going through a couple of field gates the path/track soon follows a fence in almost a straight line all the way down to the bottom of the hill. You do have some splendid views of the Tamar valley as you walk down the hill.



When you reach the bottom of the hill turn right to walk along the field edge. At this point you could go an excursion to Thorn Point by going over the stile and turning left although the footpath is a very wet in places. It was originally a hard or landing point for the ferry that used to cross to Cargreen on the other side of the river. (See Walk 1)

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About 300m further along the hedge line there is a V shaped stile on your left. Go over the stile and follow the well worn path all the way to Liphill quay passing over several long board walks on your way.



Go around the new wall and up into a parking area.



Leaving the parking area don't carry on up the drive instead turn immediately left to go through the pedestrian gate.



The path runs along the bottom edge of several fields and eventually comes to a wooden bridge. Go over and turn left.



After about 300m a track on the right meets the road. Leaving the TVDT Turn right and walk up the track which is a bit steep particularly at the start.



When you reach the cross roads turn right and walk along the road for 500m passing a house on your right.



When you reach a footpath crossing the road turn right to go along a track that goes past a cottage. Stay on the track that then goes over a railway bridge.



On the other side of the bridge turn right to walk 20m up to a gate in a field corner. Go through the gate and staying next to the hedge on your left walk up through 2 fields.



You will come up to a farm. The first thing you see is a caravan with a stile next to it. Go over the stile and walk along the farm road going past all the buildings.

On reaching this footpath signpost which is just a couple of meters past a farm road junction turn right into the field and walk straight ahead although most walkers are going diagonally across. Suggest you follow the most well trodden route to get to a gate which is on the other side of the field



However to take the correct route, walk down the hedge line then after about 50m start walking diagonally away from the hedge in the direction of the arrow to the field gate.



On reaching the field gateway head towards the hedge on the other side of the next field in the direction of the arrow.



When you reach the other side of the field go through the pedestrian gate and then up the next field on a path between the hedge on your left and a fence on your right.





When you reach the top corner of this field go through the gate on to a track between two high hedges and



....out on to a private drive passing some stables.



On reaching the road junction turn left to walk up the road but only for 120m.



At the next junction turn right to walk through Well Farm passing two open fronted barns.



Turn right just past the second open fronted barn. The finger post points along a track that leads to two fields. Go through the gate into the left hand side field and walk along the edge of the field with the hedge on your right but for only about 50m.



Then fork diagonally left across the field passing a telegraph pole and go through the metal gate on the other side. You are at the start of a long downhill woodland walk through Hole Wood. Its all well signposted. When you reach the valley floor stay on the track with the stream and marsh on your left at all times.





...even when the main track goes over the stream



Soon you will see a house through the trees. Go through a gate and pass next to the house. When you reach the road turn right (Hensbury Lane) but for only about 50m



When the road starts to go up hill fork left to keep the stream on your left.

After about 150m and just as you reach the foreshore look out for a narrow path on your right.



Fork right up the signposted path, *(It would be worthwhile just to go a little further along the track before you turn right in order to check how high the tide is. If by chance you happen to pick a day when there is an exceptionally high tide you will have to retrace your steps to Hensbury lane and use the road instead.)* The path you will take looks down on the foreshore but you will need to walk along a tidal strip before reaching the road into Bere Ferrers village



When you reach the road on the edge of the village you have two options for returning to Bere Ferrers Railway station.

Option 1 turn left and walk up the road and through the village following the road signs to the station passing The Old Plough Inn on your way. Its about a 15 min walk from here.

Or **Option 2** turn right to take a more rural route using tracks and footpaths to reach the station. Its about a 20 min walk from here. **EXCEPT UNTIL JAN 27 THIS ROUTE IS CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE SO ONLY OPTION 1 IS AVAILABLE UNTIL THEN.**

Option 2 the rural route back



Turn right when you reach the road and then take the next left turn signposted to Shutecombe



Walk up the road that eventually becomes a driveway passing Shutecombe Farm on your left until you reach some huge imposing double wooden gates that stop you from going any further.



When you reach the gates turn left along a permissive path staying next to a fence on your right. Walk along the path passing a log store until you reach a broken down stile.



Just past the broken down stile keep left and walk down the hill to a ladder stile



Go over the stile and turn right to walk along the road for a very short distance



Then turn left and walk up the field between fences



Go through the metal gate and into a private garden. Keep right between the flower beds and head towards the large oak tree. As you reach the tree you will see the access drive. With the garden and house behind you walk out to the road along the access drive. When you reach the road you will find the railway station in front of you.