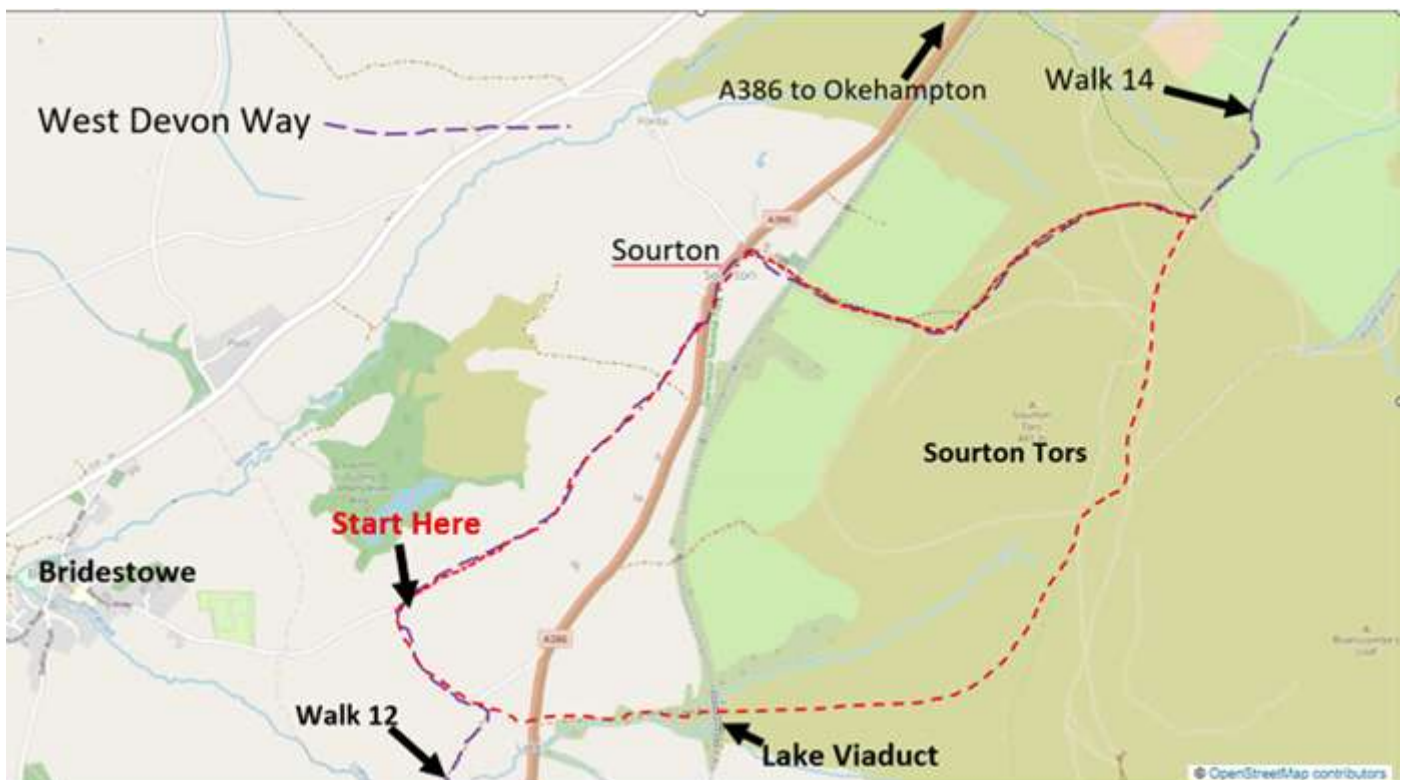


WALKING THE WEST DEVON WAY

Walk 13

LAKE TO PREWLEY MOOR



This 5 mile walk starts off on the level through meadows but soon rises up for a moorland treck up behind Sourton Tors and then back down to go under Lake viaduct. You will be following not only the West Devon Way signs but also the Two Castles Way and Dartmoor Way signs.

The walk starts in Pigs Leg lane on the sharp bend SX524892 but you could start in Bridestowe which will add another mile and a half to the walk but there is a nice pub there. From Bridestowe take the road opposite the church signposted to Route 27 and a caravan park. The ladder stile will be on your left two thirds of a mile up the road.



There is just enough space for a car to park off the road by the hedge without blocking the gate or ladder stile.

Start the walk by going over the ladder stile and follow the path through all the meadows with the hedge on your right going through 4 fields.



Having gone through this particularly muddy gateway the path then angles away to the left.



Go over the next stile and again keep the hedge on your right until you reach a metal gate.



Go through and keep the hedge on your left.



Finally you will go through a gate onto a narrow track that will take you up between two buildings and out to the A386.



Cross over the A386 and using the pavement walk past the bus stop and turn right opposite the red shoes.



Walk up to the Church



Then take the footpath to the right of the church



The path will take you over a bridge that spans the Granite Way and then to a moor gate where a few yards further on you will find a handy rock on which to sit and have a cup of coffee and admire the view.



Keep walking up hill with the wall on your left. As the wall on your left bends left keep going straight on up the hill.



In about 50m you will arrive at this junction of paths. Turn left and follow this wide track around the hillside without turning left or right.



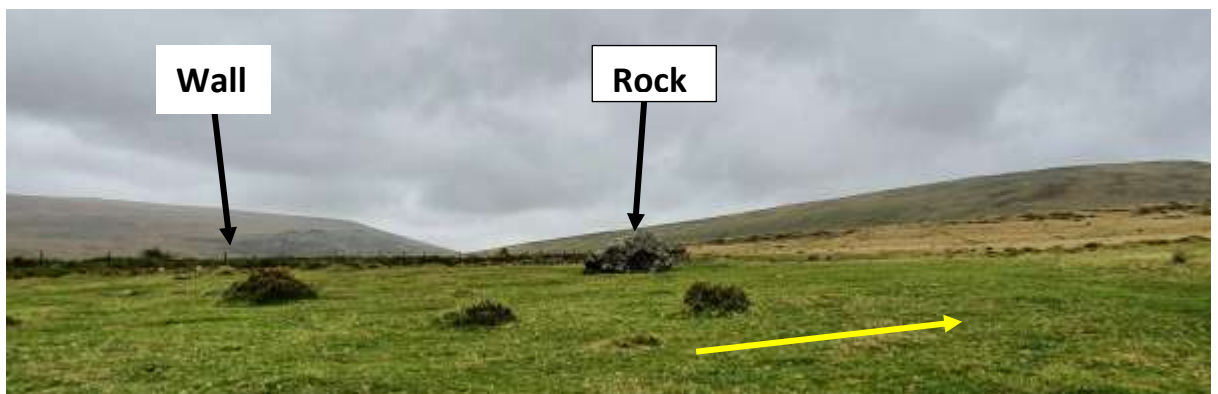
Cross over the wet bit and keep right



Then when you meet a wide path going up hill again go straight across.



Then just a little bit further on at this fork keep right



Soon the bracken disappears and you reach a wide open area with a large rock and stone wall in front of you. This is where we leave the West Devon Way and make our way back to the start by turning right.



With the open area a large rock and the stone boundary wall all behind you start to walk up towards Sourton Tor using the wide grassy track.



Quite soon you reach a pair of stones. The path we want goes to the left of them not through them.



Go past another short upright stone.



When you reach this muddy area with a small pond there is a gully or double bank on your right. Turn right and follow it.



However if you haven't been up to Sourton Tor to see the views now is a good opportunity to make a short excursion.



Follow the gully until it sort of levels out and meets a Boundary stone. It's not very big so don't walk past it.



At the boundary stone go left. The path is a bit indistinct at the start but soon becomes...



an obvious track. On your right in the valley Lake viaduct will come into view and then disappear. The path goes around the hill so don't be tempted to start walking up hill or take any sheep tracks going steeply down hill.



When the top of the viaduct comes back into view head towards it by taking a right fork to go downhill.



The track goes straight to the viaduct



Go through a gate and under the viaduct and out to the A386.



**Go straight across, there is good visibility.
A short way up the hill you will meet the
West Devon Way emerging from the
byway on your left.**



**Keep going up the road following the Dartmoor way
signs and Route 27 and soon you will get back to your
car on the corner of....**

