

Please read these [NOTES](#) before downloading and setting off to do a walk.

### PLEASE READ BEFORE SETTING OFF

When you go on a Tavistock Ramblers walk a few days beforehand the walk leader will have checked to make sure there are no problems and the route is safe. It must therefore be appreciated that in undertaking any of these video walks that you agree to be entirely responsible for your own safety. Should you encounter a problem that others should be aware of please contact us.

All the walks are circular that is to say they all start and end at the same place and all are leisurely to moderate except the excursion to the Beardown man from Wistmans Wood which is verging on strenuous. Except where stated none of the walks are more than 6 miles and most of them can be done in 2 to 2½ hours 3 at the most but take your time enjoy the views

It is suggested that you watch the video before you set off and perhaps follow the route with your finger using the OS map (OS explorer 2½ inches to the mile OL28). Particularly important if you are new to the area.

Be a sensible walker and check the weather forecast before setting off. Sometimes it can be quite clear in Tavistock but with thick mist on the moors. Do not set off on Dartmoor if the weather is on the change. Wear suitable foot wear, flip flops and sandals can be a bit challenging and even dangerous. If you want to take your dog do check the video first to make sure the walk is suitable.

### **The Walks**

First you need to download the walk to your smart phone or tablet. To do so is very simple. Choose your walk by tapping on the name. The walk will then start playing. Tap the screen again and you will see a progress bar in the centre. This is a white circle with two vertical bars, tap on this and it becomes a triangle and the film stops. Just to the right of the triangle are 3 vertical dots, tap on these and then tap on the word Download. Retrieve the file from your download folder and you now have the walk on your phone and not on the internet. As you are going along tap on the screen and the white dot in the middle to pause the walk.

#### Elephants Nest:

The walk starts in Mary Tavy North of Tavistock. Its about 6 miles of well worn paths, tracks and road all the way. In the Summer look out for the wonderful ferns next to the leat between Hillbridge and Horndon. In late summer take a box to collect blackberries. The Elephants Nest pub has an excellent beer garden.

#### Grenofen:

The best bit about this one is the walk through the oak wood next to the river Walkham, and then to visit a most picturesque and little known spot where the Tavy joins with the Walkham known as Double Waters. Look out for the evidence of past mining activity in the wood where you will find leats, a chimney, derelict buildings and wheel pit if you look hard enough.

#### Yar Tor:

The furthest distance from Tavistock but has some fabulous views and passes some magnificent stone cairns. Its about 6½ miles so allow about 3 hours.

#### Yelverton to Clearbrook:

The shortest walk which if you hurry you could do in 90mins. Look out for mine workings a pair of leats side by side and a granite railway. You also walk past the Skylark Inn.

#### Wistmans Wood:

A very popular easy walk to reach the woods which are an SSSI. An almost level and then downhill walk all the way back by the side of Devonport Leat. Allow a couple of hours. The excursion to the standing stone called The Beardown Man can only be done if there is no live firing so check the Dartmoor Ranges firing schedule before you go . It can also be a bit soggy underfoot .

#### Plasterdown to Whitchurch:

The walk follows well defined paths track and Fullamoor lane. The fields and gateways can be very wet and muddy in the winter so go in early summer and enjoy the wonderful hay-meadow flowers.

#### Horrabridge Circular:

A walk on well defined tracks footpaths and a bit on the road. A very varied walk that also includes stepping stones across a small stream which just may be flooded after heavy winter rain.

#### Horrabridge and Drakes Trail:

An easy walk with at least half of it almost level. You will pass over a viaduct and a recently built bridge over the Walkham valley. You will also pass a cafe and two pubs.

#### Dartmeet and Hexworthy.

A slightly more challenging walk firstly attempting to cross the wide West Dart on stepping stones, and then a section over open moor crossing a leat and the O brook. A lovely summer walk that can be done in 2 hours if you hurry but take your time and enjoy the views and wildlife or the Forrest Inn at Hexworthy.

#### Drizzle Combe:

An easy walk passing Ditsworthy Warren farmhouse made famous in the film War Horse. The best bit is to stand next to the massive Bronze age menhirs and climb into the Giants basin, or is it the exploration of the old mine workings?