

Route 6

Moorland Trail

8.7 miles
(4.6 miles on road/4.1 miles off road)

From the Meldon Reservoir car park, turn left along the access road.

At the junction, turn right and go under the railway bridge (which now carries the Granite Way).

The Granite Way is an 11 mile cycle / walkway which runs along the northwest edge of the granite massif of Dartmoor, suitable for families and those new to cycling.

Follow the road through Meldon and on over the road bridge over the A30.

Take the road on the left after crossing the A30 road bridge (signed "Bowerland") (not the A30 slip road but the next road on the left)!

Follow this road, crossing the A386, and following signs to "Bowerland".

Follow the lane around a left hand bend and then take the public brideway on the right hand side which goes on to join a dismantled railway track.

Follow this brideway along the edge of the West Bowerland Plantation, and then take the public brideway on the left immediately after passing beneath a brick arch railway bridge.

Follow this brideway to its junction with a road, by following the waymarking through the Plantation.

Turn left along the road, passing Thorndon Farm. Go straight on at the staggered cross-roads (signed "Week").

Pass beneath the subway under the A30.

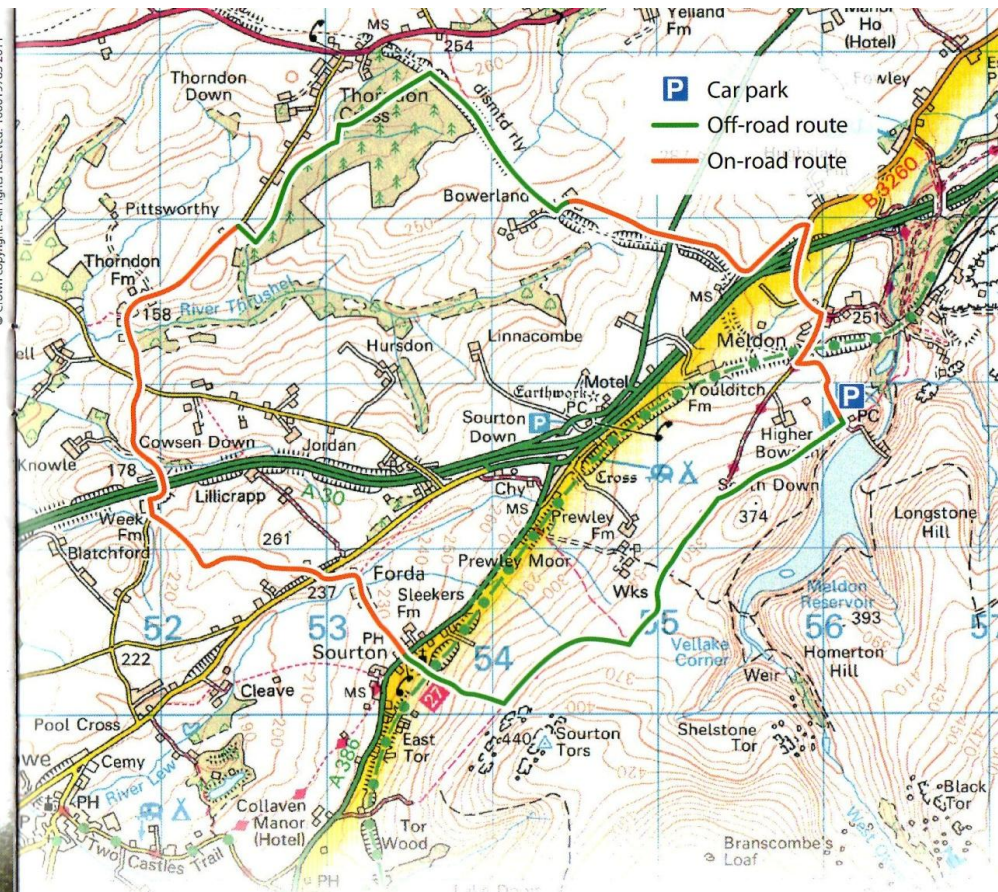
Take the lane on the left after Week Farm (signed "Unsuitable for motors").

Follow this lane to its junction with a road.

Cross straight over the road and continue straight ahead (signed "Forda").

Continue straight on to the Highwayman Inn and the A386.

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Cross the A386 and follow the public brideway over the Granite Way and onto the moor.

Continue along this brideway, turning left at its junction with another brideway (which is also the Two Castles Trail and West Devon Way).

The Two Castles Trail is a 24 mile walking route between Okehampton and Launceston (just over the border in Cornwall) on the western side of Devon. The route is waymarked except where it crosses open moorland.

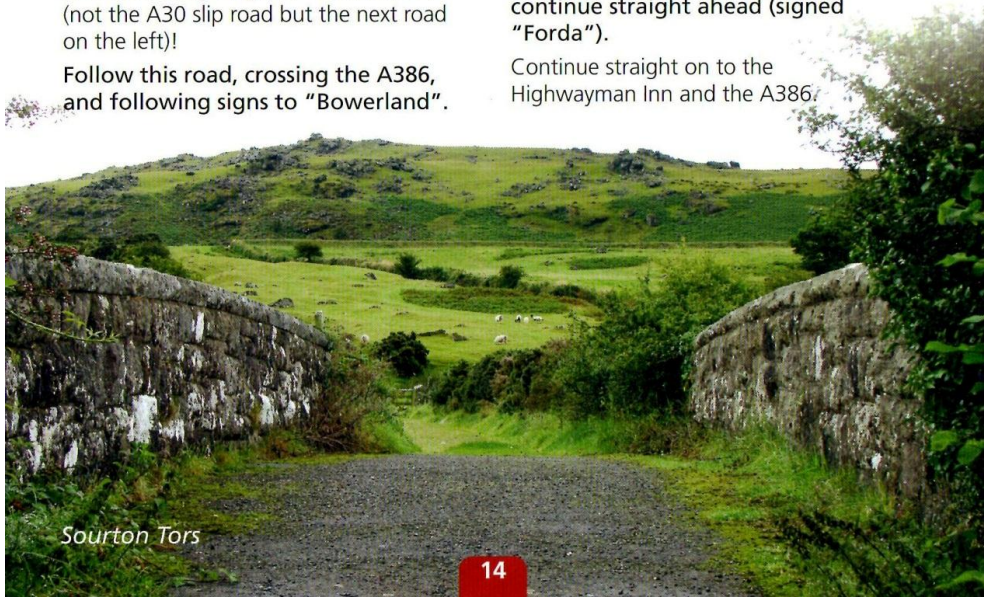
The West Devon Way is a 36 mile walking route linking Okehampton and Plymouth

along the western edge of Dartmoor, this route is also waymarked except across open moorland.

Continue straight on for 1¼ miles.

At the fork in two public brideways, take the right hand brideway (leaving the Two Castles Trail and West Devon Way) and return to the Meldon Reservoir car park.

Refreshments are available from The Highwayman Inn. For more information visit thehighwaymaninn.net or call 01837 861243.



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