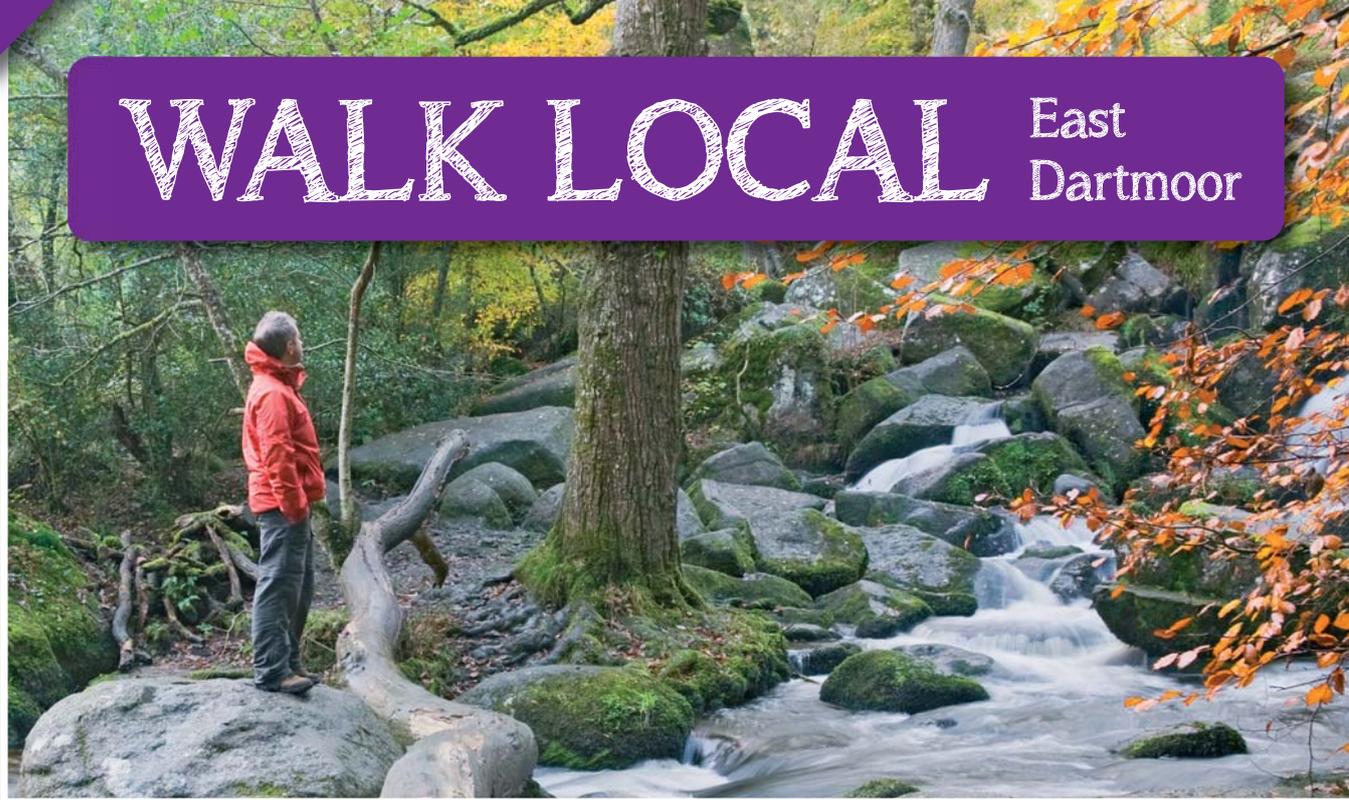


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Overview

Walk 1:

Moretonhampstead to Butterdon and Cranbrook

Walk 2:

Moretonhampstead to North Bovey

Walk 3:

North Bovey to Easdon Tor

Walk 4:

North Bovey to Foxworthy

Walk 5:

Manaton to Manaton Rocks and Foxworthy

Walk 6:

Manaton to Bovey Valley and Water

Key to the maps:



Café Pub Toilets



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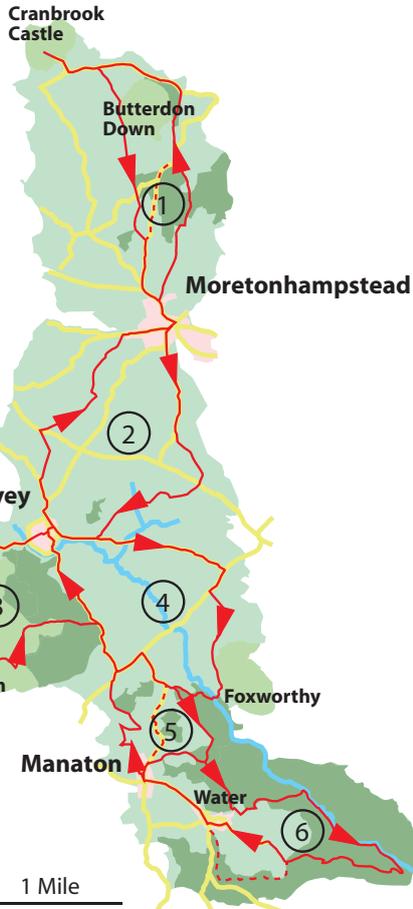
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Alternative Route



These walks have been written to offer guidance on exploring the countryside surrounding the three parishes of Moretonhampstead, North Bovey, and Manaton through six interlinking routes (see map left). They cover varied terrain and scenery and are accessible to walkers of all abilities.

Each walk passes by, or finishes very near, local pubs or cafés.

Local points of interest include the three parish churches, varied tourist attractions, Green Hill Arts Centre, historic buildings and features plus, of course, some beautiful scenery. More details on all of these are available at Moretonhampstead Information Centre.

A PDF of the booklet can be downloaded above.

We advise all walkers to wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear (in dry weather, trainers will suffice).

We also ask anybody using this guide to follow the [Country Code](#) to ensure all can enjoy the countryside unspoilt. Close all gates, keep dogs under control around livestock and farmland, don't leave litter, etc.

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The Ordnance Survey map for this area is *Explorer OL28 Dartmoor*.

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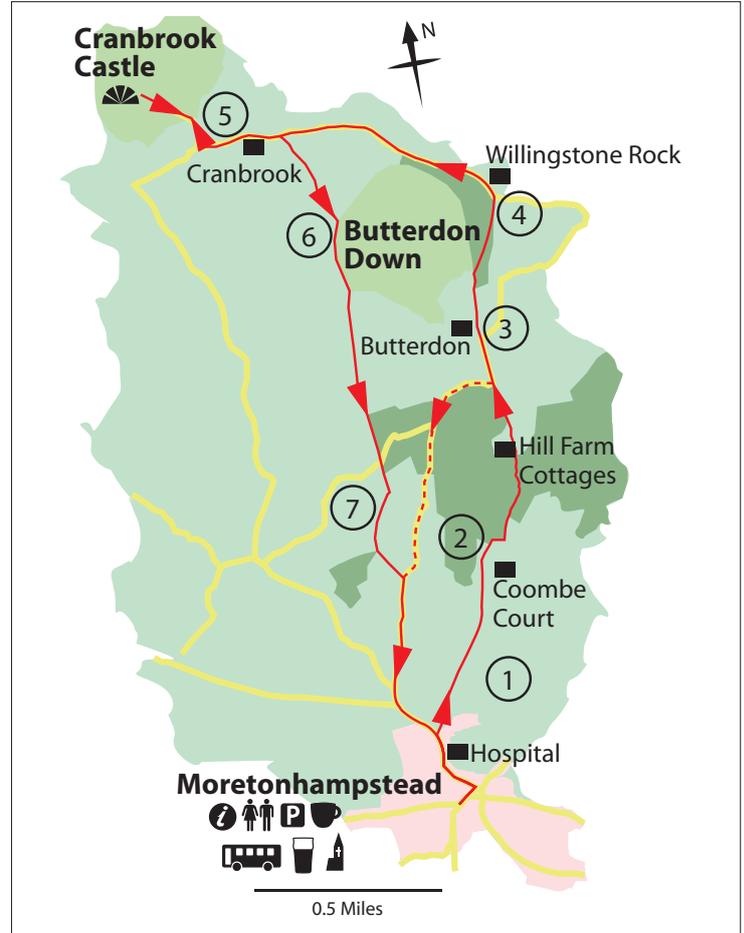
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A varied walk to an earthwork fort with great views

- From the Information Centre head left past The Gateway Tearoom along Ford St, turning right by the Hospital and on to Queens Road at the top of the hill.
- A footpath commences at the end of the Queens Road which is easily followed through several fields. (1)
- Pass through two gates, turn right and follow path. Continue into woods with stream on right and up stony track to Hill Farm Cottages. (2)
- Continue straight on when you meet a road until you reach a right turn where two paths meet it. (3) To shorten the walk, turn left after Hill Farm Cottages and follow the road back.
- Follow the green lane ahead of you signposted 'Willingstone Cottages'.
- After 250 yards turn right through a gate onto a track that leads through woods down to a minor road. Turn left here. (4)
- Follow this road, passing Willingstone Rock, and Cranbrook Farm until you reach Cranbrook Cross. Turn right. (5)
- Shortly up the track an entrance onto the Down can be found on the left, the earthwork fortification is ahead.
- To descend, retrace your footsteps back to Cranbrook Farm and turn right onto a footpath which leads up through three fields and then over a double stile onto Butterdon Down. (6)
- Turn right here and follow the edge round, taking second footpath off, signed to Moreton.
- Through fields and over a stile into woods. Straight across a road and over a stone stile. Follow the path through woods then fields, joining a narrow road which drops into Moretonhampstead. (7)
- Turn left at the roundabout to take you back to the town centre.



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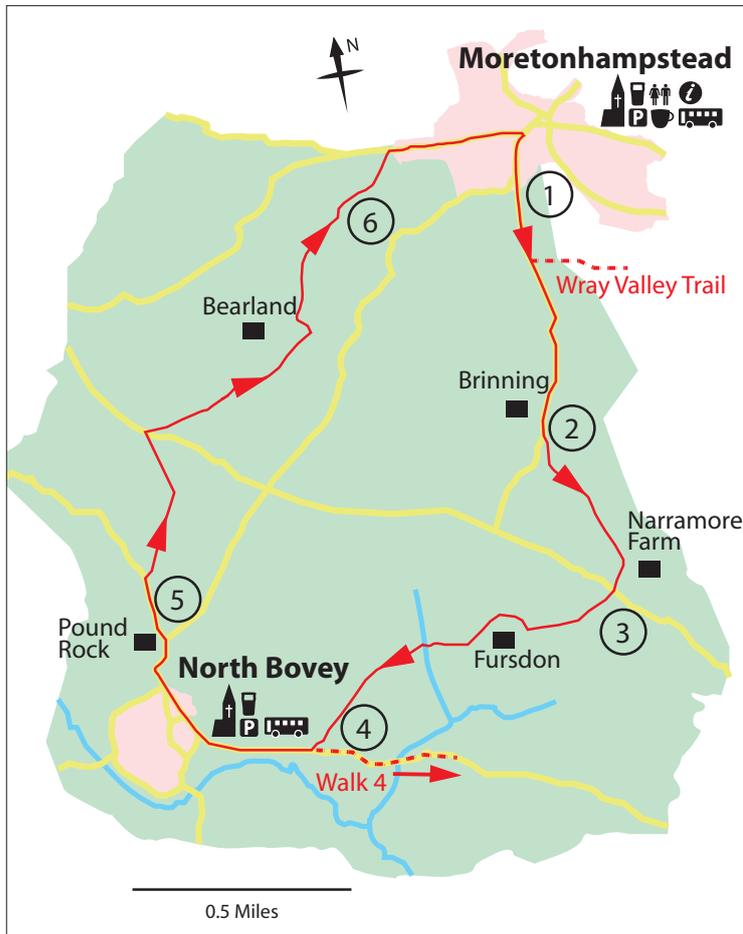


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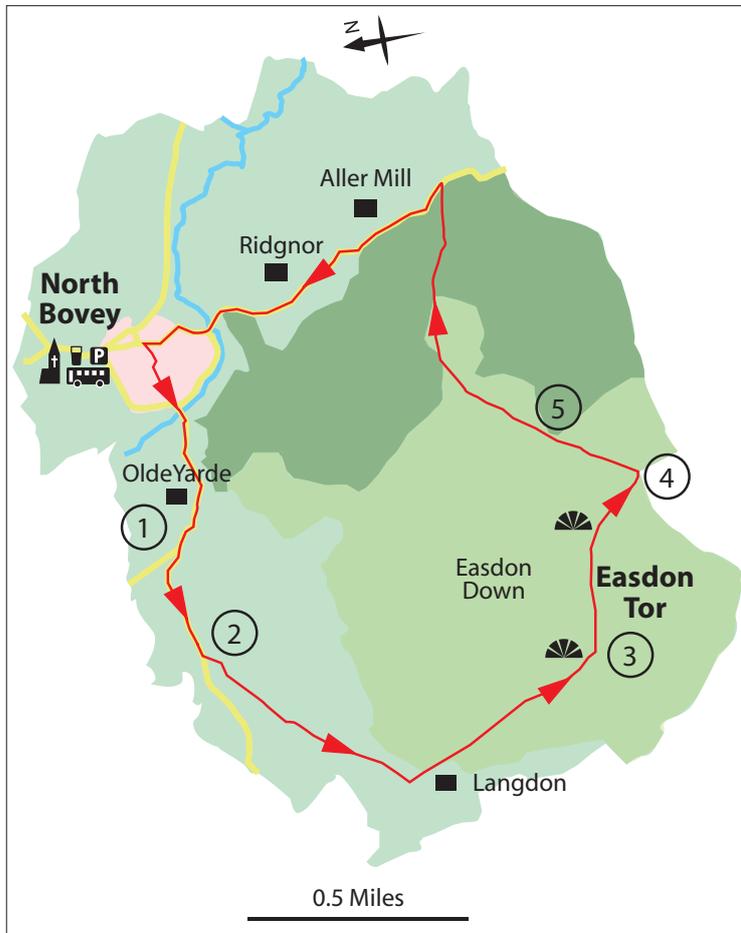
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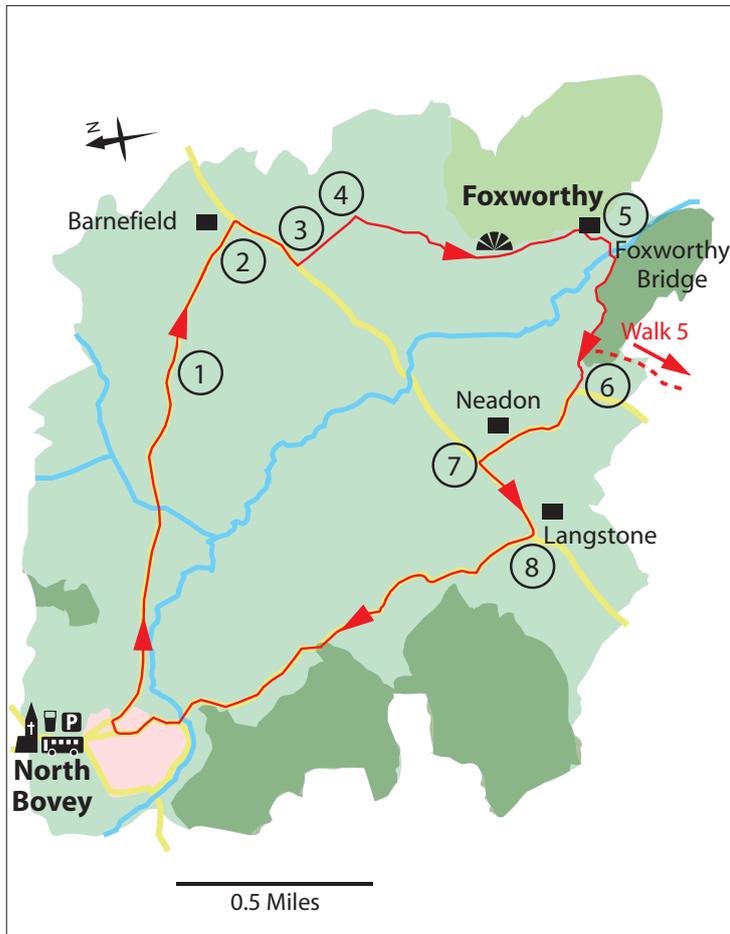
A circular walk over farmland to a picturesque village

- Exit Moreton via Pound Street, opposite the Co-operative, and take the first left fork as you go down the hill. (1)
- The lane descends past the start of the Wray Valley Trail, before a climb. Look for a stile on the left about 150 yards after the entrance to Brinning Farm. (2)
- The path crosses a stream and runs along the left side of four fields until you emerge at the entrance to Narramore Farm.
- Cross the road into the green lane directly opposite, going through gate. (3)
- Just prior to Fursdon Farmhouse follow the footpath signpost pointing right, over a stile and through five fields.
- Clearly marked signage directs you to a stony path which drops to join a gravel track running parallel to the River Bovey. (4)
- Turn right towards North Bovey (passing a wooden bridge and stepping stones on your left) where a stop may be made at the Ring of Bells pub. To extend the walk, turn left at the gravel track to join Walk 4 (before point 1).
- Continue on the road past the village green, climbing out of the village. As this road turns sharply right by Pound Rock, take the road on left. (5)
- After 200 yards, as the road begins to descend, look out for a hidden stile in the hedge on the right, leading to a path.
- Follow the path diagonally across the fields, crossing the road you meet. Continue along the path as it descends through fields and passes Bearland Farm.
- At the bottom of the hill, a lane is entered which joins the road at the top of Court Street. Turn right, passing the Motor Museum back towards Moretonhampstead town centre. (6)



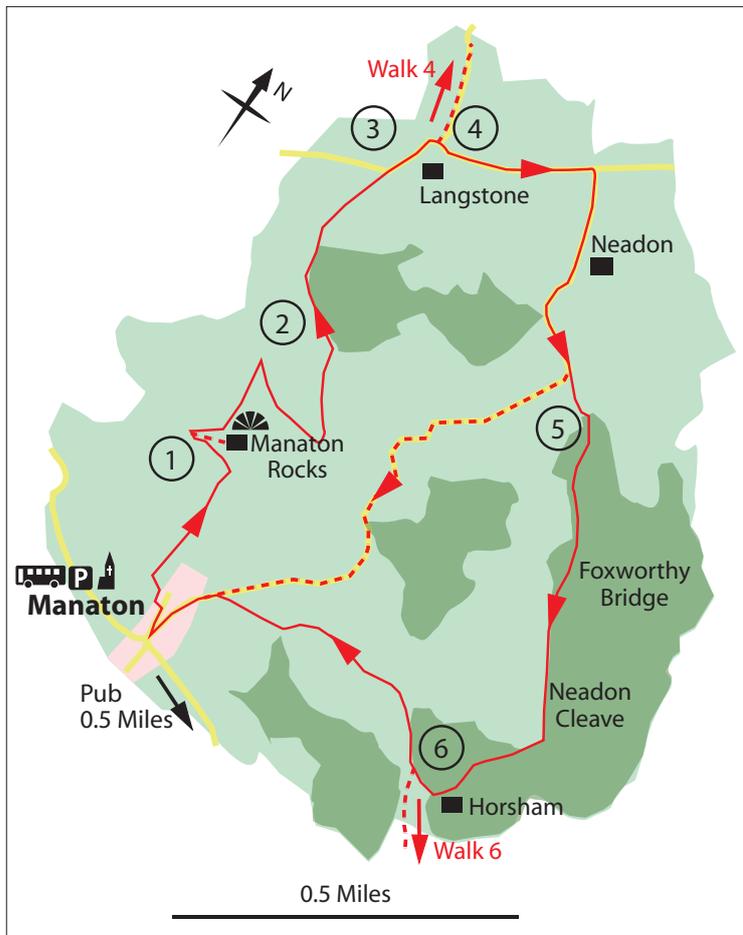
A walk with some 360° views from open moorland

- From the car park in North Bovey go through the churchyard, out of the gate and down the hill.
- Carry on straight as the track joins a road and take the bridge over the river, following the road uphill. (1)
- After half a mile, as the road levels off, take the path heading up on the left marked 'Byway Langdon Bridle Path to Easdon'. (2)
- As this path begins to descend, take a left for a bridle path to Easdon.
- After you go through the wooden gate onto open moor, follow a path diagonally left, towards the summit. (3)
- At the peak, take in views of Moreton to the left, Dartmoor to the right, and then walk towards the second summit, ahead.
- Head for the stack of rocks just below this summit, from where you can see, down the hill, a row of trees and a dry stone wall. Head towards the left hand corner of this wall. (4)
- At the corner you join a wider path. Follow it left as the path swings round.
- Keep left until you meet another corner of a dry stone wall (5), the path then drops down diagonally between the conifer plantations into scrubland.
- Follow the track to the right as it descends further through some trees and becomes more rugged.
- Pass through a wooden gate and follow the footpath straight on, crossing a forestry track, signposted 'Public Bridle Path'.
- Continue on the path as it ducks left through more trees, joining a road after a gate. Turn left here, back to North Bovey.



A walk past some historic properties that is achievable with an off-road baby buggy

- From North Bovey car park turn right and cross the village green, turning right again at the Ring of Bells pub.
- Follow the road downhill as it turns into a gravel track.
- Pass the stepping stones keeping the river on your right (this stretch is shared with Walk 2).
- Continue straight on the gravel track as it climbs steadily uphill and becomes road again. (1)
- At the T junction (2), turn right, then take the bridle path on the left signposted 'Foxworthy Bridge and Lustleigh Cleave'. (3)
- At the bottom of the hill you reach another junction. Bear right marked 'Foxworthy Bridge'. (4)
- The track comes out at Foxworthy Cottage where you turn right down towards the river. (5)
- Use the stone bridge to cross the river and go straight up into the woods signed 'Public Bridleway'.
- As you emerge from the wood turn left onto a concrete footpath, ignoring the next left footpath to signed 'Horsham'.
- At the next junction there is an option to join Walk 5 (at point 5) by taking the public footpath signposted 'Horsham Steps' and 'Manaton via Horsham', or continue straight on. (6)
- As the track joins the road, turn right down the hill until reaching a junction at Neadon Farm. Turn left. (7)
- Go up the hill to reach another T junction, turn right here to follow the road all the way back to North Bovey. (8)



A shorter walk with views, linking to walks 4 and 6

- Exit Manaton car park towards the church, turning left through the churchyard. As you leave the churchyard turn immediately right onto a footpath marked 'Langstone via Manaton Rocks'.
- Follow the path uphill until reaching the summit where a short diversion on the right leads to views from Manaton Rocks. (1)
- Bear left as descending through the woods, turning left at the signpost marked 'Langstone Farm'.
- Cross the field and follow the path through a gate signed 'Public footpath'.
- Continue along the narrow, windy path through the woods, bearing right to enter a field following the footpath sign. (2)
- Head diagonally right along the vague path and exit through a five bar gate onto a country road. Turn right. (3)
- Upon reaching Langstone Farm, carry straight on to join Walk 4 (at point 8), or turn right to continue on Walk 5, signposted Lustleigh. (4)
- Take the first right to Manaton.
- Take another right turn to cut short back into Manaton along the road [dotted line], or continue straight for next sign post for Horsham and Foxworthy Bridge. (5)
- After 100 yards turn right through gate onto footpath for 'Horsham Steps' and 'Manaton via Horsham'.
- At the next signpost, continue straight on 'Horsham for Water'.
- Going downhill, keep to left of private concrete track. The path comes out at Horsham Farm. Turn right.
- After 50 yards, turn right for the public bridle path signed back to Manaton (6), or continue straight to join Walk 6 (at point 2).

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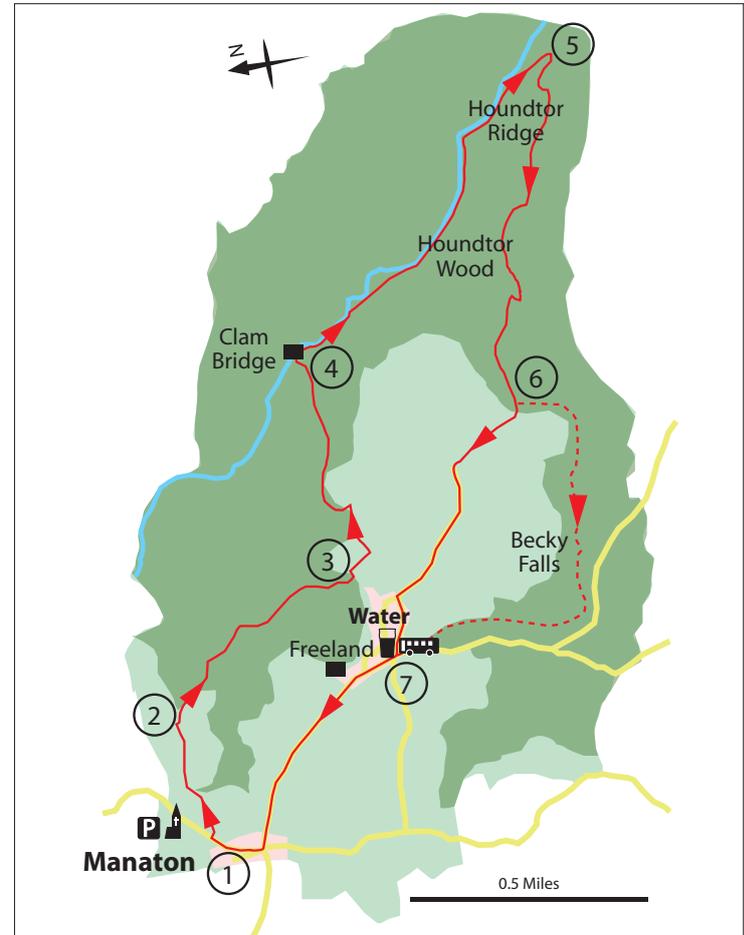
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Walk 6

Manaton to Bovey Valley and Water





2.5 hours, 5 miles

A sheltered walk taking in a spectacular river valley

- Exit Manaton car park turning right at the church gate and cross the village green.
- Just past the Parish Hall turn right down a bridle path signposted to Lustleigh Cleave. (1)
- At the bottom of the hill, go right onto a bridle path to Water. (2)
- After half a mile you reach a junction, turn left onto another public bridle way signposted 'Bovey Valley', or if you're thirsty, turn right for a pint at The Kestor Inn at Water. (3)
- Keep straight for the path down signposted 'Clam Bridge'. Turn right when you get to the bridge, towards Trendlebere Down. (4)
- After about a mile of following the river on your left, the path turns right up a small tributary and starts to climb. (5)
- Once over a bridge, turn right towards Manaton.
- Continue to follow the track as it once again crosses the river, rising through some conifer forest.
- At the crossroads further up the hill, follow the byway signed 'Water for Manaton'. Alternatively, you can take a longer route to the left here, following the public footpath passing Becky Falls (dotted path on map). (6)
- On coming out of the woods, the track joins a country lane. At the first junction, bear left signposted 'Manaton direct', which brings you to The Kestor Inn for a well deserved rest. (7)
- Out of the pub, turn right and follow the road back for half a mile to the car park.

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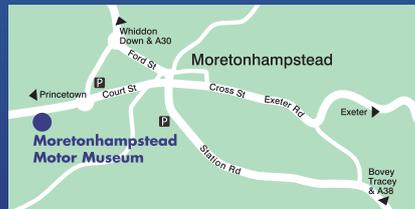
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