

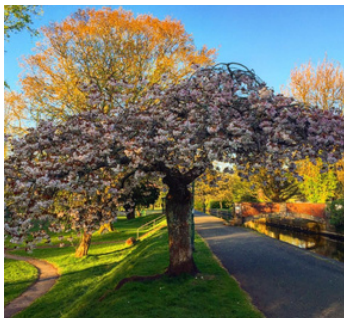
WALK HIGHLIGHTS

Remains of the Abbey walls and Still Tower

Tavistock Canal - Cherry Walk in Springtime

Crowndale Farm - Birthplace of Sir. Francis Drake

Shillamill Viaduct - Built in 1889, it spans 700 feet to a maximum height of 100 feet courtesy of 12 arches



This is an easy, accessible walk from the very heart of Tavistock. It takes in remains of the town's medieval abbey, The Meadows, Tavistock Canal, the birthplace of Sir. Francis Drake and Shillamill Viaduct. The walk is an 'out and back' flat route of about 2 hours.

Starting in the town centre, this walk follows the River Tavy, passing by the remains of the town's medieval abbey and through The Meadows, the attractive park which includes a popular children's playground, tennis courts and bowling green. The history of this area is as old as the town itself - once orchards of the Abbey then grazing for horses, sheep and cattle. In 1898, the Duke of Bedford granted that the land become a park for public recreation. Many of the town's important trees are here.

The route then follows the canal, built during the early 1800s to transport copper from the rich mines around Tavistock to the bustling port of Morwellham on the River Tamar.

Passing by Crowndale Farm, the birthplace of Sir. Francis Drake, you can walk along the canal through quiet woodlands as far as the Grade-2 listed viaduct over the River Lumburn.

Built in 1889, the viaduct spans 700 feet to a maximum height of 100 feet courtesy of 12 arches (Williams, 1973 ; Historic England, 2019). It's an impressive sight and testament to the workmanship of those who built it 130 years ago.

WHERE TO EAT

There are any number of places to eat & drink in Tavistock. See www.visit-tavistock.co.uk/eat

FOOT FILE

START/FINISH REF:
SX 476 639
W3W [precautions.entry.region](https://www.ons.gov.uk/addressing/precautions/entry/region)

TIME: 2 hours
LENGTH: 4 miles
TERRAIN: off-road, woods, canal path, mostly flat.
PARKING: Bedford or Riverside Car Parks.

