

# WHITCHURCH DOWN CIRCULAR

## WALK HIGHLIGHTS

Grade II listed 'Pimple' - a secret underground reservoir designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens

Medieval Pixie's Cross - part of the Abbot's Way route

Pennycomequick bridge

Dartmoor Ponies

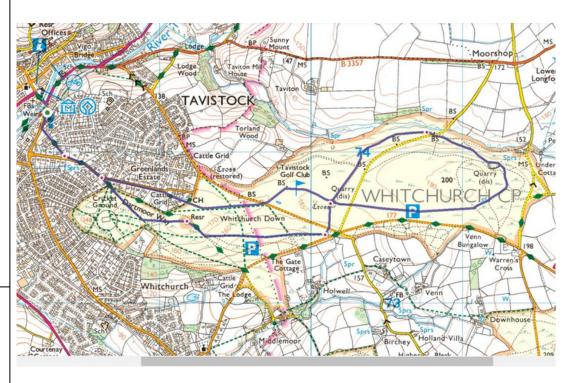




## FOOT FILE

START/FINISH REF: SX 482 742 W3W remain.corn.inches

TIME: 2 hours LENGTH: 4 1/2 miles TERRAIN: road, open moorand, ascent out of town, mostly flat PARKING: Abbey Rise Car Park



This easy walk follows the perimeter of Tavistock's golf course and offers splendid 360 degree views over the town, across to Cornwall, Dartmoor and down towards Plymouth Sound. Unusually for Dartmoor, it is relatively flat.

- 1. Leave Abbey Rise Car Park by turning left and following the pavement.
- 2. Walk up Deer Park Lane, taking a cut through to Down Road.
- 3. Bear right up a track towards open moorland.
- 4. Stop for a moment by the Grade II listed 'Pimple', built by one of the country's most renowned architects and housing an underground reservoir. Take in the lovely view out to the high moor.
- 5. Once at 5-ways, cross over the road with Brentor Church in the distance and you will come across a medieval cross known as Pixie's Cross (6.) This is thought to have marked the route between the abbevs of Tavistock and of Buckfast, on the other side of the moor.

Continue skirting the road until you come down to Taviton Brook and an area known as Pennycomequick (7). Follow the line of the brook until you come to the remains of a small quarry and continue up hill until you complete a circle of the moorland. You return to Pixie's Cross, and pass across the golf

The full walk takes about two hours and is just over 4 miles. The beauty of this walk is that you can cut it short at any time and return the way you came.

### WHERE TO EAT

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

