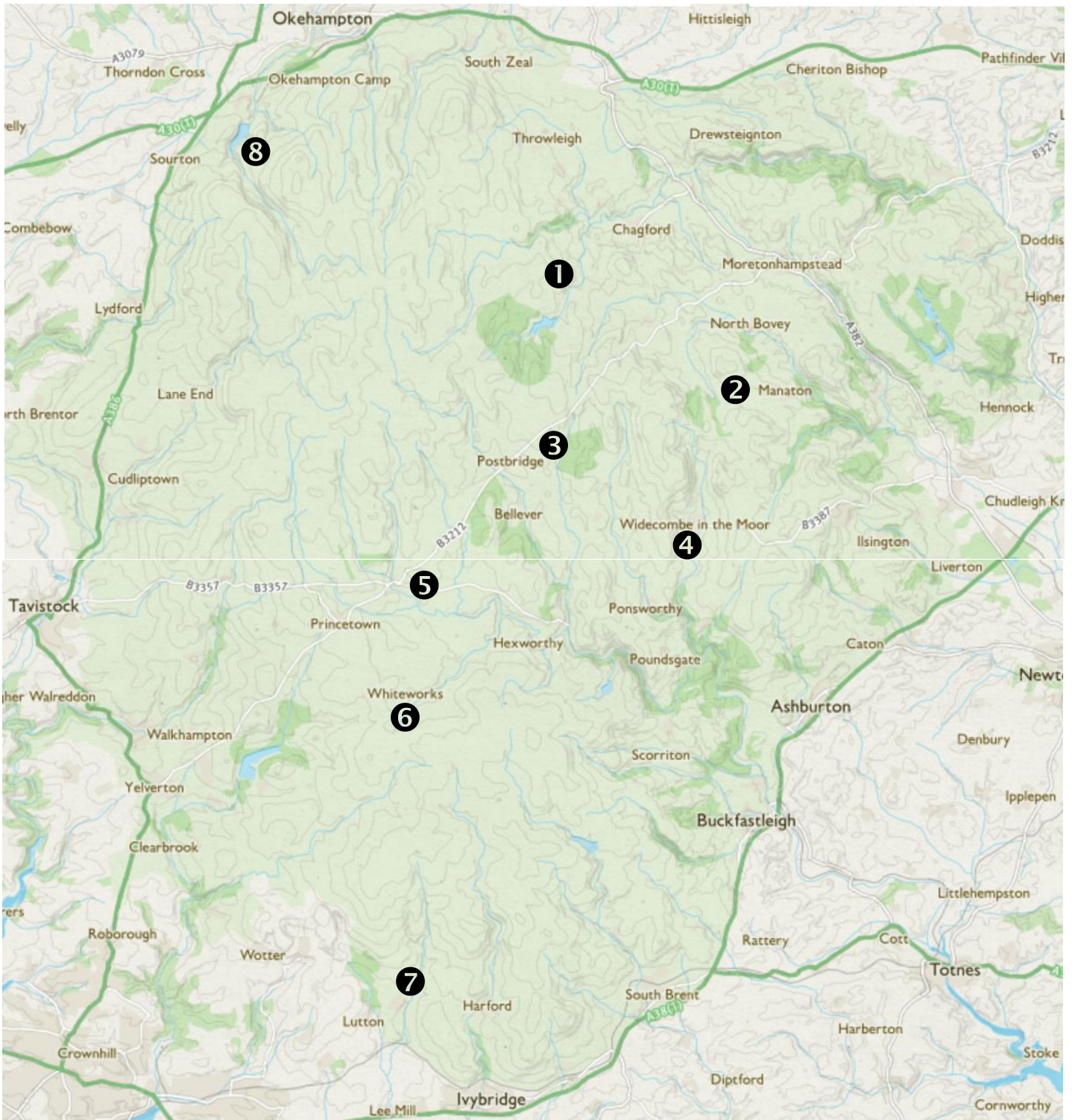




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Dartmoor Important Additional Information

In terms of health, safety and suitability all responsibility for DofE expedition routes falls to the Expedition Supervisor and need to be approved by the Licensed Organisation it is operating under. In the interests of good relations with landowners and Dartmoor National Park, there are a few areas on Dartmoor we would like to bring to your attention. **If your expedition(s) are visiting any of these numbered areas, please review the detailed maps below to avoid parking on or groups walking across private land.**



Key

- ① Gidleigh Park, Scorhill & Fernworthy Reservoir
- ② Vogwell, Hamel Down Tor & Honeybag Tor
- ③ Postbridge Area – Higher Merripit, Runnage Farm, Grendon Farm, Riddon Brake
- ④ Cockingford
- ⑤ Two Bridges Area – Wistman's Wood, Powdermills, Prince Hall Hotel, Tor Royal
- ⑥ Fox Tor Mire
- ⑦ Tor area - Dendles Wood, Hele Cross, New Waste, Hall Cross, & introduction of a new bridlepath at Grange plantation
- ⑧ South Down (west of Meldon Reservoir)

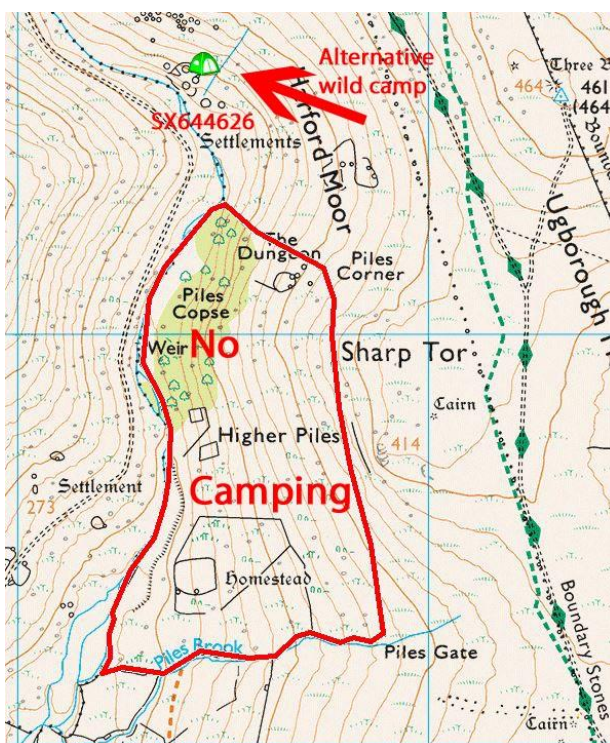
Road Safety

Please review three areas at the end of this document where visibility is poor for groups walking on roads.

No camping

Please be aware it is not possible for groups to camp anywhere around Bellever. Similarly, unless permission is given by landowners (listed in the Dartmoor Information pack on the DofE website), groups must not camp in/on newtake CROW Act access land.

Piles Copse SX645617

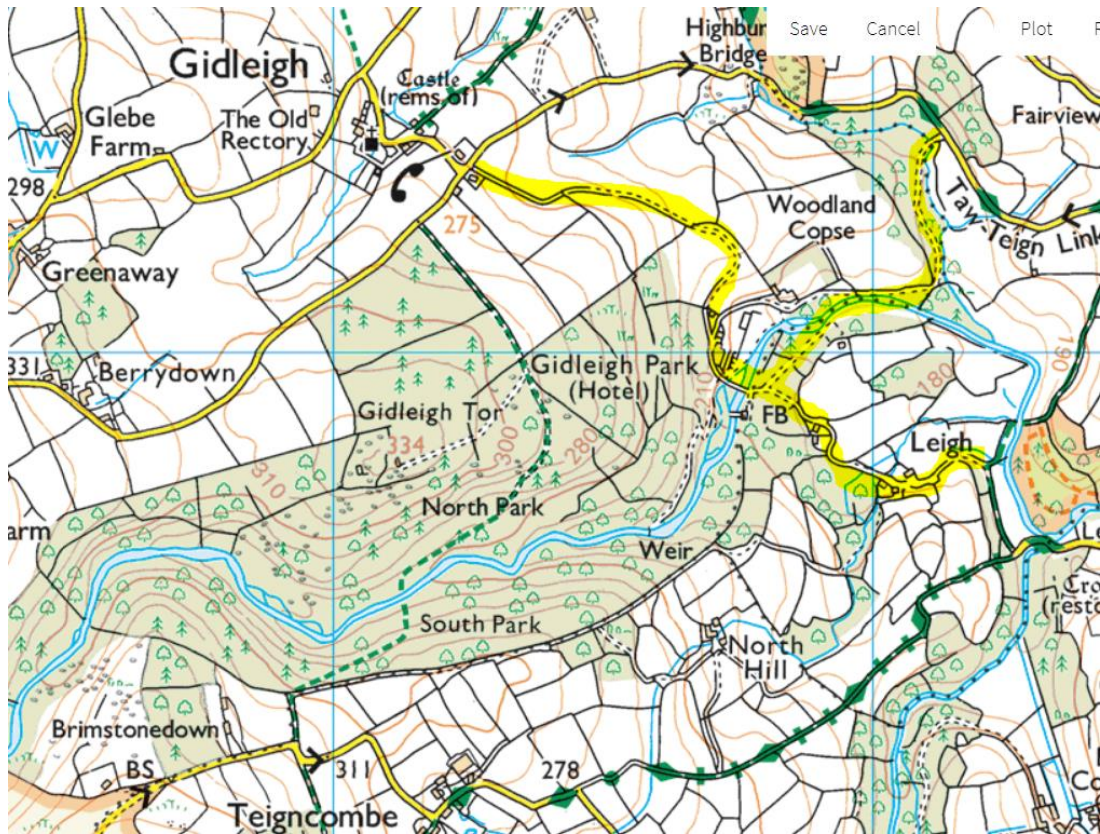


The landowner of Piles Copse has reluctantly withdrawn permission for all camping within Piles Copse due to recent damage necessitating the need for considerable amounts of restoration work.

DofE Teams, however, are welcome to camp on adjoining common land which they also own in the area around SX644626, approx. 300 metres upstream from the northern end of Piles Copse. It is on Harford Moor, so camping is permitted there under the Dartmoor Byelaws, but the landowner is happy to take bookings to make sure it doesn't get two groups booking in on the same dates. Please contact them using the email Lorna Howell lorna.lukesland@googlemail.com

1. Gidleigh Park SX 672884

There is no public right of way through the park EXCEPT on the clearly marked footpath



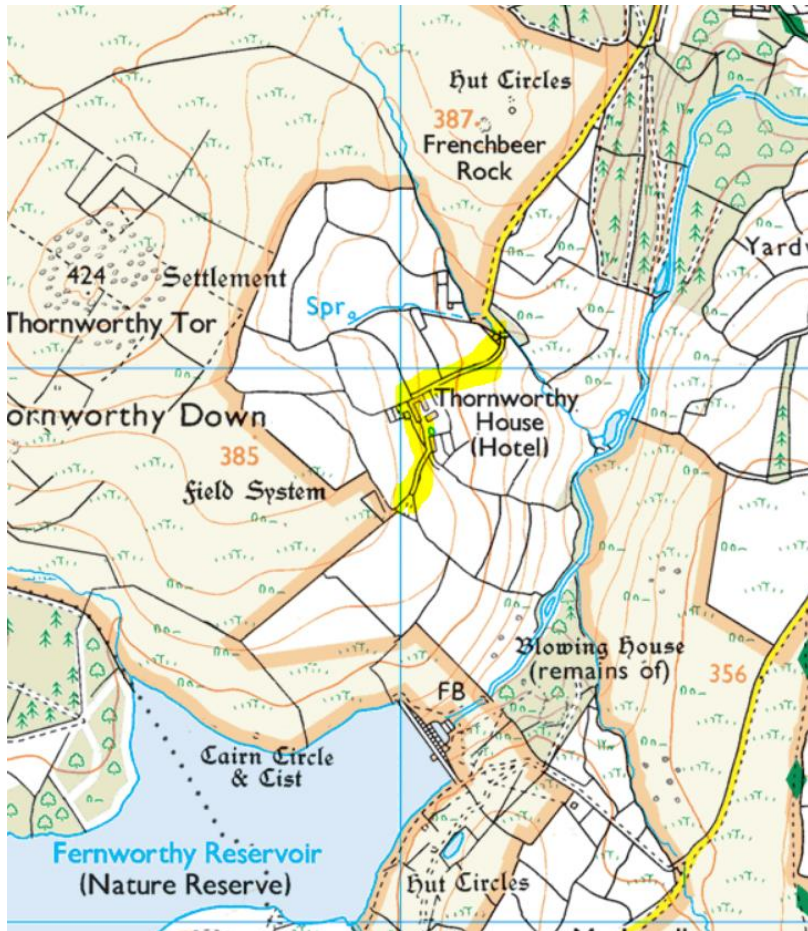
Scorhill Farm SX 661877 to Batworthy Corner

There is no public right of way on the track through enclosed land



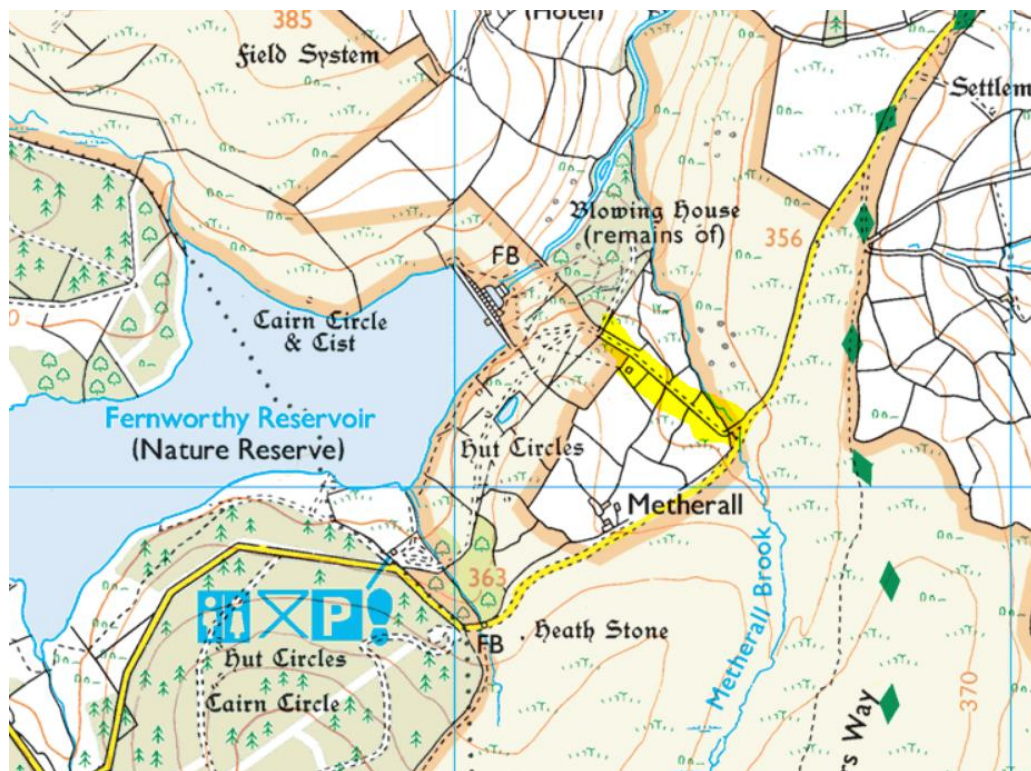
Thornworthy SX 672851

This is a PRIVATE road – ensure groups do not use it.



Fernworthy Reservoir between SX 672842 and SX 675841

Please note there is no access along the highlighted track between the road and the reservoir.

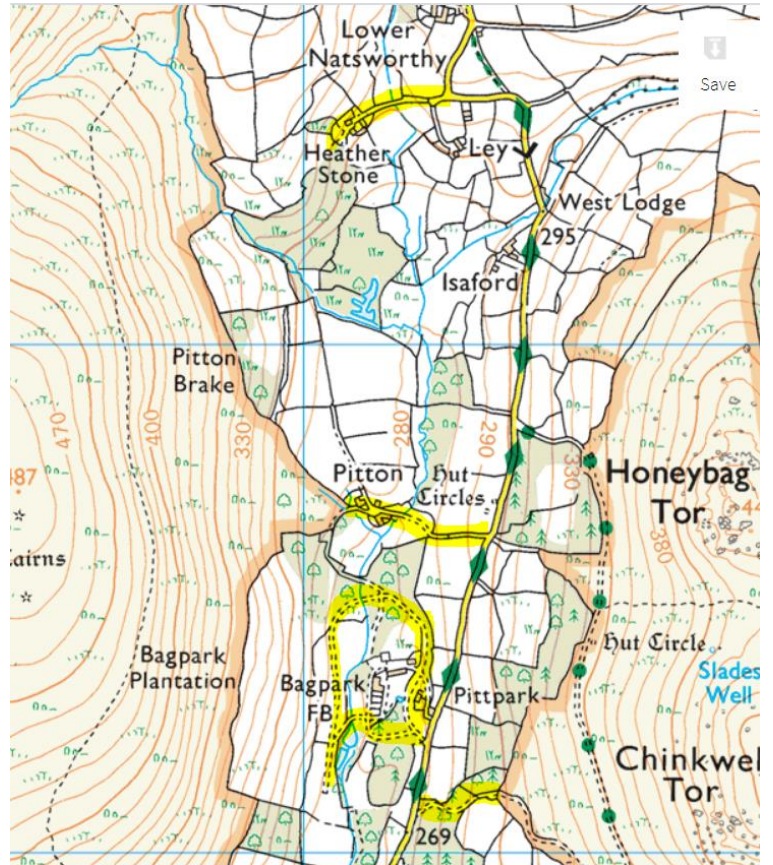


2. Vogwell Cottage SX 723825

Please note there is no public right of way along the track between Vogwell Cottage and Heathercombe



Access off the yellow road running north from Widecombe SX 717768 to Natsworthy Manor SX 721800 Please note the ONLY access onto open moorland E or W of this road is at SX 724 788 onto Honeybag Tor.



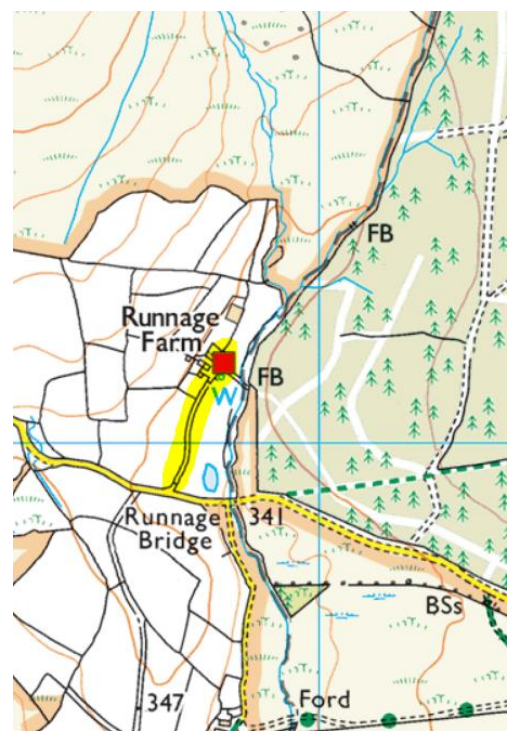
3. Postbridge: SX 652793

Please note there is no access to moorland going north through Higher Merripit, this is private.



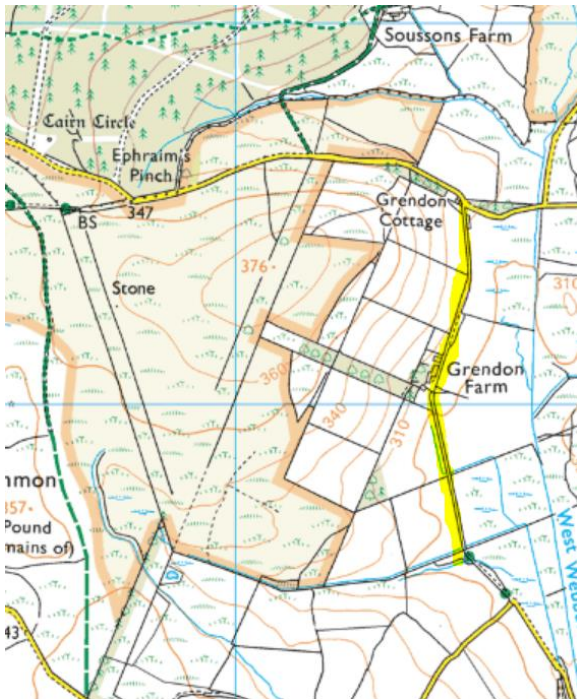
Runnage Farm SX 667789

There is no access through the farm, unless you've booked camping.



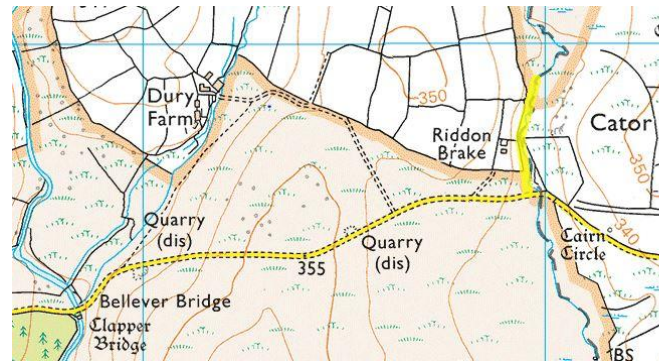
Cator Common – Grendon Farm SX 686786

Please note the track that runs south from Grendon Cottage through Grendon Farm is PRIVATE



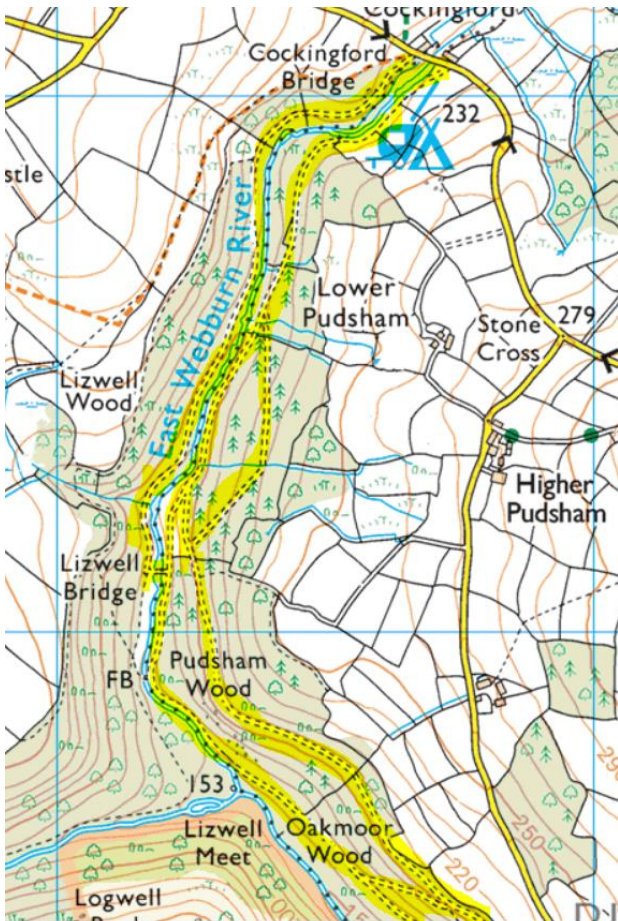
Riddon Brake SX 669777

There is no access through Riddon Brake



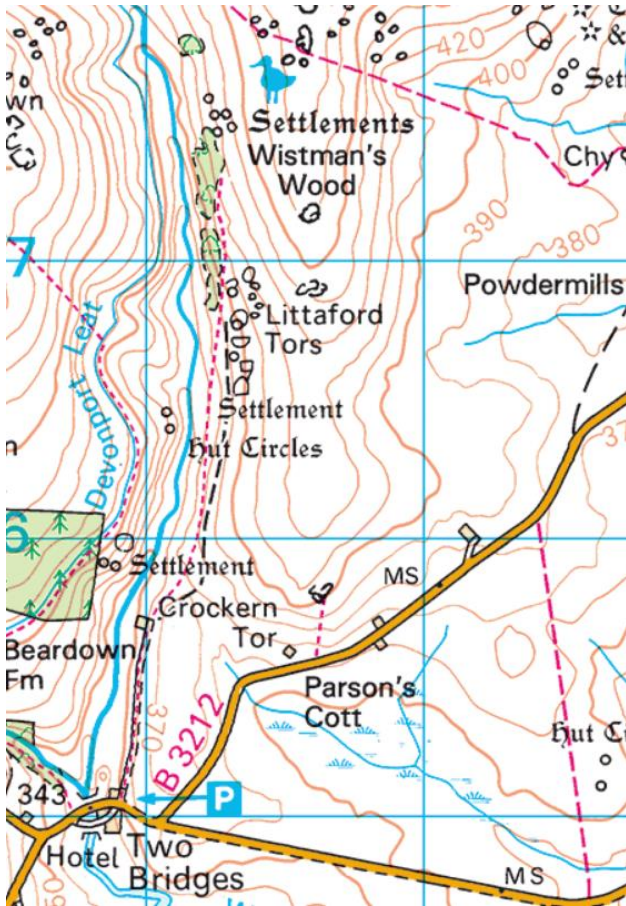
4. Woods south of Cockingford: SX 71 74, SX 70 73 and east of the river SX 71 72

Please note these woods are PRIVATE and there is no access.



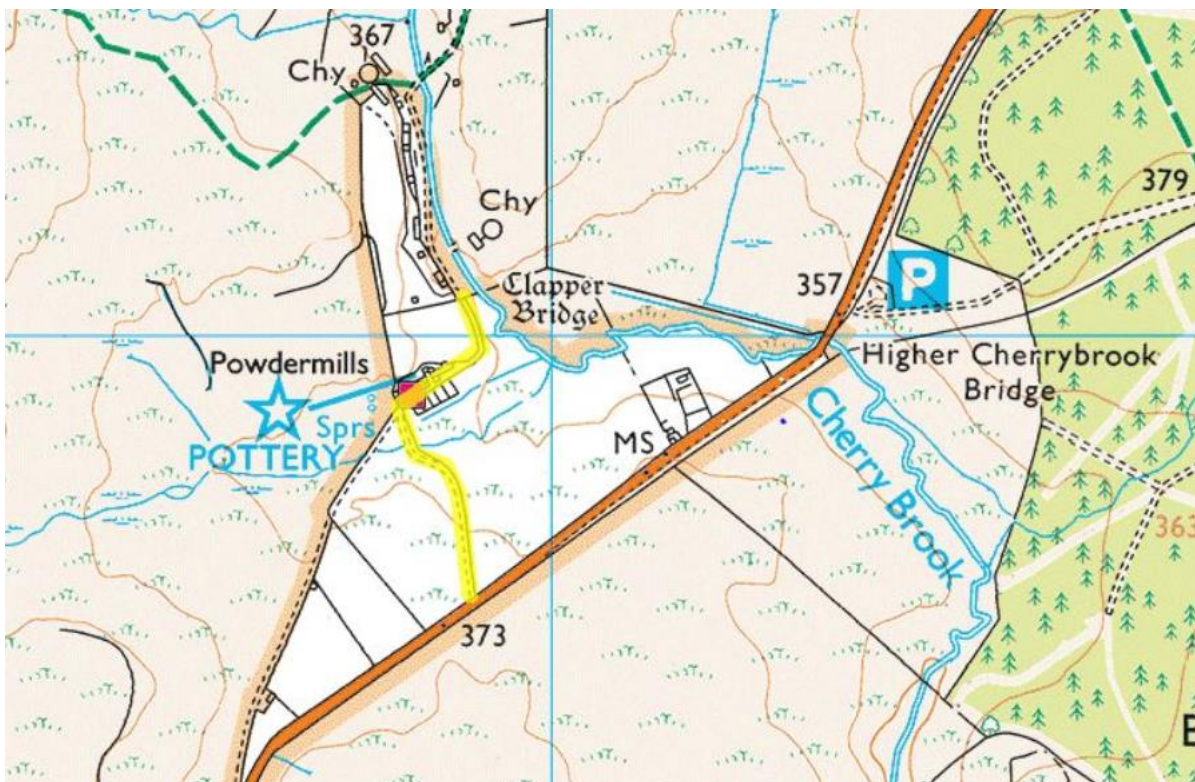
5. Two Bridges to Wistman's Wood SX 609751

Please be aware the Two Bridges to Wistman's Wood path and general area is suffering from heavy use. Please avoid this area as much as possible and check the Dartmoor National Park website for updates in case of closure.



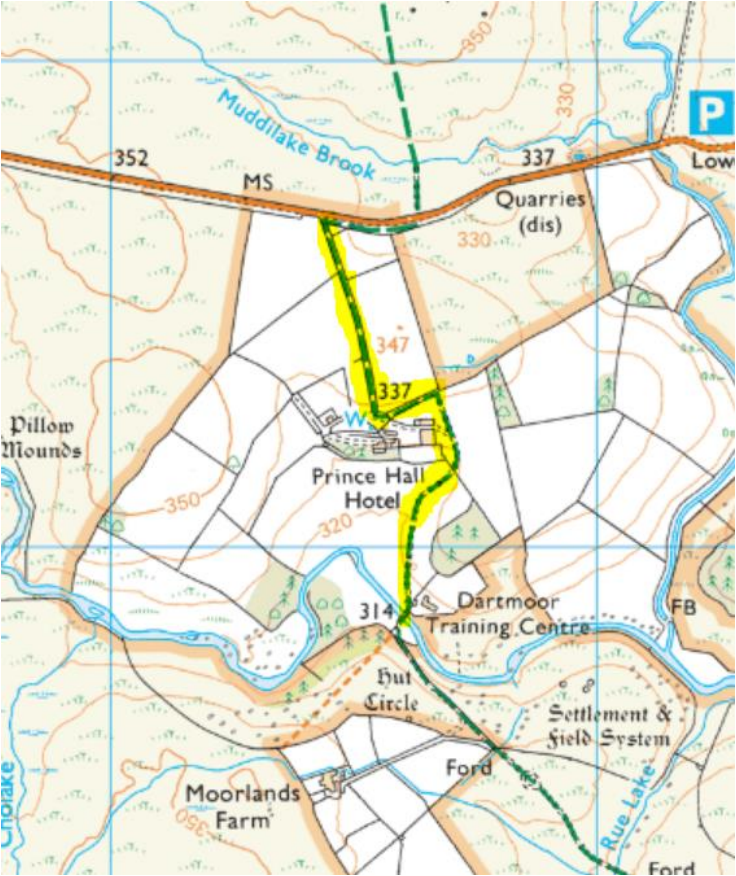
Powdermills: SX 629765

Please note there is no access to moorland/bridleway through Powdermills, this is private.



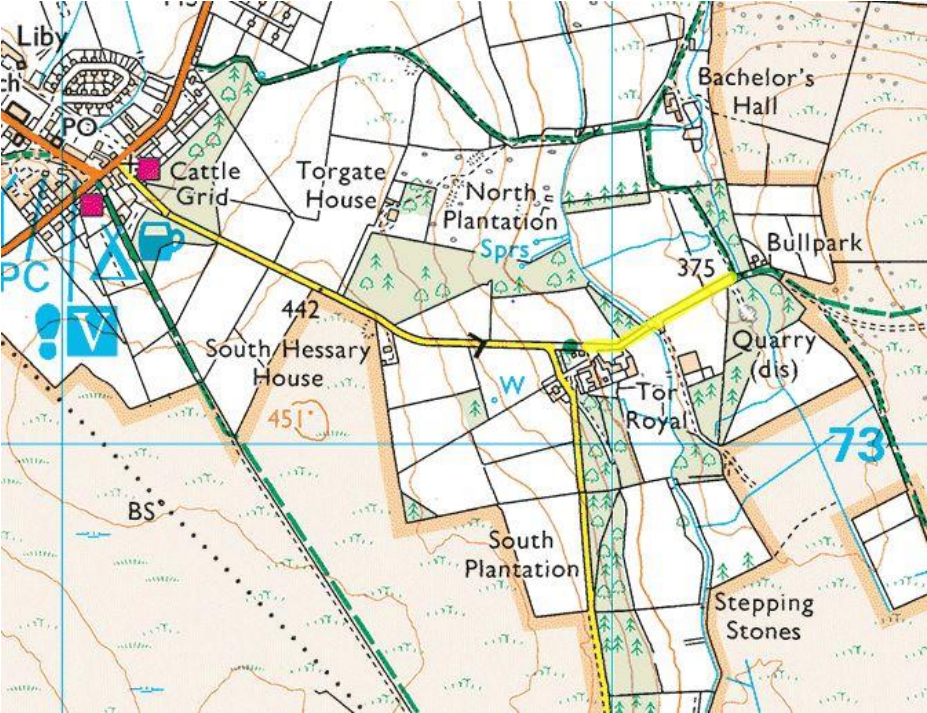
Prince Hall Hotel/Dartmoor Training Centre SX 625747 - PRIVATE ROAD

There is no access for vehicles along the road to the Dartmoor Training Centre – this is a private road. Please do not leave vehicles where it turns off the B3357.



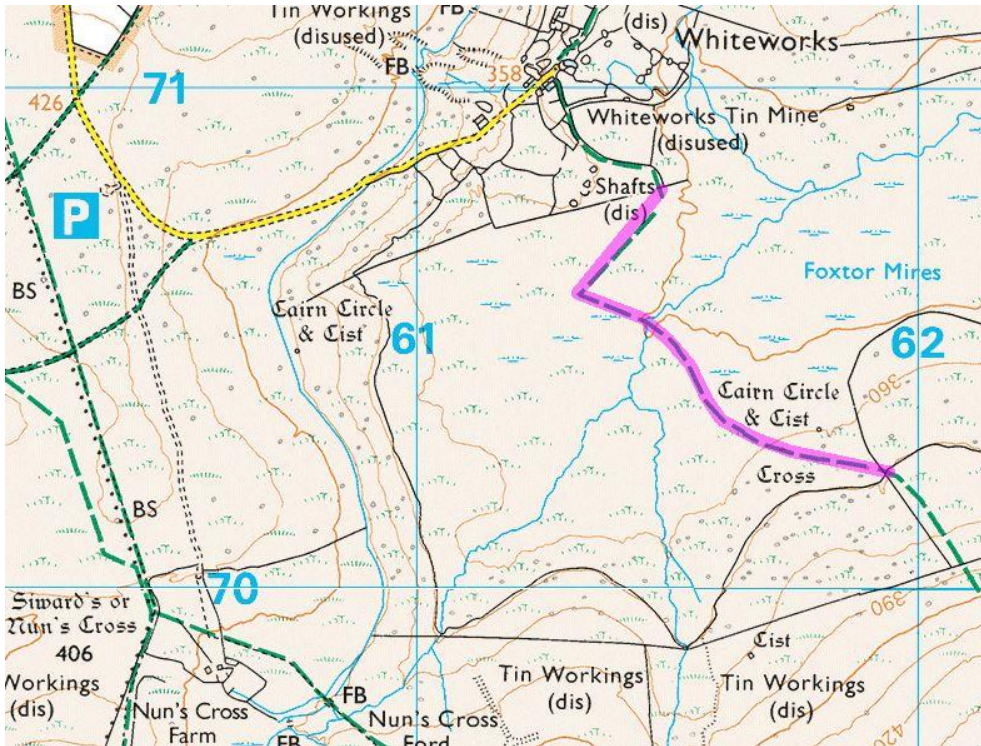
Tor Royal SX 599731 – SX 602732

The access road past the house is PRIVATE, there is no public right of way. There is only vehicular access for anyone booked into Bachelor's Hall.



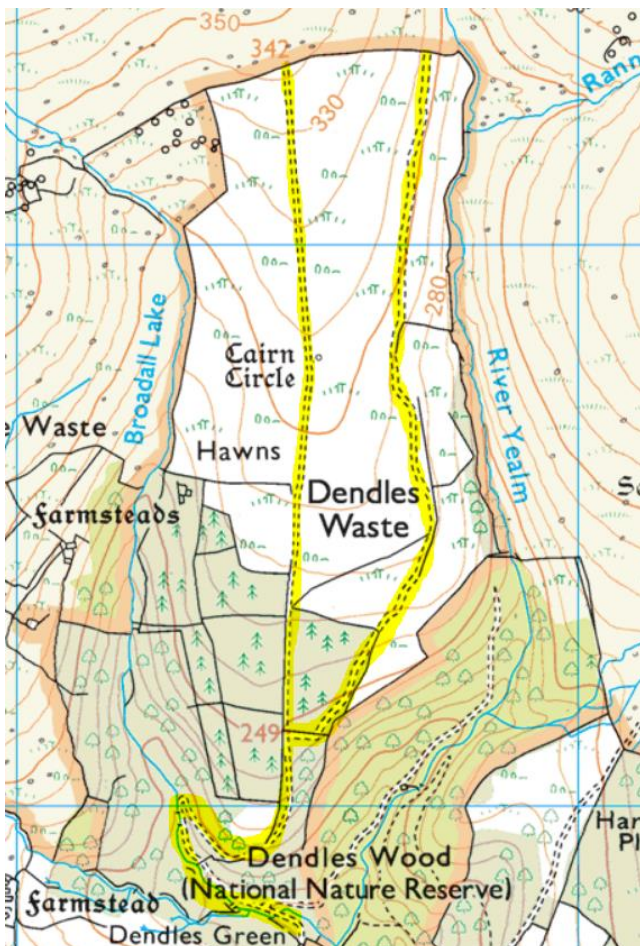
6. **Foxtor Mire. SX612710 – 620700**

The bridle path through Foxtor Mire crosses an exceptionally deep bog and is usually impassable – teams are advised to find an alternative route.



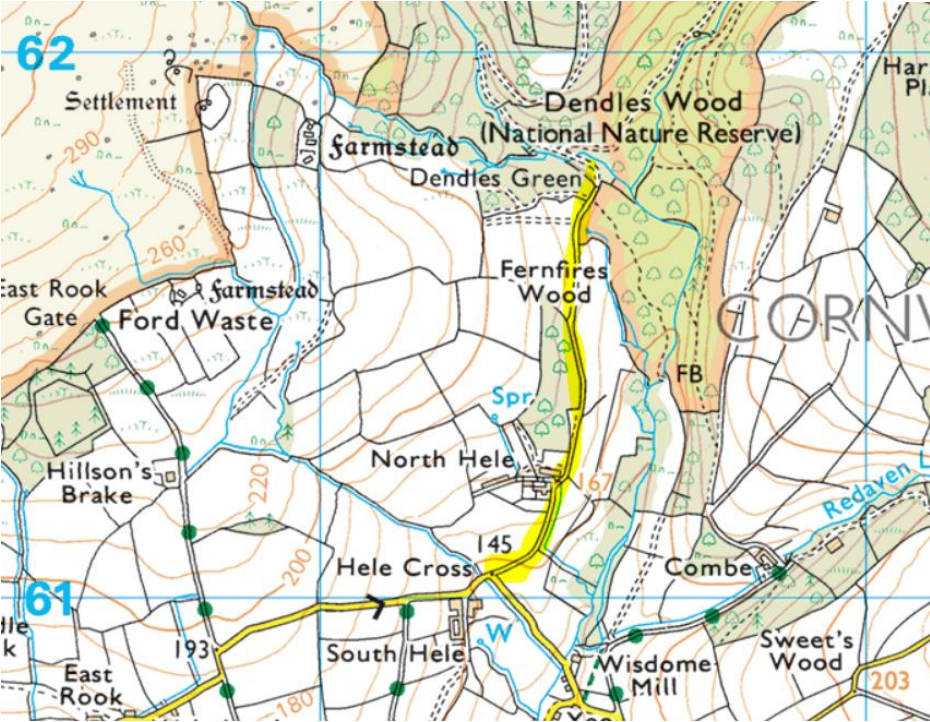
7. **Dendles Wood: SX 61 61 and Dendles Waste SX 61 62**

Please note this area is PRIVATE and there is no access.



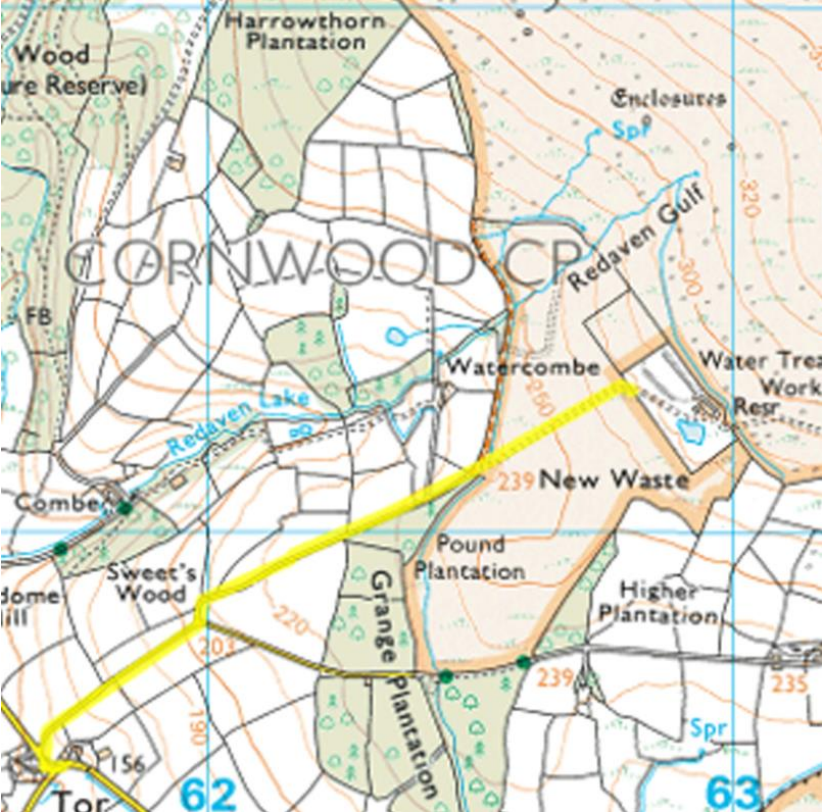
Hele Cross: SX 613611 – PRIVATE ROAD

The track running north past North Hele towards Dendles Wood is PRIVATE.



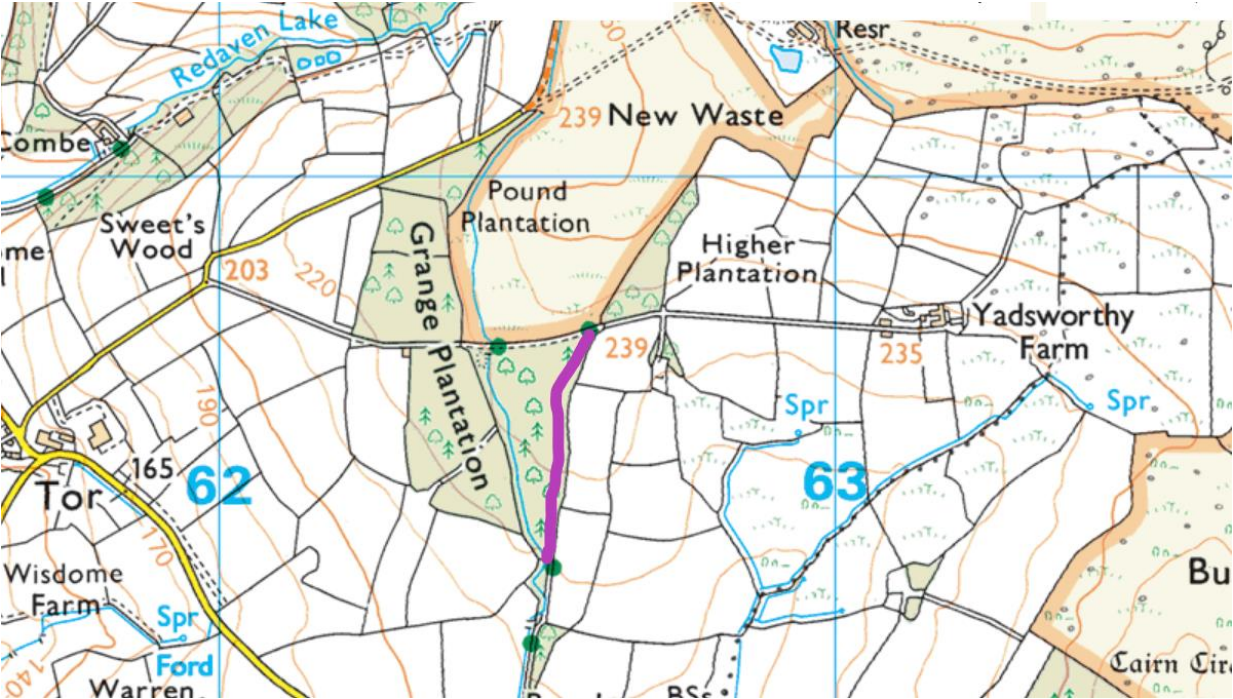
New Waste SX626610

Please note there is no longer anywhere to turn or park any cars/minibuses along the road and track onto New Waste.



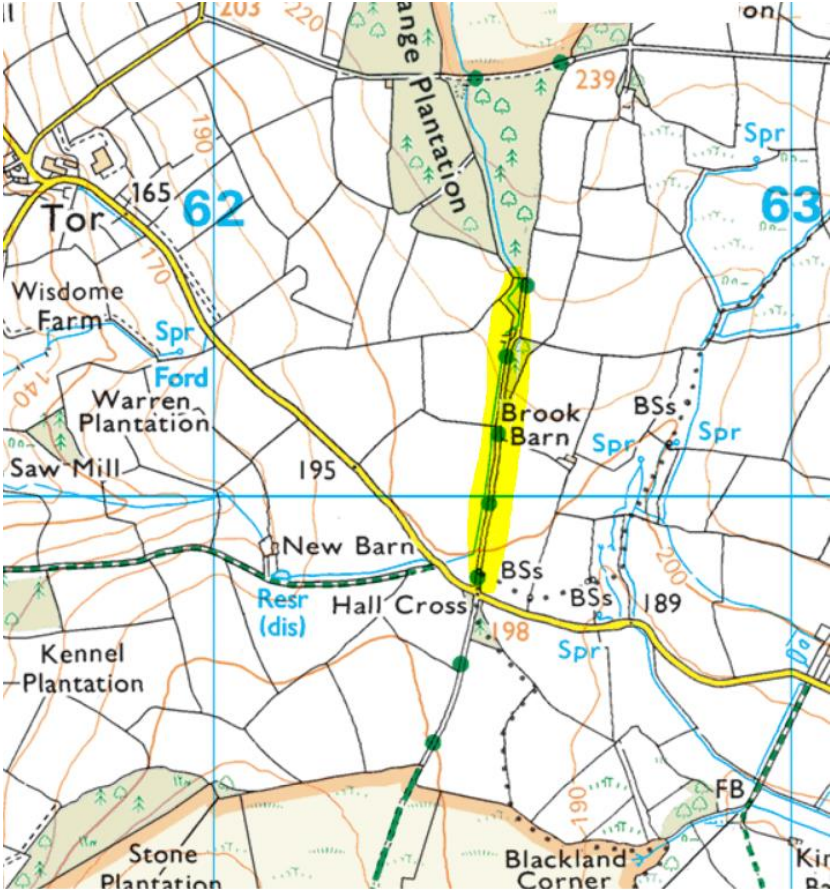
Grange Plantation/Cornwood: SX 625603

Please note a new 400m public bridlepath has been created running north, to the west of Yadsworth Farm, Cornwood.



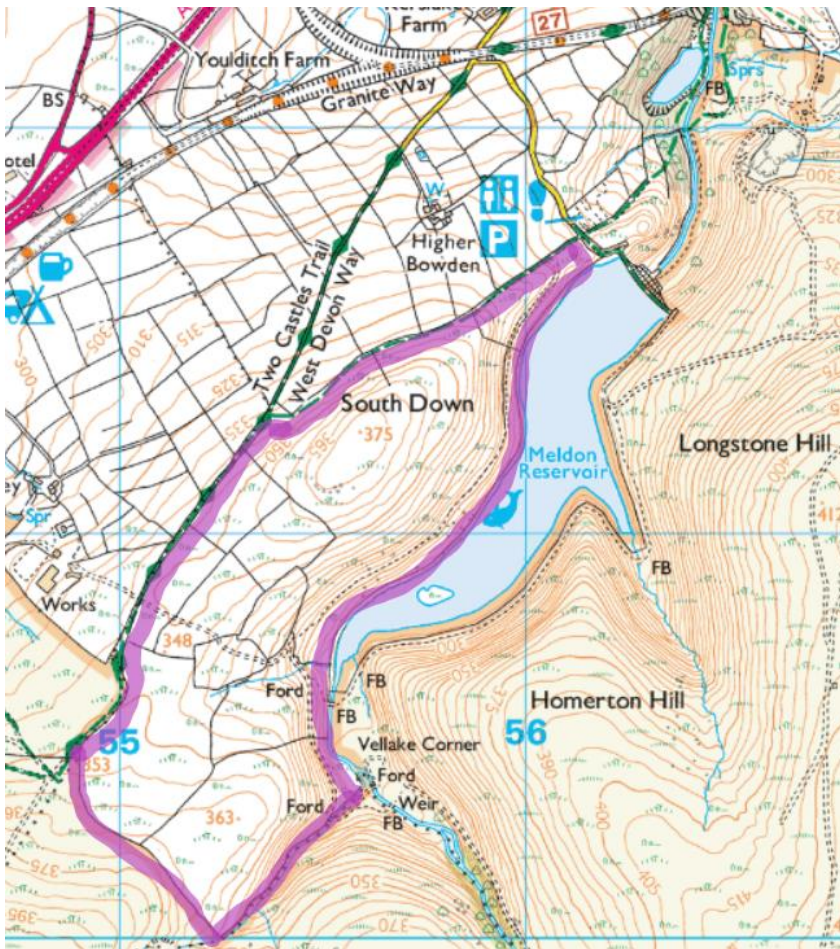
Hall Cross: SX 625598

Please note there is nowhere to turn or park any cars/minibuses along the track north of Hall Cross.



8. South Down (west of Meldon Reservoir) SX553908

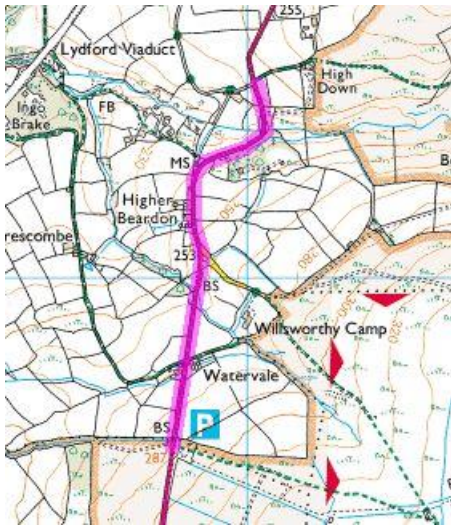
Please note the area known as South Down, to the west of Meldon Reservoir, is no longer Open Access land as shown on older maps, and the once Permitted Path has been closed. The only legal access is therefore on the two Public Rights of Way west of the area, clearly marked on the map.



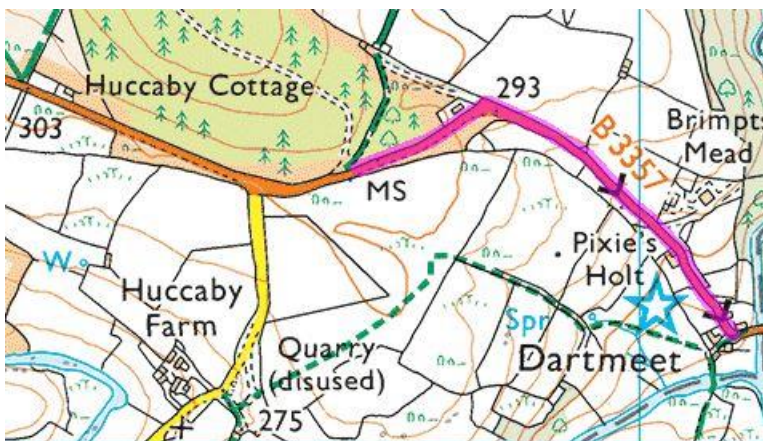
GROUPS WALKING ON ROADS

While the safety of groups is the sole responsibility of Expedition Supervisors, we would like to highlight certain roads where visibility of groups is poor.

The **A386 SX 520845 – SX 517834** is narrow with sharp bends has no verge suitable for walking on.



The **B3357** between **Brimpts SX665734** and **Dartmeet SX 671731** is narrow and dark with sharp bends and no verge. There is a recently improved footpath to the south of this road from Huccaby Farm to Dartmeet which offers a good alternative route.



The road between **Dunnabridge SX 647745** and **Huccaby Cottage SX 661735** is fast and narrow with blind summits and has stretches with no verge suitable for walking on.

