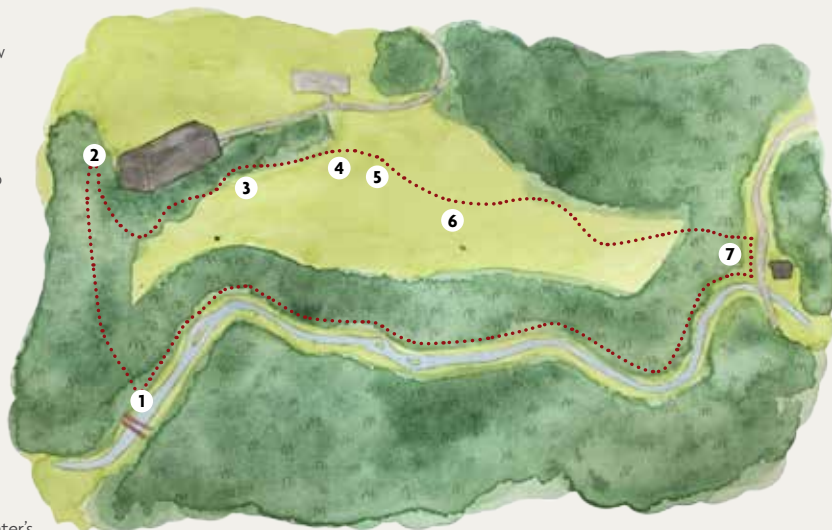


WALK 3: Castle Drogo & Fingle Bridge

CIRCULAR WALK. APPROX 5 MILES. ALLOW 2-3 HOURS

This walk is difficult in places with uneven steps and a few steep climbs. Stout footwear advisable.

1. Leave the hotel, turn left over the bridge, cross the road to follow the marked path. Follow route towards the gorge. Up ahead you will see Castle Drogo. Follow the path and enter the gorge with river on your right until you come to the Iron Bridge.
2. Take left hand footpath following signposts to Castle Drogo (the last castle to be built in England) and Gardens to the right up the hill, the path climbs steadily.
3. Follow signpost to Castle Drogo and Gardens and Hunter's Path up the hillside - enjoy the beautiful views along the gorge.
4. Castle Drogo will loom above on your left. At this point (1.5 miles from Mill End) you may choose to take a break at Castle Drogo tea rooms or continue along the Hunters Path.
5. From Castle Drogo follow signs for Teign Valley Estate Walks just left along the castle road from the car park.
Follow signs downhill, turn left across the grass track following signs to Piddledown Common and Fingle Bridge. Keep to the upper path before passing through a gate with the edge of the Common to the left.
6. At next marker, turn right downhill before turning left to join Hunter's Path. When path splits take right hand fork downhill to steep descent to the river.
7. Arrive at Fingle Bridge, an old 17th Century packhorse bridge, a great place for refreshments. Turn right so that you are heading upstream, with the river on your left hand side. Follow the river for 1.5 miles and you will arrive back at the hotel.

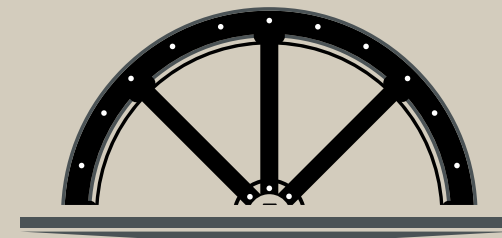
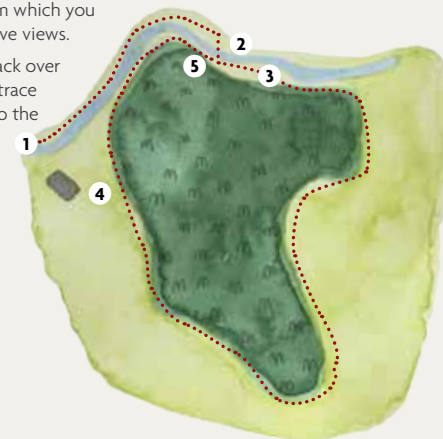


WALK 4: Whiddon Deer Park

CIRCULAR WALK. APPROX 2.5 MILES. ALLOW 1.5 HOURS

A short walk with a steady uphill climb. Stout footwear advisable in wet weather.

1. Leave the hotel, turn left over the bridge, cross the road to follow the marked path. Follow route towards the gorge. Up ahead you will see Castle Drogo. Follow the path and enter the gorge with river on your right until you come to the Iron Bridge.
2. Cross the bridge and granite steps take you over the wall into Whiddon Deer Park.
3. In front of you a well-worn track climbs steeply to the top of the park. Alternatively, there's a gentler ascent via the track/road that runs to the right then curls to the left, steadily uphill as a path through the woods. The entrance to Deer Park is marked by the spectacular Peter Randall-Page sculpture.
4. Near the top of the deer park is an old granite hut, with nearby rocks and boulders from which you can enjoy extensive views.
5. To return cross back over the bridge and retrace your steps back to the hotel with the river to your left.



MILL END

TAKE A WALK ON
THE WILD SIDE

ADVENTURE AND TRANQUILITY...

The Dartmoor landscape is all about contrasts. Majestic Tors punctuate the wild, heather-clad hills, wild Dartmoor ponies graze as buzzards fly overhead, ancient clapper bridges cross the rivers, there are Neolithic tombs, Bronze Age circles and remnants of abandoned medieval farmhouses. Then you'll find tranquil lakes like Fernworthy and dense forests of pine and larch. Further afield there's Buckland Abbey, home to Sir Francis Drake whilst National Trust properties like Castle Drogo are just a short ramble away.

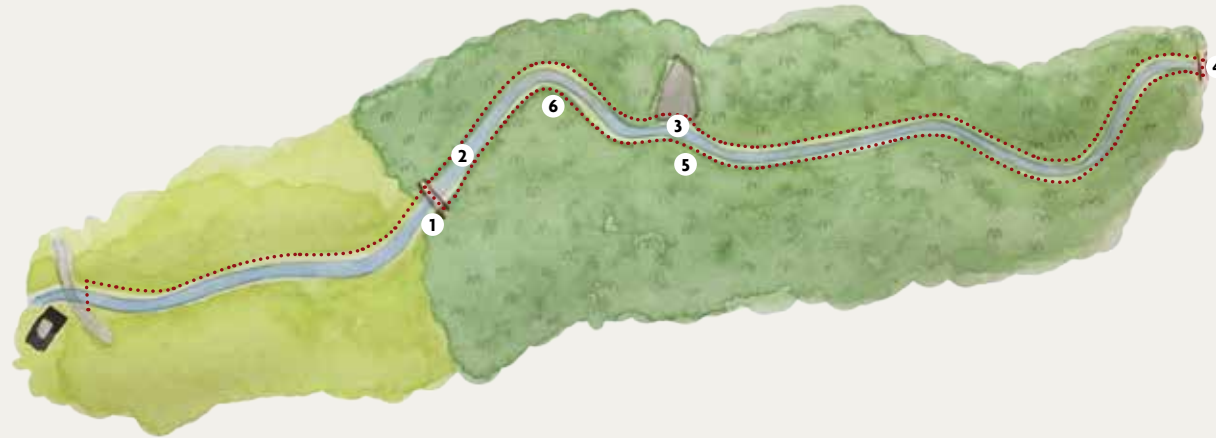
To walk the Moor is to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors, along ancient paths, unchanged and unforgettable. Here are just four of our favourite walks. We hope you enjoy them.



WALK 1: The Teign Gorge to Fingle Bridge

CIRCULAR WALK. APPROX 4.5 MILES. ALLOW 2-3 HOURS

This walk is difficult in places with uneven steps and a few steep climbs. Stout footwear is advisable. Of course, you don't have to follow the complete route as it is still a very pleasant stroll to the Iron Bridge.



1. Leave the hotel, turn left over the bridge, cross the road to follow the marked path. Follow route towards the gorge. Up ahead you will see Castle Drogo. Follow the path and enter the gorge with river on your right until you come to the Iron Bridge.
2. Follow the path. Drogo Weir is a short distance from the Iron Bridge. Continue downstream until you reach the steps (slippery in wet weather).
3. Continue along the river to Fingle Weir which you'll glimpse through the trees. The gorge rises steeply on your left, path then descends to Fingle Bridge believed to date from Elizabethan times. There's a pub here for rest and refreshments.

4. When ready, cross the bridge and turn right to follow river back to the hotel.
5. The path is gentler and takes you eventually to the newly restored Castle Drogo Turbine House.
6. Continue on, the high walls of Whiddon Deer Park will appear on your right before you come to a steep stile over the wall to the Iron Bridge. Take care here. Cross the bridge and retrace your steps back to the hotel with the river to your left.

WALK 2: To Chagford

APPROX 1.5 MILES. ALLOW 25-30 MINUTES

A pretty and easy walk to the stannary (historical Devon tin mining) town although stout footwear advisable when it's wet.



1. Leave the hotel, turn left over bridge then left again immediately following footpath sign.
2. Pass through ancient woodland, river on your left. Look out for the Peter Randall-Page sculpture on the small island in the river).
3. As you leave the woods follow the path along the bank. Aim for the Rushford Mill Farm slightly to the right.
4. Pass through the farmyard, walk up metalled lane, turn left to see Chagford's famous outdoor swimming pool.
5. Cross the bridge, follow the road up a fairly steep hill.
6. In under half a mile you will have reached Chagford.