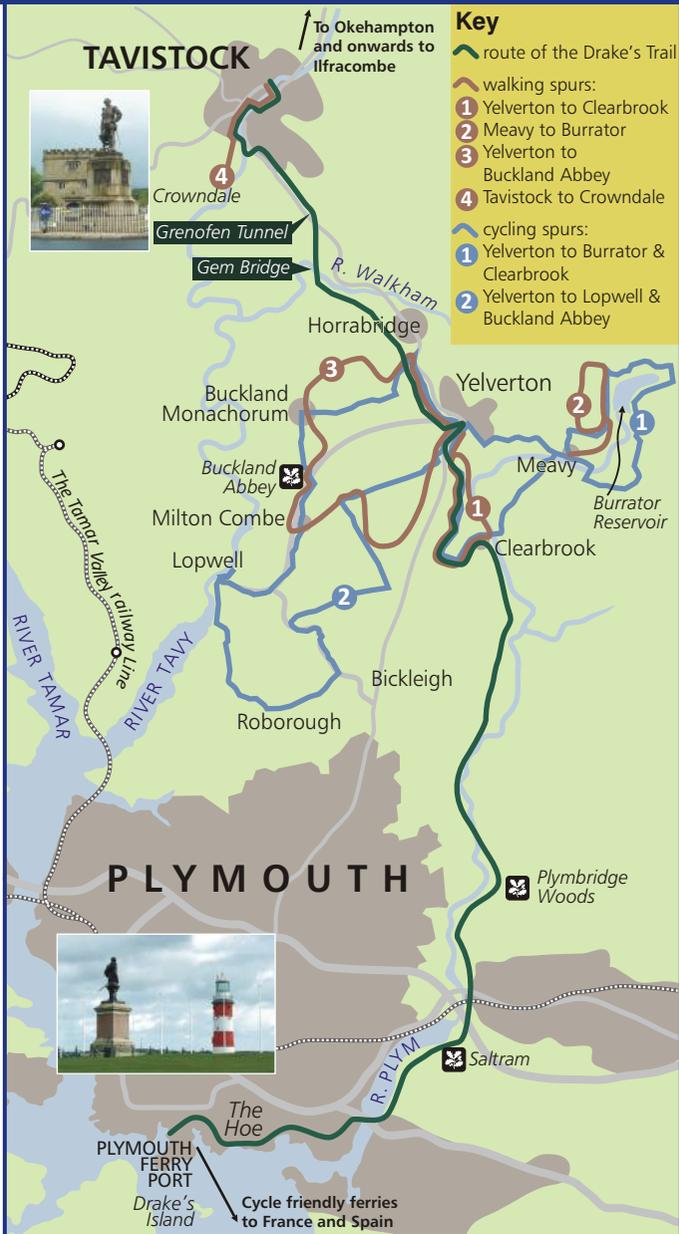


Drake's Trail and Spur Routes



You can find out much more about the trail - together with maps and details of the spur routes to download - on the Drake's Trail website at www.drakestrail.co.uk

Useful information

- **Drake's Trail network visit** - www.drakestrail.co.uk
- **Walking and cycling opportunities in Devon** - www.cycledevon.info
- **International cycle routes** The *Velodyyssey* and *Tour de Manche* routes - www.cycle-west.com
- **Tavistock Tourist Information Centre** - 01822 612938 or tavistocktic@westdevon.gov.uk
- **Plymouth Tourist Information Centre** - 01752 606330 or barbicantic@plymouth.gov.uk
- **What to do and where to stay on Dartmoor** - www.dartmoor.co.uk
- **Information on local buses** - 0871 200 22 33 or www.traveline.org.uk

Bike Hire and Bike Shops

Tavistock Cycles,
Paddons Row, Tavistock, Tel. 01822 617630

Dartmoor Cycles,
Atlas House, Tavistock, Tel. 01822 618178

Leg o Mutton Cycle Hire @ The Cornershop,
Yelverton, Tel. 01822 855933 Mob. 07768974797

Plymouth Cycle Scene,
Mutley Plain, Plymouth, Tel. 01752 257701

Princetown Cycle Hire,
Princetown, Tel. 01822 890238

Other cycle hire places and bike shops in the wider area can be found on the website www.cycledevon.info

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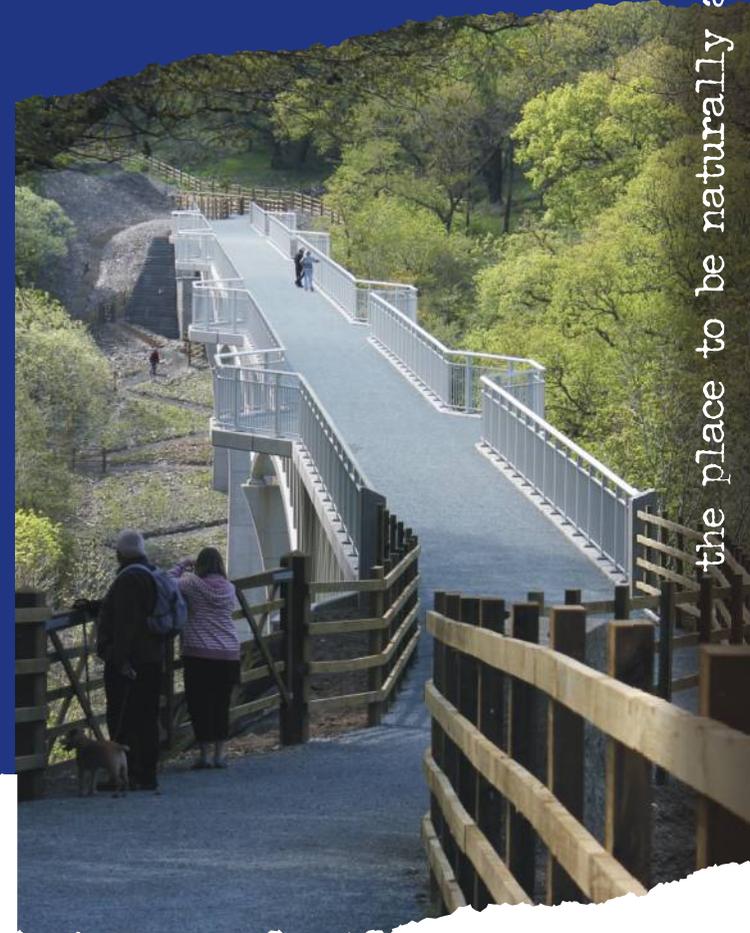


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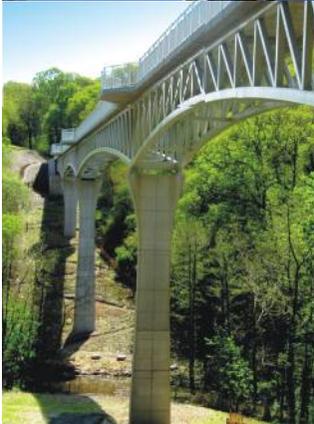


Drake's Trail

Drake's Trail in West Devon is a 21 mile cycling and walking route linking Tavistock with Plymouth.

This important part of Devon's recreational route network runs through superb countryside with attractive scenery along the western edge of Dartmoor together with much historical and heritage interest.

New sections of Drake's Trail include iconic features such as Gem Bridge, replacing an older viaduct, and Grenofen Tunnel. The Trail also includes the long-established Plym Valley Trail, and creates a network of safe and easy cycling and walking opportunities for all the family to enjoy.



The Trail takes its name from numerous connections with the famous Elizabethan seafarer Sir Francis Drake. In addition to the main Drake's Trail route, there is a network of 2 cycling and 4 walking routes linking nearby places that featured in Drake's life, from his birthplace, to the house he owned at the time of his death, and following

sections of the 18 mile Drake's Leat to where he famously played bowls on Plymouth Hoe.

But the trails aren't just about Drake - they take you through wooded river valleys and across open moorland, up close to fascinating wildlife and history.

The Bigger Picture!

As well as being an attractive family route in its own right, Drake's Trail is also a key link in a number of national and international cycle routes.

The National Cycle Network in Devon is being developed by Devon County Council in partnership with Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity. Drake's Trail is part of the National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 27, the 'Devon Coast to Coast'. This is a 102 mile route between Ilfracombe in north Devon and Plymouth. Much of this route is off-road on former railway lines including the Tarka Trail and Granite Way and Devon County Council is working to increase the amount of off-road sections.



You can jump on your bike here in Devon and follow the route through Brittany to Nantes in France, or even to North Cape, Norway. The *Velodyyssey* and *Tour de Manche* routes are being developed by Cycle West and all this forms part of the EuroVelo Network. Follow the exploring spirit of Drake!

The Good Cycling Code



Drake's Trail is a shared-use path which can be enjoyed by cyclists as well as walkers; those in wheelchairs; youngsters in push-chairs and prams, and those walking dogs. Please respect all users by following a few simple guidelines:

- Be polite and considerate to other users.
- Travel at a speed that is appropriate to the conditions, e.g, when the path is busy.
- Bikes are quiet so let people know you are coming - ring your bell, or a friendly "Hello!" often works wonders.
- Be prepared to slow or stop - there may be people who don't know you are there or dogs may be off their leads.
- Take care when passing others, especially children and older or disabled people, and allow them plenty of room.
- If you are cycling with children, take up a position behind them. If there are two adults in your group it is a good idea to have one at the back and one in front of the children.

Podcasts

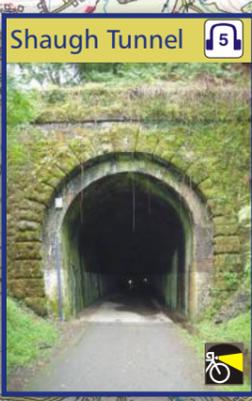
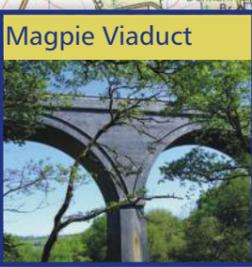
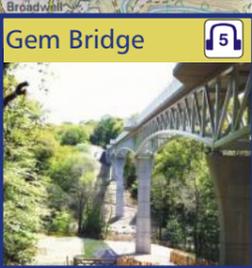
To download podcasts of information relating to key points along Drake's Trail, please visit www.drakestrail.co.uk



Geocaches Why not try your hand at Geocaching when on the trail? There are a number of Geocache boxes hidden along Drake's Trail. Visit www.geocaching.com to get involved!



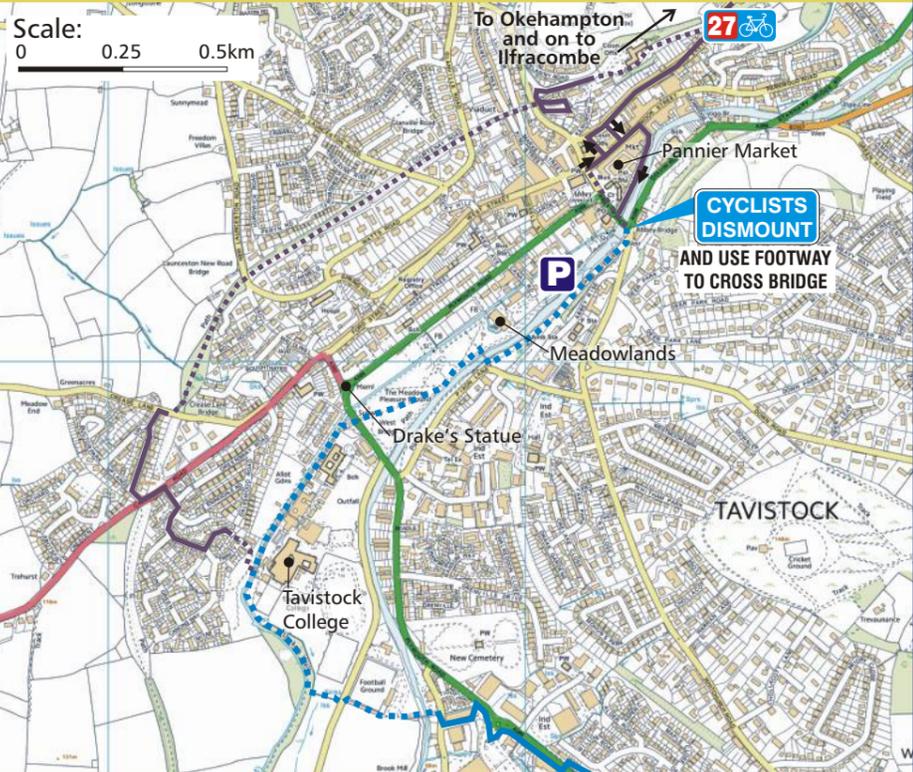
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Scale: 0 0.5 1 2km

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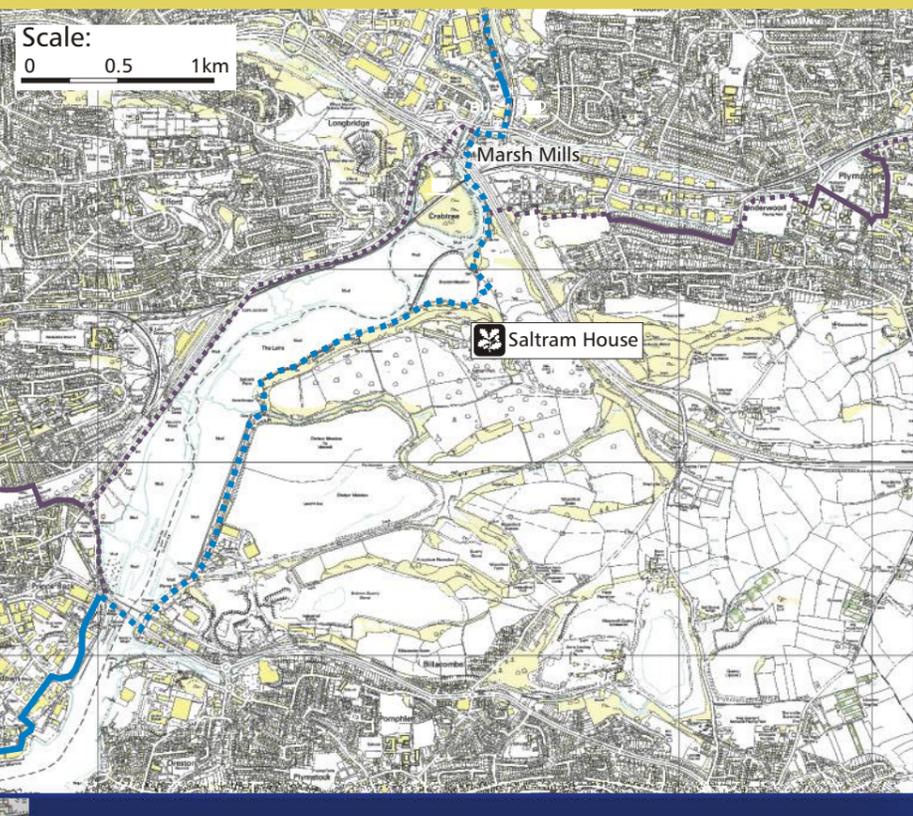
Tavistock Town Centre



Key

- Drake's Trail**
- Traffic-free
- On road
- 6 Podcast location
- Allow 3 hours for cycling the 21-mile (34 km) Drake's Trail route*
- Other National Cycle Network routes**
- Traffic-free
- On road
- Use of bike lights is recommended. Please keep to the left in tunnels.
- i Tourist Information Centre
- i Local information
- Cycle hire
- ☺ Refreshments
- ☺ Pub
- ♿ Toilets
- S Shops
- 🛒 Market / Farmers' Market
- BUS Bus stop
- P Car Parking available
- 🏡 National Trust property

Plymouth: Marsh Mills to Cattedown



Plymouth: the Barbican and the Hoe

