

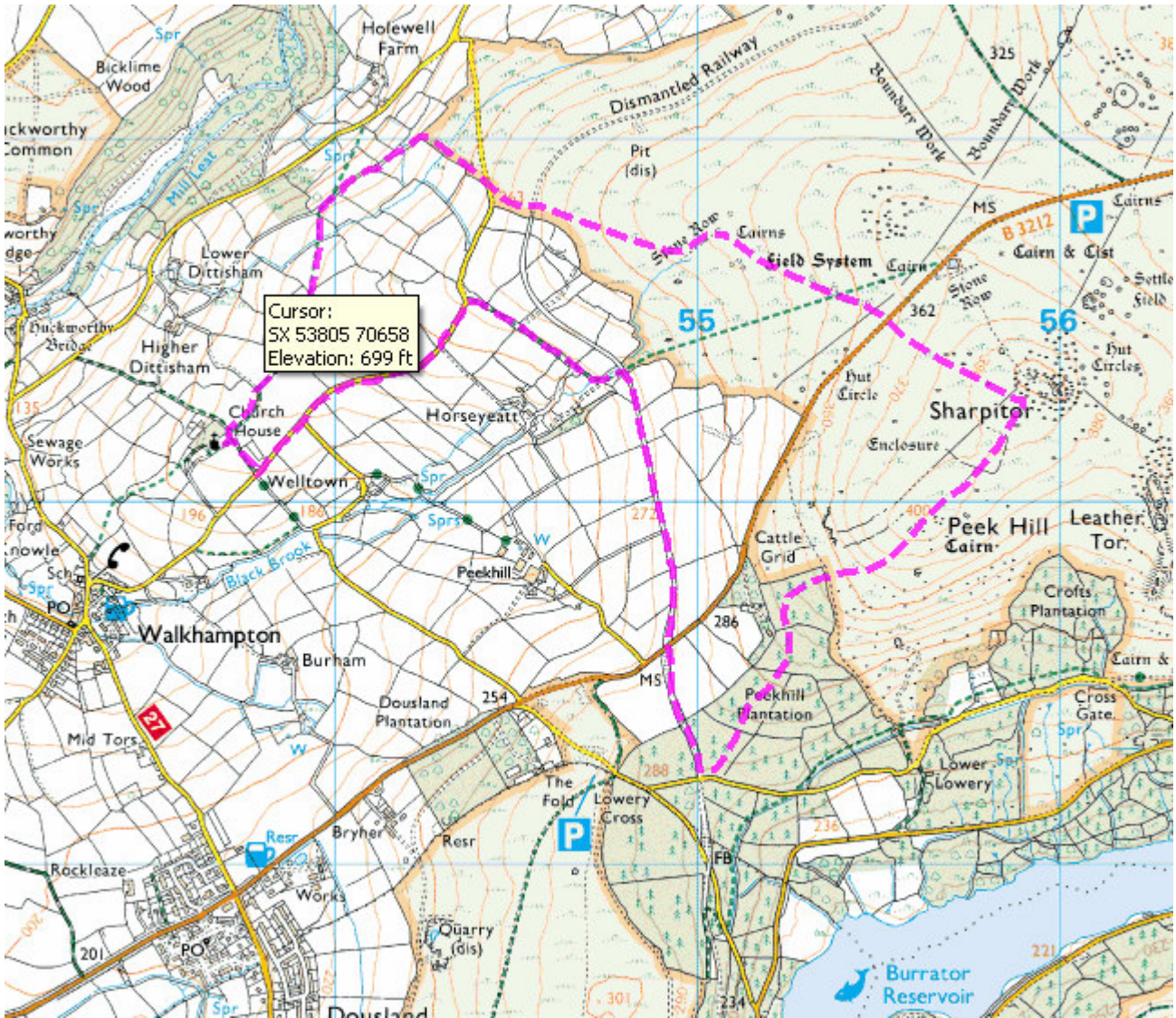
Walkhampton Church Circular Walk

5 mile walk, 2 ½ - 3 hours

A varied walk through fields, across open Moorland, ascending tors and through woodland. There are exceptional views up the Walkham Valley to the moors beyond and for much of the walk Walkhampton Church can be seen. There are no streams to cross but the route can be muddy and wet with stiles to climb and one or two moderate ascents.

Please read the following directions in conjunction with the map. Enjoy your walk!

1. Leave the churchyard via the east gate and turn left passing between Church House and the granite way marker cross.
2. Just before the cattle grid turn right over a stile. Continue straight ahead with the hedge on your right (yellow topped posts mark the way). Continue over a gap in the next hedge, through the next field to a large granite church stile.
3. Standing on the step of the stile, look to the opposite hedge and you will see a gate approximately halfway down the hedge, cross the field making for this gate. Cross into the next field using either the stone steps or the two gates.
4. Follow the direction of the signpost across the field through a gap in the hedge and continue on this line to the corner of the field and another granite church stile.
5. Over the stile and turn right into an ancient lane. Follow this lane onto the moor.
6. Once through the gate and on the moor turn right and follow the hedge uphill. Cross a minor road and follow an indistinct path up to the railway track.
7. Cross over the railway track and try to keep on the same line following sheep tracks through the gorse and bracken to the brow of the hill. Look in front of you and you will see a line of telegraph poles. Aim for the one with a lone hawthorn just in front of it.
8. As you near the tree you will notice a granite "post" approximately 4' high close to a boggy area. The post is in fact the terminal stone of a 130m long prehistoric stone row leading away up the hill from the stone and ending at a ruined cairn. Follow the line of the stones up to the cairn, many of the stones are covered by gorse bushes and about half are missing, there is a curious twinned pair of stones towards the middle of the row.
9. Now head south east to Sharpitor, crossing the B3212 on the way. Climb the tor for wonderful views of Burrator Reservoir if energy allows!
10. From Sharpitor go south west to Peek Hill following an obvious track, more views of Burrator Reservoir from here.
11. Descend Peek Hill heading for a stile near the corner wall of the plantation slightly to the right.
12. Over the stile and down through Peek Hill plantation, the track can be slippery and becomes muddy and rutted. Follow the track to where it emerges over a stile.
13. Turn right and you are now on the old track bed of the Princetown Railway.
14. Follow the railway through gates, over a stile, across the B3212, through more fields until you come to a line of telegraph poles.
15. Turn left following the signed footpath along a stony muddy farm track between walls to the right, continue along this path until it emerges onto the road.
16. Turn left, follow the road down, taking the first right turn back to the Church



Prayer to begin the Journey

Holy God, you journey with us through life often unseen, often unheard:
As we journey today may we be attuned to your presence:
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your presence in all we experience. Amen

Prayer at the Stone Row

Holy God, many have journeyed here before us marking the way with this stone row.
We call to mind those who have gone on before us, especially those dear to us;
And as we wonder at the mysteries of the past so may you reveal yourself to us as our guardian
and guide as we journey on. Amen.

Prayer at Peek Hill

Holy God, we thank you for this mountaintop experience and the perspective it gives us.
Give us that same sense of perspective in our daily lives as we journey on with you. Amen.

Prayer to end the Journey

Holy God as you have journeyed with us through the ups and downs of this walk so travel with
us in the same way through our lives. Guard us and guide us in all we do. Amen.