

Where is the Drake link?

As you leave Yelverton you will walk alongside Drake's Leat for much of the first mile. The leat - also known as Plymouth Leat - was eventually built in 1591, some years after the passing of the Water Bill for Plymouth, which was presented to the Houses of Parliament by the mayor of Plymouth, who at the time was Sir Francis Drake.

Numerous myths surround the building of the leat and reflect the esteem with which local people held Drake and his accomplishments. Rumour has it that Drake not only built the leat himself in one night, but that he also rode into Plymouth before the first flow of water on a white stallion.

As well as being an accomplished sailor, Drake was also a shrewd businessman. He was given £200 to cover construction costs and £100 to compensate landowners. In the end he paid out £100 for construction and £60 for land, making a tidy profit of £140.

Other local information...

This trail follows a short section of the popular West Devon Way walking route.

You will notice a number of features on the walk linked to the former railway linking Plymouth with Tavistock and Burrator. Services stopped on this line in 1968 as a result of the Beeching review into branch lines.

Still want to know more?

Clearbrook village information:
www.clearbrookdevon.co.uk

Drake's Trail website for more recreation routes:
www.drakestrail.co.uk



find out more through the **Drake's Trail podcasts** available at:
www.drakestrail.co.uk or
www.drakestrailpodcasts.info

Accommodation & local services

There are numerous places to stay in and around Yelverton, from campsites to hotels catering to your every whim. Check the following websites for details and booking information:

www.drakesdartmoor.co.uk
www.dartmoor.co.uk

Or contact the
Tavistock Tourist Information Centre
01822 612938
email: tavistocktic@westdevon.gov.uk



How to get here

A regular, daily bus service runs between Plymouth and Tavistock, stopping at Yelverton. Most frequent are the 83 and 84 services. Other local services link Yelverton with surrounding villages. Timetables and more information are available

from Traveline:
0871 200 22 33

www.traveline.org.uk

There is free parking at Yelverton along the edge of RAF Harrowbeer and also at designated places on the edge of Roborough Down.

There is short stay, pay and display parking by the village shops and also at the Leg O'Mutton corner.

Additional travel advice can be found at:
www.travelwise.org.uk

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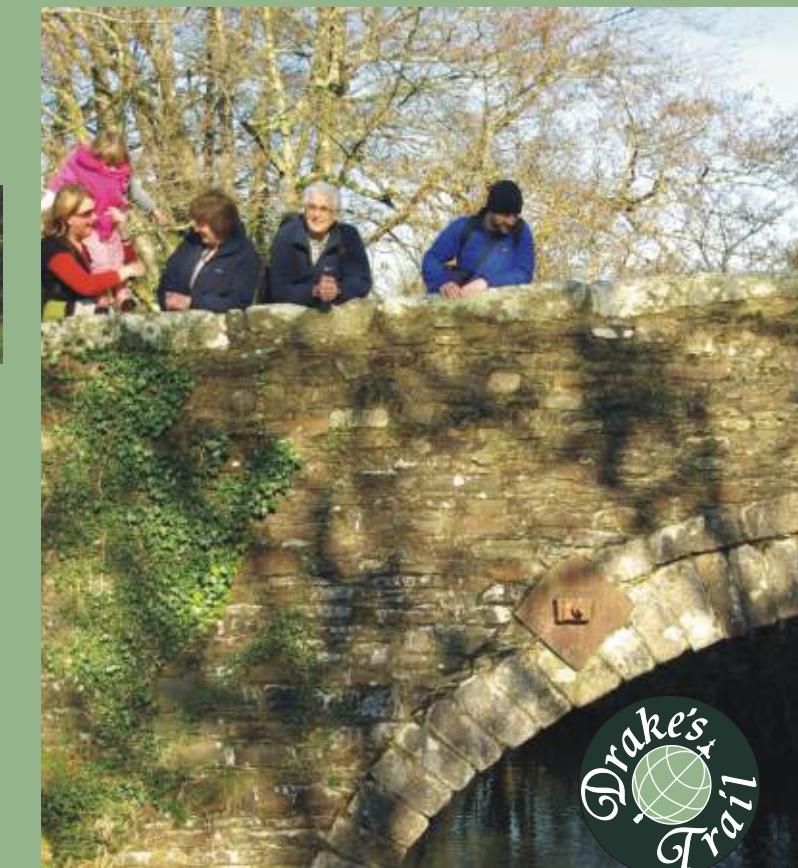
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Drake's Trail Walking Spur 1

Yelverton to Clearbrook



Start: Drake's Trail information board, Yelverton

Duration: 2 - 2 1/2 hours

Distance: 4.9 miles / 7.8 kilometres

Grade: EASY

Surface: Mainly firm off-road route.
Some narrow sections.

Also see OS Explorer map OL28

Route directions and other advice / instructions are shown on the map inside.

Walking Spur 1 - Yelverton to Clearbrook



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Yelverton roundabout **6**

Yelverton shops **7**

START **i**

After walking through the car park, keep right and join the cycle path signed **27** and **27**

Start at the Drake's Trail Information Board. Cross the road. Pass the public toilets into the Church car park

Yelverton

Roborough Down

Go through the trees and turn left at the end of the woods and then right

Turn left over Drake's Leat and downhill

Drake's Leat **8**

As the path splits, take the smaller path to the left, signed for the West Devon Way

Follow the path round to the right - signed to Elfordtown Farm

Key

- on-road walking route
- - - off-road walking route
- 🚻 toilets
- ☕ refreshments
- BUS bus stops
- ⚠ junction
- GT Drake's Trail cycle route
- i Drake's Trail information board
- 🎧 podcast location

Retrace your steps back to Yelverton, following **27** and **27**

After walking under the railway bridge, turn right through the old iron kissing gate

Walking down through the woods, at the bottom go through the gate and continue straight ahead

Pass the River Meavy on your left

Go through the gates onto the old walled tramway **9**

As the path meets the road, turn right and walk gradually uphill to the village of Clearbrook

Clearbrook **11**



Continue along route **27** and Drake's Leat

Continue uphill, out of the village until you reach a small bridge over Drake's Leat

1km

Scale:

250m

500m

Turn right after the bridge onto the cycle path signed **27** and **27**

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