



**14.6** Distance  
**14.6km/9¼ miles**

**5** Time  
**5 hours**

**Challenging** Grade

**1 pub/0 cafés** Refreshments



View north from the summit of Brent Tor, which you climb at the start of your walk.

**READ THE FEATURE**  
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**C**rowned with a tiny Norman church and the remains of an Iron Age hillfort, Brent Tor (334m) is a landmark for miles around. Composed of volcanic breccia and pillow lava, Brent Tor lies just west of Dartmoor proper, but offers wonderful views on to a range of Dartmoor tors and over the patchwork fields of the Tamar Valley to the heights of Bodmin Moor. En route is the well-preserved Victorian steam engine house at Wheal Betsy, an ancient silver/lead mine. Gibbet Hill (353m) is another fine viewpoint – for some felons, their last.

*By Robert Hesketh.*

### ① Start

Cross road carefully and follow clear path to summit of Brent Tor. Retrace your steps. Turn L on to road for 275m. Turn L on to signed bridleway. Again turn L on to lane. Walk ahead to

South Brentor Farm. Continue on track 'Unsuitable for Motors'. Turn L 200m ahead 'Public Footpath' when track divides. Follow track to a gate, then follow footpath through series of small fields via gates and stiles. Continue along enclosed footpath into village. Turn R at junction.

### ② 3.6km/2¼ miles

Turn R at war memorial. Walk past church and downhill past old railway station and over cattle grid. Turn L up unsigned lane. When lane levels by cottage, fork R up grassy track. Ignore first and second cross-paths. Turn R on third and climb more steeply. Turn L along another path and aim for summit of Gibbet Hill. From triangulation pillar head north-east, following path towards chimney of Wheal Betsy. Cross disused mine leat and road. Follow path down.

## PLAN YOUR ROUTE



### ROUTE

**Is it for me?** Footpaths, bridleways, open moor, short lane/road sections; two steep ascents/descents  
**Stiles** 6 (one high)

### START/PARKING

Brent Tor car park, grid ref SX468805

**Nearest town** Tavistock

**Refreshments** Pub at Point 4 (diversion)

**Public toilets** At start

**Public transport**

Bus 118 Barnstaple/Tavistock daily and 187 Okehampton/Gunnislake (Sun only) stop at North Brentor

### MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer 112 & OL28; Landranger 191 & 201

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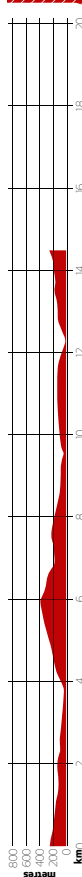
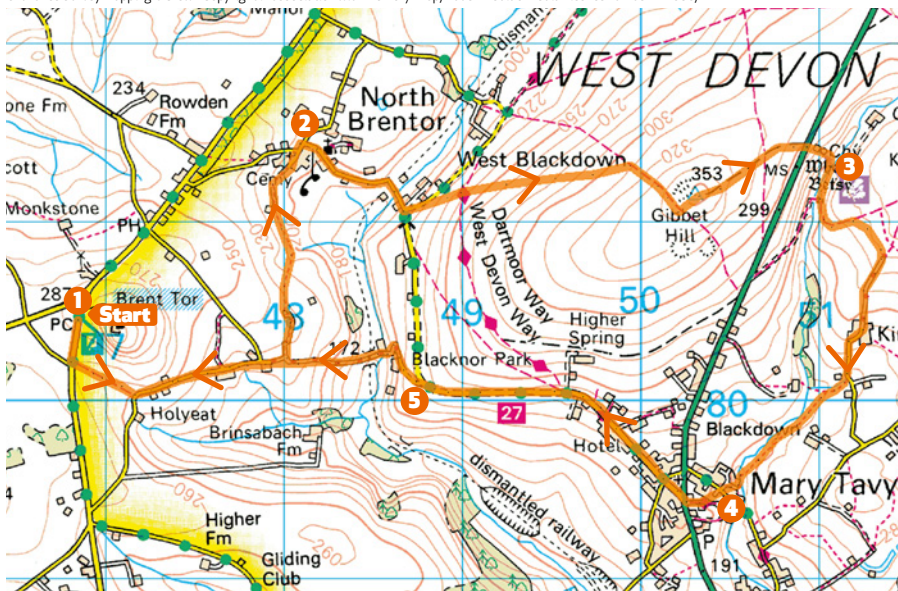


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### ③ 7.3km/4½ miles

From Wheal Betsy, take stony track south. Turn L on to concrete lane. Cross river. Turn R on to signed bridleway, then turn R at next track (unsigned). Turn R at steel gate. Follow track downhill past Kingsett. Continue downhill to stream. Take signed footpath R over a stone wall. Continue through series of small fields parallel to stream. Re-cross stream by footbridge. Walk on to lane.

### ④ 10.2km/6¼ miles

Turn R and 50m ahead turn L on to bridleway. Cross main road (or divert R to pub). Take Brentor Road opposite. Walk ahead for 1.6km.

### ⑤ 12km/7½ miles

Turn L into 'No Through Road'. Cross old railway line and River Burn by bridges and

climb to path junction. Fork L to South Brentor Farm. Retrace your steps back to starting point. **CW**



Tiny Norman church on summit of Brent Tor.

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