



03 DEVON OKEHAMPTON

► Distance: 11¼ miles/17.8km ► Time: 6 hours ► Grade: Challenging



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Longstone Hill across
Meldon reservoir.



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This challenging walk
leads over rough

terrain to the highest tors on Dartmoor and thus southern England – High Willhays and Yes Tor. At 621m and 619m respectively they both just top 2,000 feet and are thus technically mountains. The Dartmoor panorama is superb and stretches far into Cornwall and North Devon. En route is the beautiful West Okement and Meldon Reservoir; former quarries and mines, plus Okehampton station, splendidly restored in Southern Railway style and packed with period detail. Note part of this walk is on the Army's Okehampton range,

which can only be walked on non-firing days. Always check on www.gov.uk or phone 0800 4584868 before starting.

1 Start

Turn R under railway bridge. Turn L 'Granite Way'. Ignore second Granite Way sign. Follow tarred lane.

2 ¼ mile/0.5km

Continue ahead 'Public Footpath' onto tarred lane (West Devon Way). See Okehampton Castle R. Continue as signed through golf course, then fields. Ignore first footpath L.

3 1¼ miles/2.9km

Reaching tarred lane, turn L over road bridge. Continue

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Okehampton station (use YHA car park), grid ref SX592944

Is it for me? Open moor, footpaths, bridleways, Long, steep ascent/descent. Parts wet/uneven/rough. Navigation skills needed. Avoid after heavy rain
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest towns
Okehampton

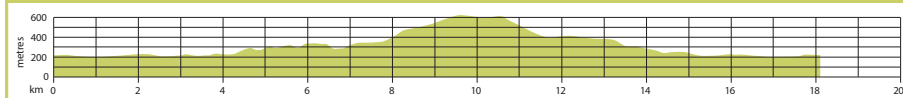
Refreshments Wide choice in Okehampton, including station buffet

Public toilets
Meldon car park

Public transport Buses: Services from Plymouth, Exeter, Hatherleigh, Newton Abbot. Trains: Sunday Rover to Exeter www.nationalrail.co.uk. Vintage service to Meldon www.dartmoor-railway-sa.org

Maps OS Explorer OL28; Landranger 191; Harvey's Maps Dartmoor

GRADIENT PROFILE



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Meldon Viaduct, 163m (540ft) long with trusses up to 120ft high. One of only two wrought iron truss girder viaducts in England, it was built in 1874 and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

on tarred lane for 400m. Turn R onto footpath. Cross bridge. Turn L. Follow path under viaduct. Continue to car park.

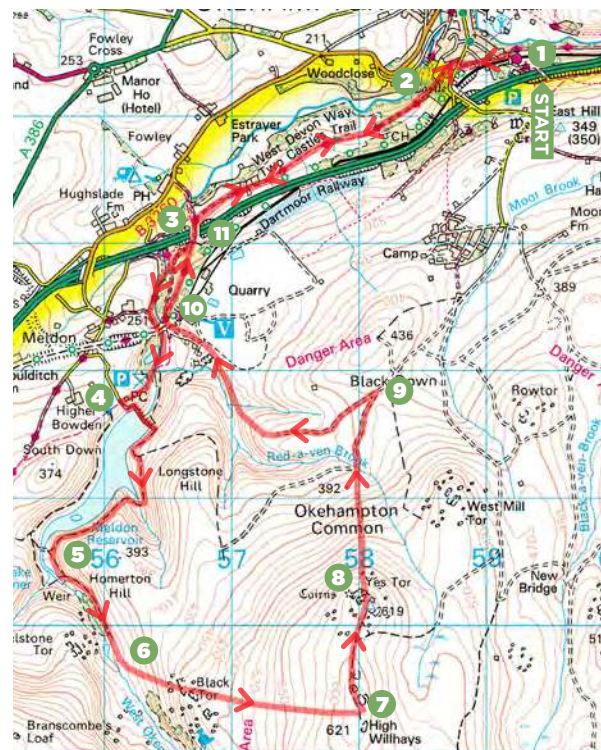
4 2¼ miles/4.5km
Turn L 'Bridlepath to Moor'. Cross dam. Turn R onto bankside path.

5 4 miles/6.4km
Reaching stone bridge at Vellake Corner, bear L. Follow track parallel to east river bank.

6 4¼ miles/7.4km
At weir, bear L (south-east) and uphill over rough ground, avoiding marshy areas, to Black Tor. Continue east-south-east to cairn marking summit of High Willhays.

7 6 miles/9.7km
Turn north. Continue over High Willhays to triangulation pillar on summit Yes Tor.

8 6¼ miles/10.8km
Continue north and head



downhill over the boulders. Cross Red-a-Ven Brook by the ford. Continue N along the stony track

9 7¼ miles/12.5km
Turn sharp L at track junction. Keep R at first fork, but L at second fork by Army observation post. Continue on north-westerly course parallel to stone wall ahead.

10 8¼ miles/13.2km
Turn R onto lane. Pass under viaduct. Bear R 'Public

Bridleway'. Continue to Point 3.

11 9¼ miles/14.9km
Retrace steps to start. **CW**



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