

a track, bearing half-left over a stile just before a cattle grid. The fenced-in path skirts a field and drops downhill. A stile leads to a descent through woodland, by a dried-up stream bed. A stile, footbridge and further stile lead onto a lane opposite beautiful, restored Yeo Farm **E**, with the date when it was originally built, 1610, on the porch.

Turn left along the lane to reach Marchant's Cross. Turn right and cross the stream by stepping stones or the bridge. Pass a junction of lanes at Meavy, and turn right through a gate at a footpath sign **F** (The Royal Oak inn is along the lane to the left). Keep straight across a meadow, with picturesque clusters of oak trees, and pass through three gates; then bear left on a twisting path through the

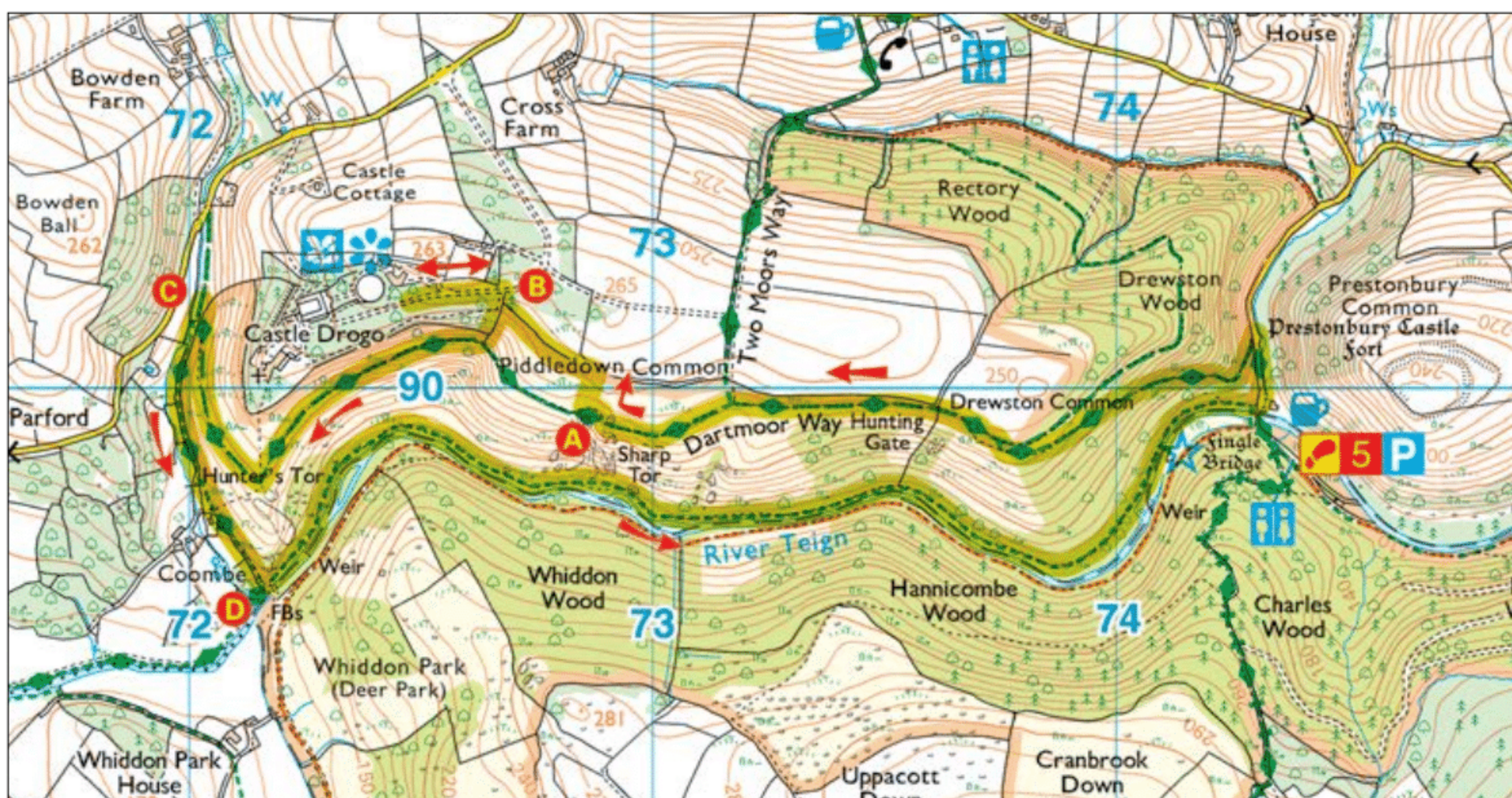
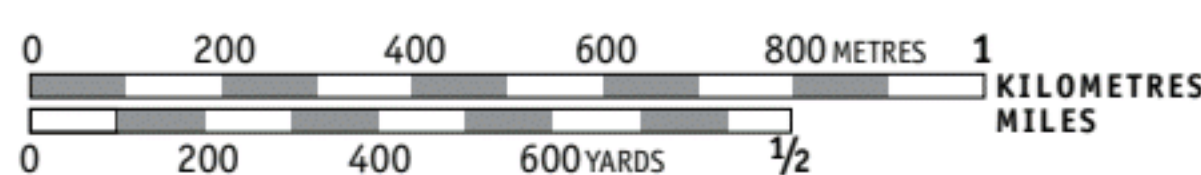
trees, following yellow marks. This leads to the dried-up leat that was built in the 16th century to provide Plymouth with a water supply. At this point you will hear the sound of Burrator Waterfall, coming from the depths of the gorge below. The path follows the leat for some way before meeting a track on a U-bend; follow the track left, uphill, to emerge on the Dousland road just below the dam. Turn right to pass the dam **G** and follow the road up the west side of the reservoir, passing Burrator Heritage Centre. Just round a right-hand bend turn right through a gate onto a permissive path that threads its way through waterside woodland. Pass through one gate; later on turn right after another. At the end of the reservoir follow the River Meavy, crossing a stile to reach the lane at Nosworthy Bridge. Turn right for the car park. ●



The Hunter's Path

ahead downhill at a fork, then bear right down steps to rejoin the Hunter's Path. Turn right; eventually the path descends gradually, turning sharply right at Hunter's Tor, the westerly edge of the Teign Gorge, continuing steeply downhill through woodland to a gate and footpath sign to the Fisherman's Path **C**. Turn left along a metalled track, bearing left away from that track at a public footpath sign and bearing left again to the river **D**.

Turn left along the Fisherman's Path, which keeps by the Teign through the thickly wooded gorge back to Fingle Bridge, a distance of under 2 miles (3.2km). The route is fairly easy except at one point where the path has to climb up and down some steps across the lower reaches of Sharp Tor. ●





The distinctive profile of Bowerman's Nose

follow the path to the left of Greater Rocks, to a gate and bridleway labelled 'Leighon and Haytor Down' **D**.

The path descends steeply via two gates to reach a stream crossed by a stone bridge. Climb the rocky path on the other side to emerge from woodland with Smallacombe Rocks above right. Once clear of the wood bear left across the slope towards Leighton, soon picking up a wall on the left. Eventually this path passes through a gate **E** then runs between granite walls, passing through another gate to reach a track above Leighon. This soon branches; keep ahead uphill via a gate onto the shoulder of Black Hill, giving fine views of Manaton left. Bear left to meet a lane by a cattle grid. Turn left down the lane to New Bridge (*care is needed if you have children or dogs, or both, as the lane is steep and narrow*) and at the junction with the Manaton–Bovey Tracey road turn right. Walk on the right-hand side of the road for about 100 yards before turning left off it round a barrier with a footpath arrow. Cross the stream, and

follow the path through a gate to reach a junction of paths. Take the second right (marked with a yellow arrow) which leads to a T-junction of paths **F**.

If you wish to shorten the walk, turn left. You will emerge from woodland into a meadow; keep to the left of this to reach houses near the Kestor Inn. The church is about ½ mile (800m) along the road.

The longer route goes right at the T-junction. The right-of-way is marked by posts with yellow arrows as it winds its way through beautiful woodland. You will soon hear the sound of Becka Falls ahead of you. Stay on the path with yellow arrows, passing between animal pens and then alongside a footbridge. The land on either side is private. Keep the river on the right and continue ahead to pass a viewpoint (best when the trees are



Princetown, Whiteworks and Crock of Gold

Start Princetown

Distance 6¾ miles (10.7km)

Height gain 615 feet (185m)

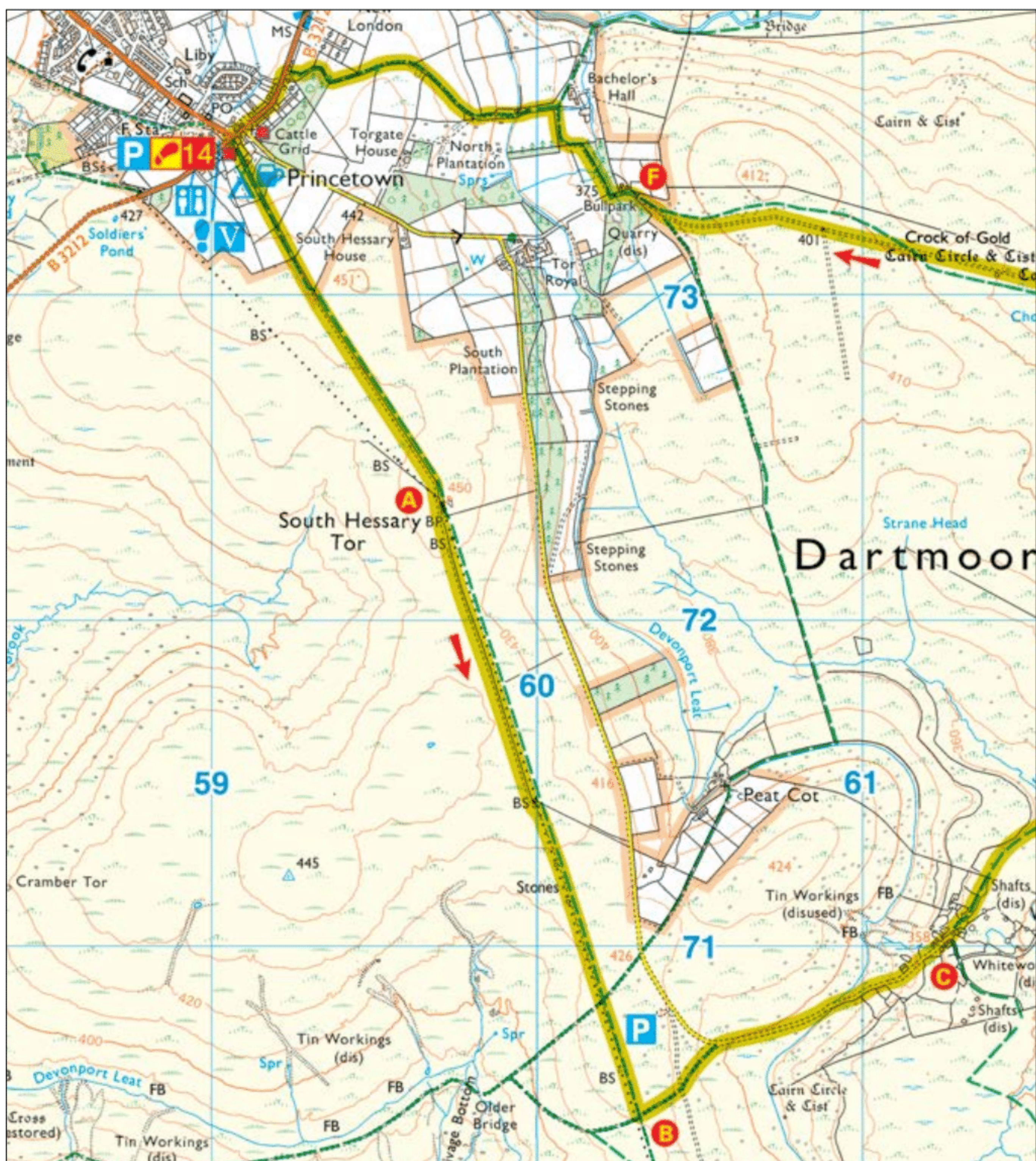
Approximate time 3½ hours

Parking Princetown (Pay and Display)

Ordnance Survey maps Landrangers 191 (Okehampton & North Dartmoor) and 202 (Torbay & South Dartmoor), Explorer OL28 (Dartmoor)

GPS waypoints

- SX 590 734
- A SX 597 723
- B SX 603 704
- C SX 612 710
- D SX 615 714
- E SX 626 727
- F SX 603 733



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downhill, alongside a stunted stone row, to pass the next menhir. Bear left towards the river to find a ford across a tributary stream. This area can get very boggy, and you'll probably need to pick your way across a couple of watercourses after wet weather. Head uphill, aiming for the trees ahead that mark Ditsworthy Warren House **K**, another former farmhouse which now serves as an adventure centre. Behind the house is a yard walled in by huge boulders, offset to provide an overhang to prevent the warrener's dogs from escaping. *If you began the walk at **A**, the way back strikes north (right) along the track below Gutter Tor. To*

return to Ringmoor Cottage, take the lower track leading directly from the house to the west. Follow it downhill over a stream; ahead and right you will see a gate and signpost on the horizon. Immediately bear right uphill; when nearing the top bear right again at a fork to reach the gate on the skyline **L**, where a sign points to Ringmoor Cottage. The route across this stretch of bare moorland is marked by occasional posts. When trees appear on the skyline keep to the right fork, eventually dropping to pass through two bridlegates about 200 yards right of the trees. Bear left to reach the lane and complete the walk. ●

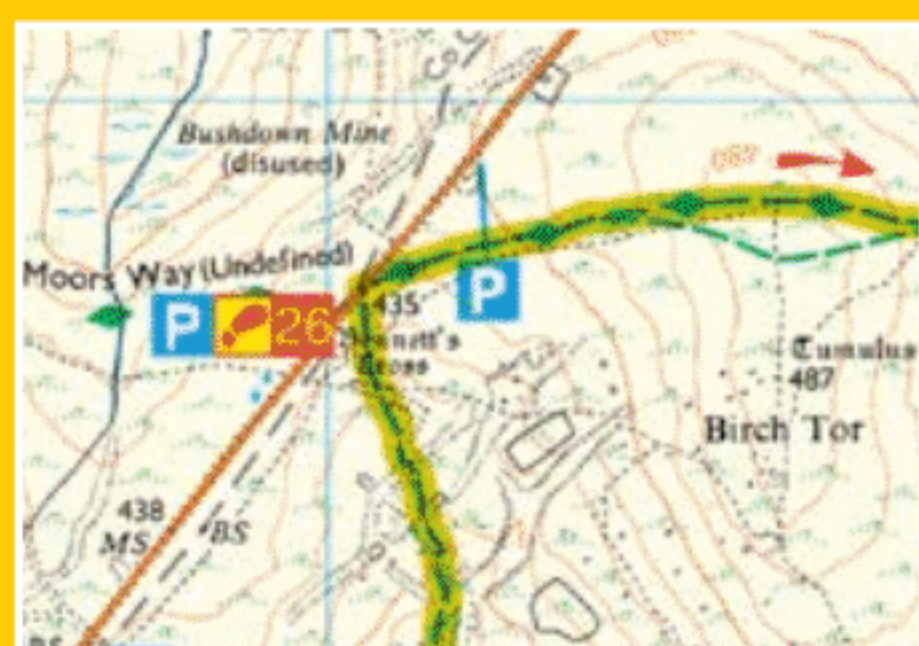
One of the prehistoric monoliths in remote Drizzle Combe



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