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**There are OS maps in the wooden box to take with you.**

**Suggested Local Walks**

**Please note that adders can be found on open moorland and countryside, so take care when walking your dog.**

1/ The nearest and shortest walk would be out of the front door and turn left to the park which is 100 metres down the road. On the opposite side of the park you will find steps that take you down to the river. Left takes you up to Newbridge (about 1/2 mile) This is the stretch where we have seen most of the Otters, although it is quite rare so no promises! If you turn right at the bottom of the steps you head towards the Weir which is tidal below. You then come out by some cottages at the bottom of our road. Turn left and proceed to the left of the cottage ahead of you. This takes you to a disused lock and pretty lock house on an island. When you get to the next house the footpath continues, but only for 100 metres (seen otters here too) then stops. You can climb the road to the side of the house which takes you back along Calstock Road past the Pub (free biscuits behind the bar for dog owners buying a drink!) then back towards the village and down Kingswood Road to get back to the Cottage.

2/ Tamar Trails (Map in the wooden box). This involves crossing the bridge so I would suggest taking the car as the bridge is narrow and fairly busy if you are walking a dog, but fine on your own are there are "V"s for you to go in to if traffic is coming across. As you cross the bridge turn immediately left by the white Toll House and along the track for a couple of hundred Metres. You will find that it then opens out and there is space for about 6 cars. (alternatively you can drive up to Tamar Trails on the main road, but they have a pay & display car park!) Follow the river upstream. You will see several streams coming out from the hillside. These often come out of Addits (Horizontal entrances to the mines) and you can even see the odd pit prop still in place. There are miles of intersecting tracks as you move away from the river amongst the woods and the remains of old, mainly copper mines. Higher up the slopes you might get to Devon Consols Mine. This was one of the richest Copper mines in its day. At the start of the 20th century it was mined for Arsenic and the brown/red slag still has very little growth on it 100 years after mining stopped. There is a large colony of Greater Horseshoe bats in some of the mine shafts. These are rare in the UK and quite impressive with a wingspan of nearly 1 foot. We have seen them occasionally on the way back from the pub! Night Jars also nest up there and you will sometimes hear them around dusk making a sound something like Crickets.

3/ The Ridge opposite the Cottage. Due to crossing the bridge I would again suggest taking the car to get started if you are walking dogs, but otherwise walk along the river and carefully up the road. Cross the bridge and up the main road to the right. After a few hundred Metres the road swings left, but you go straight on where you will find a small car park for the South Bedford Mine. Over the stile and start climbing along the path. You want the Chimney Rock path. There is a marker post (17?) where it heads off to the right. This is a lovely walk just below the ridge. The photo in the kitchen is of the Cottage from Chimney Rock. Keep walking as far as you like. The path swings to the left along a crease in the hillside and along a valley where you can hear a stream tumbling down to the river. As you cross the stream bear right (but remember this spot as you may take a different return route - see later). There are a couple of good viewpoints along here behind barrier fencing which is easy to get round. These are crags overlooking the valley (Picnic Rock and Morwell Rock), but don't go too close to the edge as there is a big drop. Eventually you will get to Morwelham (local tourist attraction) where there is a nice pub and you can push on further following the mine railway (public footpath is along the railway tracks and move off to the rive side if the toursit train comes chugging along) past the entrance to the mine to a deserted keyside called Newquay. If you have walked from the cottage you are at about 5 miles at this point. On the return leg consider continuing straight when you cross the stream (mentioned above). This will broadly follow an old mine train route under the main road and to the top end of the Tamar Trails then follow the tracks down towards the river and generally to your left to cross the bridge. This wouyld work out as about 12 miles in total.

4/ Kit Hill This is a 4 mile drive, but a favourite with many of the local dog walkers. Drive up the main road towards Callington. After about 3 miles you will see Kit Hill signposted to the right. There are several free car parks as you head up the hill. Kit Hill has stunning 360 degree views of the Tamar Estuary, Devon and Cornwall. From the lower car park I would estimate that it is a 3 mile walk all the way round (less higher up) with plenty if intersecting paths. If you smell Pasties it means that Ginsters down in Callington have just finished a batch. They smell better that they taste so I would recommend tracking down OTT Pasties or Heluva Pasties if you get a chance. If I go out to buy a Pastie I will normally stop here to eat it and enjoy the view.

5/ White Hart Pub Chilsworthy (currently sadly closed). This is a 2 1/2 mile walk each way but really lovely walk, with views of Dartmoor from Chilsworthy. Walk over the playing field to the river and turn left towards the bridge. This time cross the road and stay on the Cornwall side and go along the track past the garage. Ignore the first two footpaths heading up to the left and keep going at roughly the same level. after perhaps 1/2 mile the cricket club will be straight ahead and the footpath turns left (easy to miss) The path goes through woodland above the river, then drops down to the river where you will find some old mine workings (Gunnislake Clitters) There are the remains of an old engine house that was powered by a water wheel rather than steam, but otherwise looks the same. when you have explored this, carry along the path that will rise ever more steeply until you get to a single-track road. Turn right and follow the road past various driveways the road turns sharp left and then a little further the footpath is straight ahead of you (I think the road stops here and become a private driveway from memory.) Climb the path until you get to the road in Chilsworthy and turn left, pass the closed pub and then take the path to the right of the house ahead and you will soon walk along a disused railway platform! At the railway bridge turn left along the road bear right at the junction past more mine workings. Descend along the road and as it turns right with a house in front of you turn left beyond the house and after about 50 yards there will be a path to the right. This takes you down past some Alpacas in a field and eventually joining the track by the garage near the bridge.