

Route directions


Princetown to Saltram

Option A, 17.5 miles (28 km)

Easier route mainly following disused railway lines and quiet roads

- 1 From the High Moorland Visitor Centre car park, turn left onto Station Road. Then turn left again - signed *disused railway*, just after the fire station. Follow this path out onto the disused railway line and continue for approximately 1.5 miles (2.4 km).
- 2 Just before the quarry workings a track crosses the railway. You now have two options. For a longer route follow the railway straight on around King's Tor. If you wish to take a short cut here, turn left down the track. Rejoin the railway at the bottom of the hill and turn left along it.
- 3 Continue along the railway for 1.9 miles (3 km) until you come to a stile onto enclosed farmland.
- 4 Cross the stile and follow the railway through the fields until you come to the main road. **Take care crossing the road.**
- 5 Turn right along the main road and then take the bridleway on the left.
- 6 When the bridleway meets a track, turn left. Take the next left and go on until the track meets the surfaced cycle path.

Turn right onto cycle path and continue for 1 mile (1.6 km) through the plantation and out onto Yennadon Down.

- 7 Where the track divides, go straight on down to the road and turn right.
- 8 At the next T-junction, turn left towards Meavy and take the next
 right, following the (blue) Route 27 cycleway signs, down through Meavy (**take care, steep descent**).
- 9 At the next T-junction in the village, turn right.
If you wish to make a detour to Yelverton DO NOT turn left after Meavy village, but continue straight on to the next T-Junction and turn right to the centre of Yelverton. To continue your journey, you can either retrace your steps and pick up the route directions at Point 10 or follow the directions for Option C.
- 10 Take the next left, following the Route 27 cycleway sign and continue straight across the next junction to Hoo Meavy. Cycle through the village and turn right at the next junction, signed - *Plymouth*.
- 11 Turn left, along the track opposite Clearbrook Village Hall, signed - *Plym Valley Path Plymouth*. **This section involves a length of steep path with a loose surface. If you would prefer to take an easier option continue straight on up the road and take the next left towards Goodameavy.**

Follow the road across Roborough Down then steeply downhill.

Join the cycleway (Route 27) on your left approximately 50 metres after the turning to Goodameavy.

- 12 After approximately 30 metres turn right off the main track and follow the path up through the scrub. Stay on the most obvious path and keep left at the divide to follow the zig-zag down through the gate to the disused railway line.
- 13 Turn right and follow the track through the tunnel and over the viaduct, and continue to follow the signed cycle route to Plympton.
- 14 Where the route comes out onto the road, at the edge of Plympton turn left. At the next road junction, go straight across onto the cycle path signed - *Cycle Route 27*.
- 15 Before the pallet yard, turn right down a narrow path, signed - *cycle route*, and follow it through to the A38 road bridge. Go diagonally right under the bridge, heading for the arched cycle bridge on the other side (no cycle route sign). Turn left over it and continue to follow the path on the other side towards Saltram House.
- 16 Shortly after reaching the tarmac road, ignore the Route 27 cycleway sign to the right, continue straight on to Saltram House car park.

Off-road route via Nuns Cross and Sheepstor

Option B, 16.5 miles (26.5 km)

- 1 Turn right out of the car park and take the next right to the roundabout.
- 2 Go straight across, between the Plume of Feathers and the Railway Inn, to the bridleway. Go through the gate, follow the bridleway onto the moor, passing South Hessary Tor on your left (take care as there are a number of granite drainage gullies across the path).
- 3 Continue straight on at each junction passing Nuns Cross on your left before ascending with Eylesbarrow on your right.
- 4 Where the track divides, stay on the most obvious surfaced route on the right. Go through the mine and cycle downhill to the Scout Hut.
- 5 Cross the stream and go through the car park to the road. Follow this through to the next T-junction.
- 6 Turn right to Sheepstor and ride through the village to Burrator Reservoir. Pass over the dam and bear left towards Yelverton.
Continue to follow Option A directions from Point 8.

A mainly off-road route following cycle ways and quiet roads

Option C, 8.5 miles (13.7 km)

- 1 Follow the tarmac path towards Plymouth, alongside the A386, taking care when passing the entrances to houses.

When the path ends, turn left downhill, over the cattle grid.

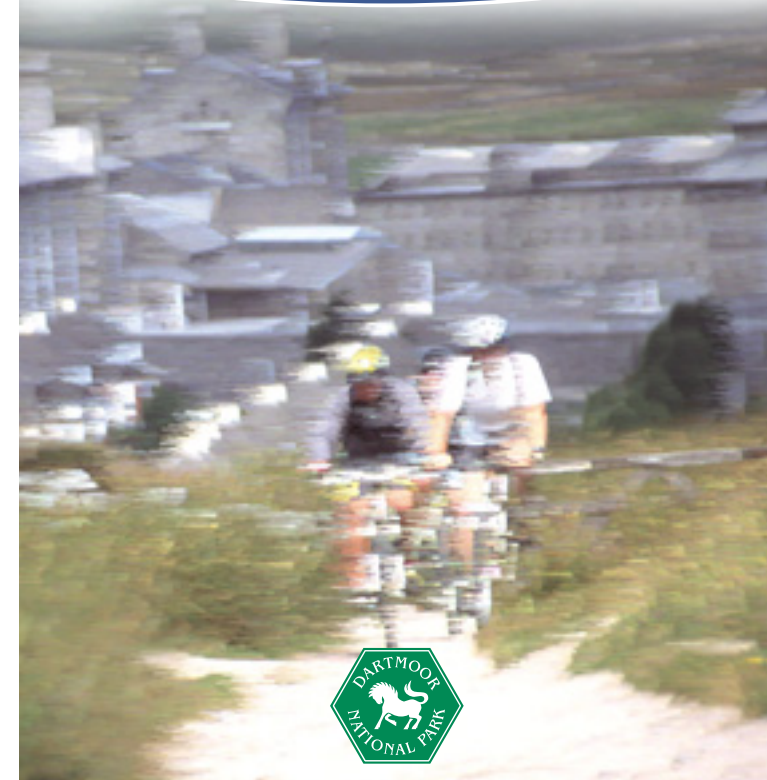
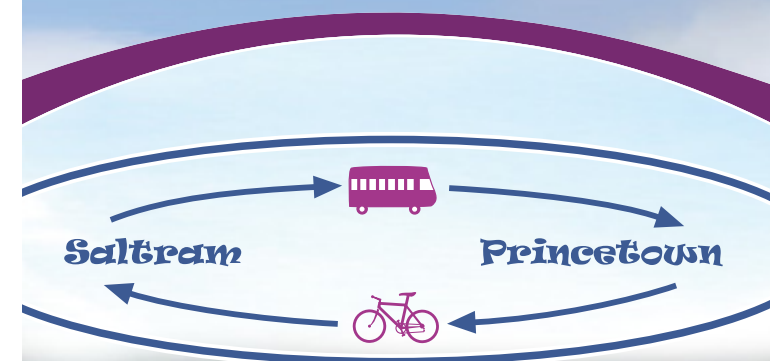
- 2 Go down the road and over the bridge. Immediately afterwards, take the first right (NOT the road to Drakeleat and Inglewood.)
- 3 At the next junction, continue straight on towards Clearbrook, following the Route 27 cycleway signs.
- 4 At the next crossroad go straight across, then take the first right along the unsurfaced track.
- 5 Just before the gate, turn right, up the path. Follow this around to the left, alongside the scrub. Stay on the most obvious track to the leat.
- 6 Cross the bridge over the leat and continue straight on to the road.
From here you can pick up the directions from Point 12 in Option A (go almost straight on for the easier option signed - *Goodameavy*, or turn left to Clearbrook to follow the slightly more difficult route).

Just a word of caution ...

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