

Route - Colliford Lake, Dozmary Pool, Dozmary Hill, Harowbridge, Brown Gelly Downs, Lords Park Farm
Interest - Colliford Lake, Dozmary Pool, Goodaver Stone Circle (detour), Brown Gelly cairns and views

Useful Information

Parking: W side of Colliford Lake dam at 17547/70960.

Intermediate Parking: None, unless you want to take a chance.

Getting There: From the main A30, about 8 miles E of Bodmin, turn R signed Colliford Lake Park, for 2½ miles, then L for ½ mile. Parking, just W of the dam, is not signed but is obvious.

Transport: None known.

Refreshments: None.

Toilets: None.

Route Directions

Colliford Lake to Dozmary Pool – 2.60 miles

Start from E end of car park at 17609/70952

Go forward to the W end of the dam, through a wooden gate and cross the dam to a wooden gate at the far end. Go R on a track to a gate to the road. Go L on the road NE uphill. *At the top the cairns on Brown Gelly are in view ahead.* Continue downhill, *Park Lake in view ½ R, beyond that the masts on Caradon Hill,* passing on R the road to St. Neot, and the entrance to Park Lake, to a corner where a track goes NE to Lord’s Park Farm (*you come down this track at the end of the walk*) **(0.78 miles)**

Follow the quiet undulating lane N towards Bolventor with Bunnings Park on your R. *Colliford Lake now in view to your L. After a few yards could go through a wooden gate on your R on to the Open Access land of Bunnings Park, and follow the LH hedge for a while to an iron gate to rejoin the lane. However, the ground is difficult, wet, rutted, muddy, too much furze, so better to continue on the lane. Brown Willy comes into view half L, the massive hedge on Brown Gelly to the R.* You pass through Higher Gillhouse at 1.94 miles and continue on the lane. *Soon, looking across Colliford Lake, you can see Roughtor to the L of Brown Willy.* Just after the third field hedge on your R after Lower Gillhouse on your L, go R through a galvanised gate at 2.36 miles onto the Open Access land of Gillhouse Downs and follow the LH hedge uphill. *At 900 feet Dozmary Pool is in view ahead.* Continue down to a galvanised gate to a track to Redmoor Farm. **(2.60 miles)**

Dozmary Pool to Brown Gelly – 2.76 miles

Go R on the track and, after 250 yards, climb over a padlocked galvanised gate (*there is no stile but this is Open Access land*) and continue on the track, *Dozmary Pool on your L.* After another 100 yards, where a track bears R uphill to Redmoor Farm, go L and R to follow round the south and east sides of Dozmary Pool on grass. You will encounter two more gates which may be padlocked; the second is at 3.18 miles. From it, continue on a well made track round to Dozmarypool Farm at 3.32 miles. *Looking back there is a good view to the cairns on Brown Gelly.* Now go R uphill on a well-made track, heading first N then roughly NE, and through an iron gate at 3.53 miles. The track becomes a narrow tarmac lane downhill, becomes fairly steep, down to Dozmary Hill Farm (*attractive small barns*). Continue to the road from Bolventor to Redgate and go R on the road. **(3.94 miles)**

At 4.06 miles a track goes L to Trezibbet. If you wish to visit Goodaver Stone Circle, go L here then L again on a well made track which winds uphill to a gate to a scrubby Open Access field of Smith’s Moor. Best to skirt the field to the L then follow the LH hedge to a gap on the L to a small field and Goodaver Circle. You should return by the same route but, if you don’t mind taking a chance, you could cross a hedge and go over a gate, then head downhill roughly SW to a padlocked double gate back to the road. If you go L here on a track, and follow the river, you will come to a gated footbridge back to the road.

Continue on the road, passing Harrowbridge Saddlery on your R at 4.54 miles, and passing the locked double gates from Goodaver at 4.69 miles. After passing a FB on your L from Goodaver at 4.78 miles, continue for 25 yards to a former chapel on your R. Go R on a track, which winds overall SW fairly steeply up through Harrowbridge. As you continue up, there may be massive puddles in places at about 4.95 miles, but these are easily negotiable. The hill eases off at 5.20 miles. Shortly before Harrowbridge Hill Farm, ignore a track on the R to a barn. At a fork at the top of the hill at 5.26 miles, take the L fork. At the next fork at 5.29 miles, where L goes down to the farm, continue forward downhill. At a third fork, fork R on an overgrown track down to a galvanised gate to the Open Access land of Brown Gelly Downs. **(5.36 miles)**

Brown Gelly back to Colliford Lake – 2.91 miles

Cross a culvert and follow a clear rough track uphill fairly steeply through furze, roughly S, until the track ends and you find yourself in the open at 900 feet at 5.52 miles. *From here, footing is generally fairly good until you are up above 1000 feet, when it can get a bit boggy.* To find the northernmost pair of cairns, head roughly SW uphill from here to arrive at the cairns at 6.06 miles. *Views become terrific as you climb the hill.* A little beyond the cairns there is a gate in a massive hedge just to your R. *If you wish to head more directly to the track back towards the CP at Colliford Lake, go through the gate and head just W of S to Lords Park Farm.*

Otherwise continue SE to the second group of three cairns. It becomes a little boggy as you approach the third cairn, a massive one, at 1135 feet at 6.18 miles. *Views from here are: SE Siblyback Lake; SW Clay Country; W Colliford Lake; NW Roughtor and Brown Willy; NE Hawks Tor; E Stowe's Hill; SE Caradon Hill.* Continue to cairn 4 and the trig point at 1130 feet at 6.25 miles. Continue to cairn 5 at 6.29 miles, a possible alignment of recumbent stones to its west. Continue S, passing what are described as hut circles but could be a group of 4 or 5 robbed out cairns, to a tor at 6.34 miles, behind it Whitebarrow china clay spoil heaps.

Now head downhill roughly SSE over rocky ground to the end of the massive hedge to a galvanised gate on the R at 6.51 miles. Still on open access land, follow a clear grassy swathe SW, parallel to the LH hedge; after a little while a barn at Lords Park Farm comes into view. After about 230 yards, a grassy swathe bears L and then bears R as a rough track, down to a wooden gate to Lords Park Farm at 6.92 miles. *It is often very wet here and, although one shouldn't, you may need to climb over the gate.*

The track continues uphill, now well made, passing the farm on your L. At the top, views L are over Park Lake, then you go through a (usually open) gate and on down to the road at 7.48 miles. Go forward on the road SW uphill then down and at 7.80 miles go R through a wooden gate and follow a track to another wooden gate to the L. Go through the gate, along the dam, through a wooden gate and back to your start point CP. **(8.27 miles)**