

Walks Inland

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A short easy walk from Delabole Slate Quarry, by Helland Barton, Newhall Green and Deli Farm. Mostly on good tracks or paths; good field paths; a little quiet road walking.

Route Directions

Delabole Slate to Newhall Green – 0.99 miles

Start from the entrance to Delabole Slate car park at 07305/83656. Facing away from the CP, take the first turning on the L, West Lane, and follow it round for 50 yards and go L on a track (FP) between cottages, passing The Gables on your L and bearing L to head SSE gently downhill between wooded hedges towards Delamere. *Views open out ahead towards Clay Country.* At 300 yards there is a kissing gate on R leading to a grassy path between scrubby trees for 150 yards; you could take this but there is little point so continue on the track. After 150 yards you come to a junction, Belmont to your left, on your R the exit from the grassy path. **(0.26 miles)**

A crossing track goes L and R and to the R is a WM post and a cattle stile. Ignore all these and continue forward, more-or-less due S, hedge on the R, light woodland on the L, on a well-made track (Helland Barton drive) downhill. *Good view of Clay Country straight ahead.* After 350 yards, the track divides; take L fork, signed Helland Barton house, still downhill, field on R, light woodland on L. After 170 yards go through a (probably open) wooden gate and continue down, high hedge on R, woodland on L. At 0.57 miles, pass a track on your R. At a WM post at 0.60 miles, with the driveway to Helland Barton on your R, continue forward on a path gently downhill, ignoring a path on L heading for Castle Goff. **(0.60 miles)**

With a field on the R, the land drops away to your L; the path is now a bit rough and slatey through light woodland. *From about 0.76 miles, note the remains of a vaccary wall on your L for about 100 yards.* The path continues as a track, still through scrubby woodland; it can be a bit wet in places. On the R at 0.85 miles you pass a small sluice, presumably relating to the former Newhall Mill. Then, after a bit of swampy land on your R, at 0.87 miles you pass the barns of Newhall Manor on your R. At 0.91 miles, with Newhall Manor ahead, go through a wooden gate and cross a small stream and go L and R, between Newhall Manor on R and Newhall Mill on L, passing a FP sign on L. Continue down to a well-made track and a WM post at 0.94 miles. Go forward on the track, still gently downhill, crossing a stream, to a road junction (FP) at Newhall Green. **(0.99 miles)**

Newhall Green to Deli Farm Bungalow – 1.51 miles

Go L on the road, signed Trewalder, immediately crossing a bridge over a stream, into Newhall Green. The road becomes uphill and at 1.15 miles, at the beginning of Trewalder (sign), go L over a high cattle stile and wooden stile (*barbed wire*) (FP) to a field, Polstraul off to your half-right. Follow the LH hedge past a gap to a cattle stile on L to second field at 1.25 miles. Over the stile and straight across to a wooden stile, a clapper bridge and a cattle stile to a well-made track. **(1.32 miles)**

Go L on the track uphill mostly between high wooded hedges, heading overall roughly NNE. At 1.35 miles ignore a path to the L heading for Helland Barton. Pass Treveans on R at 1.38 miles. At 1.42 miles go through a (probably open) wooden gate (FP and WM). Continue up on what is now a rough and stony track and at 1.45 miles through a (probably open) wooden gate, track jinks R and L, still uphill. *At that point, looking L through the middle of three gates, you see a disused slate quarry, part of the Delabole complex.* Go through an open wooden gate at 1.48 miles and continue between high wooded hedges, up to a WM post. **(1.53 miles)**

Newhall Green to Deli Farm Bungalow – continued

Here you could continue forward on a grassy path, bearing R later; this way would rejoin the recommended route further on. However, go R on a stony path between wooded hedges, still uphill, heading initially roughly E, but after some while bearing NNE. At 1.70 miles the path becomes grassy, opens a little, becomes uphill easy. At 1.73 miles pass a tin shack on the L. At 1.78 miles you come up into open, stiles to L & R but with no WMs. *This is where the alternative route, ignored at 1.53 miles, comes in. At this point you are passing through what is shown on OS109 as 'settlement' but nothing is really identifiable from the path. Delabole wind turbines are visible ahead L and will be passed later.* **(1.78 miles)**

Pass another tin shack at 1.82 miles and continue forward uphill easy on a grassy track between scrubby wooded hedges. *Bit wet and muddy around here sometimes.* By 1.87 miles the path has become a wide grassy track, still uphill gently. Go through a wooden gate at 1.94 miles and at 2.05 miles go through a galvanised gate (WM) and continue uphill very gently between wooded hedges. Go through a (probably open) galvanised gate at 2.09 miles and continue on a fairly well-made track, now passing through light woodland. At 2.24 miles a track comes in on L, probably from the abandoned slate quarry. Leave the woodland at 2.35 miles and continue up gently between high wooded hedges, Go through a (probably open) galvanised gate at 2.47 miles, Deli Farm Bungalow on your R, up to a lane. **(2.50 miles)**

Deli Farm Bungalow back to Delabole Slate car park – 1.19 miles

Go L on the lane, passing a large barn and Farm Shop on your R. *Delabole is visible on horizon.* The lane bears R downhill, leaving Deli Farm on L, then bears L up again. At 2.74 miles, ignore a high cattle stile and wooden stile on L (FP) to a path that leads across fields toward Delabole Quarry and instead continue on the lane. At 2.90 miles pass an electricity sub station and massive Delabole Wind Farm turbines on R. Pass The Barton on L and shortly after go L over a step stile by a wooden gate to a short path to a wooden stile (WM) to a field. **(2.97 miles)**

Follow the WM on a faint path SW away from the LH hedge and towards the LH edge of Delabole Slate Quarry. At 3.14 miles cross a wooden stile (*barbed wire*) to a second field. Straight across to a kissing gate at 3.20 miles. Go forward on a well made path between scrubby hedges; this skirts the eastern edge of the quarry and takes you back to the car park. At 3.50 miles you come to a cross track and a WM. Before continuing back to the car park you may like to detour up the short hill left to see 'Slatehenge'. *On the way round to the car park, there are a few views over the quarry but the best view is from just before the car park.* Back to the start point. **(3.69 miles)**

Before or after the walk, you may like to make a complete circuit of the slate quarry. On the northern side there is a valley with a stiff 45 foot climb out. On the south western side there is a trig point at 07345/83711. The best views are from the car park area, looking north. **Full circuit 1.23 miles.**