

Where is the Drake link?

As you approach Burrator Dam, Drake's Leat carves a shallow line through the woods to your right, and can be accessed using the footpath to the right of the public toilets.

The original source for Drake's Leat sits deep underneath the brooding surface of Burrator reservoir. For 18 miles fresh water flowed from Burrator to Plymouth in a trench some 6 feet wide and two feet deep. The route was skilfully surveyed so that water did not flow too quickly and erode the soil banks. The leat was not granite lined until the 19th century.

As well as being an accomplished sailor, Drake was also a shrewd businessman. He was given £200 to cover construction costs and £100 to compensate landowners. In the end he paid out £100 for construction and £60 for land, making a tidy profit of £140.

Other local information...

You will also see Devonport Leat in the woodland to the west of the reservoir. Built in 1790 the leat still provides drinking water to local villages and Plymouth as it cascades into the main reservoir.

Still want to know more?

Reservoir and parish information:

www.swlakestrust.org.uk

www.burrator.gov.uk

www.clearbrookdevon.co.uk

Drake's Trail website for more recreation routes:

www.drakestrail.co.uk

For local events including the Oak Fair:

www.royaloakinn.org.uk



find out more through the **Drake's Trail podcasts** available at:
www.drakestrail.co.uk and
www.drakestrailpodcasts.info

Accommodation & local services

There are numerous places to stay in and around Yelverton, from campsites to hotels catering to your every whim. Check the following websites for details and booking information:

www.drakesdartmoor.co.uk

www.dartmoor.co.uk

Or contact the

Tavistock Tourist Information Centre

01822 612938

email: tavistocktic@westdevon.gov.uk



How to get here

A regular, daily bus service runs between Plymouth and Tavistock, stopping at Yelverton. Most frequent are the 83 and 84 services. Other local services link Yelverton with surrounding villages.

Timetables and more information are available from Traveline:
0871 200 22 33

www.traveline.org.uk

There is free parking at Yelverton along the edge of RAF Harrowbeer and also at designated places on the edge of Roborough Down.

There is short stay, pay and display parking by the village shops and also at the Leg O'Mutton corner.

Additional travel advice can be found at:

www.travelwise.org.uk

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Drake's Trail Cycling Spur 1

Yelverton to Burrator and Clearbrook



Start: Central Yelverton

Duration: 2 - 2 ½ hours

Distance: 12.2 miles / 20.7 kilometres

Grade: MODERATE

Surface: On minor roads and cycle trail.
Some steeper hills.

Also see OS Explorer map OL28

Route directions and other advice / instructions are shown on the map inside.

