

| ‘Mining on the Brendon Hills’ | |
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| A real historical tour of mining features over the Brendon Hills. | |
| Grade | Medium |
| Length | 18 km 11.25 Miles |
| Ascent | 580 metres |
| Map | Exmoor Explorer OL9 |
| Points of Interest | Royal Oak, Luxborough Burrow Farm Engine House Treborough Church Chargot Mine/ Engine House The Incline |
| Local Facilities | <p>Car Parking Luxborough GR SS 984377 or Chargot Woods GR SS 975354</p> <p>Pubs / Tea Shops Royal Oak Public House in Luxborough</p> <p>Public Toilets None</p> |
| Getting there / Using Public Transport | <p>From the South (Tiverton) Take the A396 from Tiverton to Wheddon Cross. At Wheddon Cross turn right (east) on the B3224 for 6.5 km, then turn left on the unclassified road sign-posted to Luxborough.</p> <p>From the East (Taunton) Take the B3224 from Taunton to Raleigh’s Cross. Continue west, taking the right fork (still B3224), sign posted Wheddon Cross. After 3.5 km, turn right down the unclassified road sign-posted Luxborough.</p> <p>Nearest Bus / train- Your own transport is a must.</p> |
| Route description | <p>Start: GR SS 984377</p> <p>Stage 1 Park in the Village Hall Car Park. Walk along the road south and take the first right. After 300m turn left onto the track. Carry on directly south uphill through Langham farm. Visit the shaft at GR SS977355 and read the information boards about the aerial cableway that was once here. You will find Chargot Woods Car Park 300 metres further along the track, where you can make a there and back detour to the old Adit.</p> <p>Stage 2 Cross the B3224 directly onto the footpath and after 200 metres cross the Old Mineral Line for the first time. Shortly after joining the unclassified road, turn left (150m) towards Ford Farm, continuing on the tarmac road. Shortly after Withiel Farm, at T junction, turn a little left to find the footpath through hedge across fields to Lower Eastcott Farm.</p> |

The new path follows the track around the south side of the farm, and contours around a derelict cottage and a direct route to a tarmac lane. Turn North onto this lane. After 700 metres, you'll find a rise in the road at Naked Boy Bridge - an old bridge back over the mineral line. Another detour can be taken to Burrow Farm Engine House. On a good day there are far reaching views to Dartmoor. Return to the road and turn left back to the B3224. A 700 metre walk east along the road brings you to a pull-in on the left. Take the gate at the back of the very small car park and onto the top of the incline, along with the wheel house.

Stage 3

Walk down the incline, until the Bridle path sign to Leigh Barton, turn left, keep to the bridleway to visit the waterfall and then onto Leigh Barton.

Stage 4

From Leigh Barton follow the Samaritans Way West to Treborough Church. After the church, continue along the tarmac road for 1.5 km to Lower Court Farm. Bear right to a muddy lane at the spot height 255 metres. Turn left the along bridleway (west), back to the start.

Finish: GR SS 984377

Disclaimer

Please note: this route has not necessarily been walked recently, and is only to be used as a guide. Always take the correct map and equipment with you.