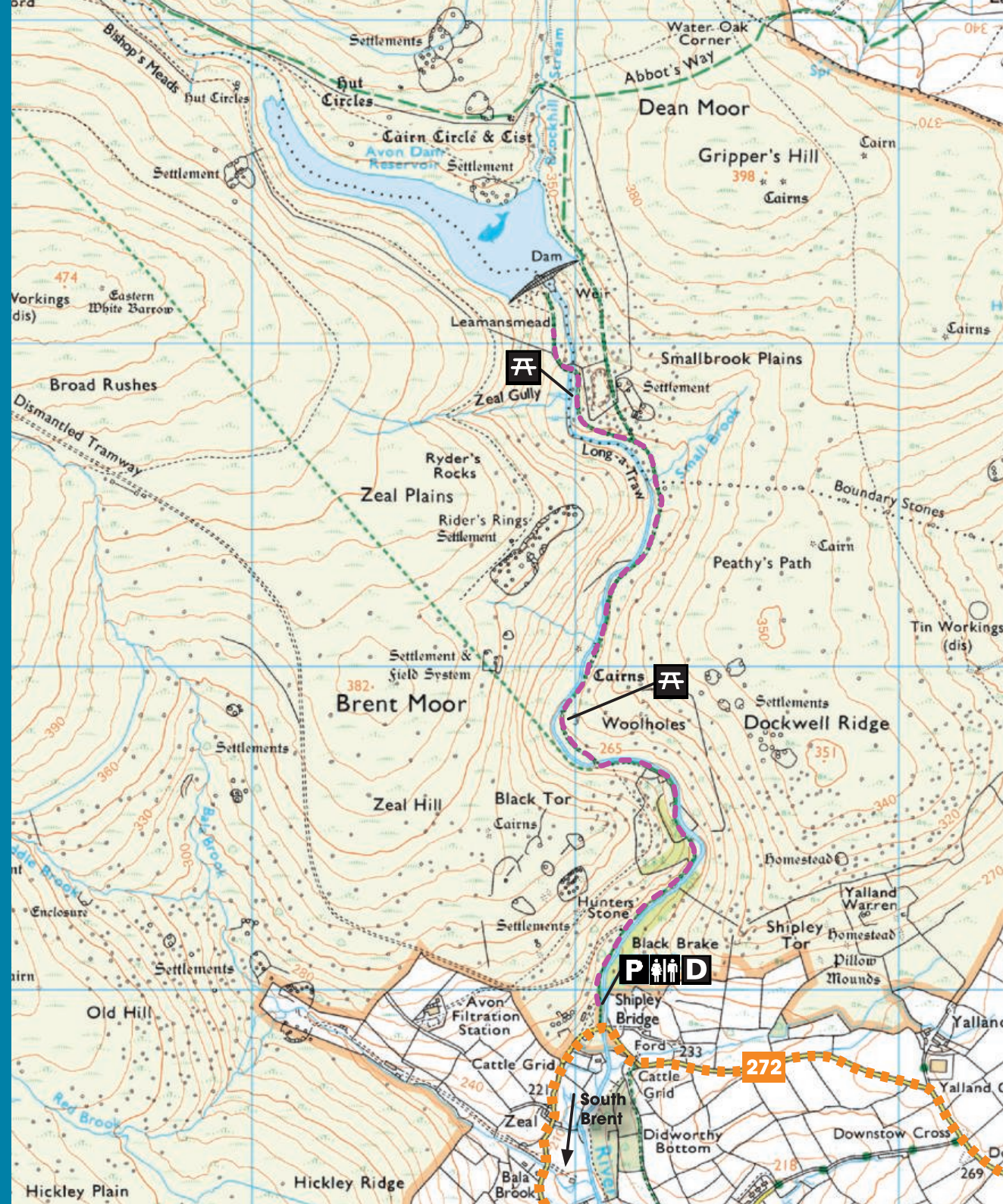




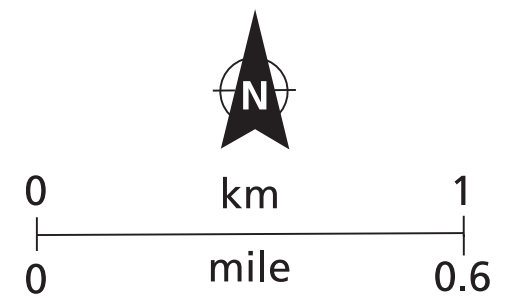
# Miles Without Stiles Avon Dam Route



# Key



- Avon Dam Walk
- Parking
- Toilets
- Disabled Toilets
- Rest Stops
- National Cycle Network



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Self-guided walk exploring the upper reaches of the Avon River upstream of Shipley Bridge to the Avon Dam. The suggested walking route will help you experience some of the delights of this lovely part of southern Dartmoor. Please be aware of your own limitations and navigational ability before embarking on any of the routes described.



## ROUTE INFORMATION

**Parking** - Shipley Bridge car park

**Facilities** - Disabled public toilets next to Shipley Bridge car park

**Distance** - 5 km / 3 miles

**Time** - 1.5 hours approx.

**Character** - River, trees, valley and open moorland hillsides.

This pleasant route follows the river upstream towards the Avon Dam. Initially the route passes a series of small waterfalls through a woody area and then enters into more open moorland once the first bridge has been crossed.

This area is perfect for a picnic with very handy picnic areas at 1.25km and 2km. There are plenty of flat areas along the route to stop and enjoy the environment.



The River Avon begins its life at Avon Head Mires near Ryder's Hill (the highest part of the southern moor) and flows all the way to the coast at Bigbury on Sea; a journey of some 25 miles.

Avon is the Celtic word for 'river'. The dam was built in 1957 to supply drinking water to the growing towns in South Devon.



The area also has an industrial heritage of quarrying for naphtha and china clay. Keep an eye out for dippers and grey wagtails down along the river, buzzards and ravens further up the valley.

## RANGER CODE



Close gates behind you



Use a campsite or check the website



Keep your dog on a lead



Bag up litter and take it home



Share the roads and bridleways



Don't feed the ponies

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**Category Level 1**  
Gentle gradient, wide, tarmac road. Sheltered environment.



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