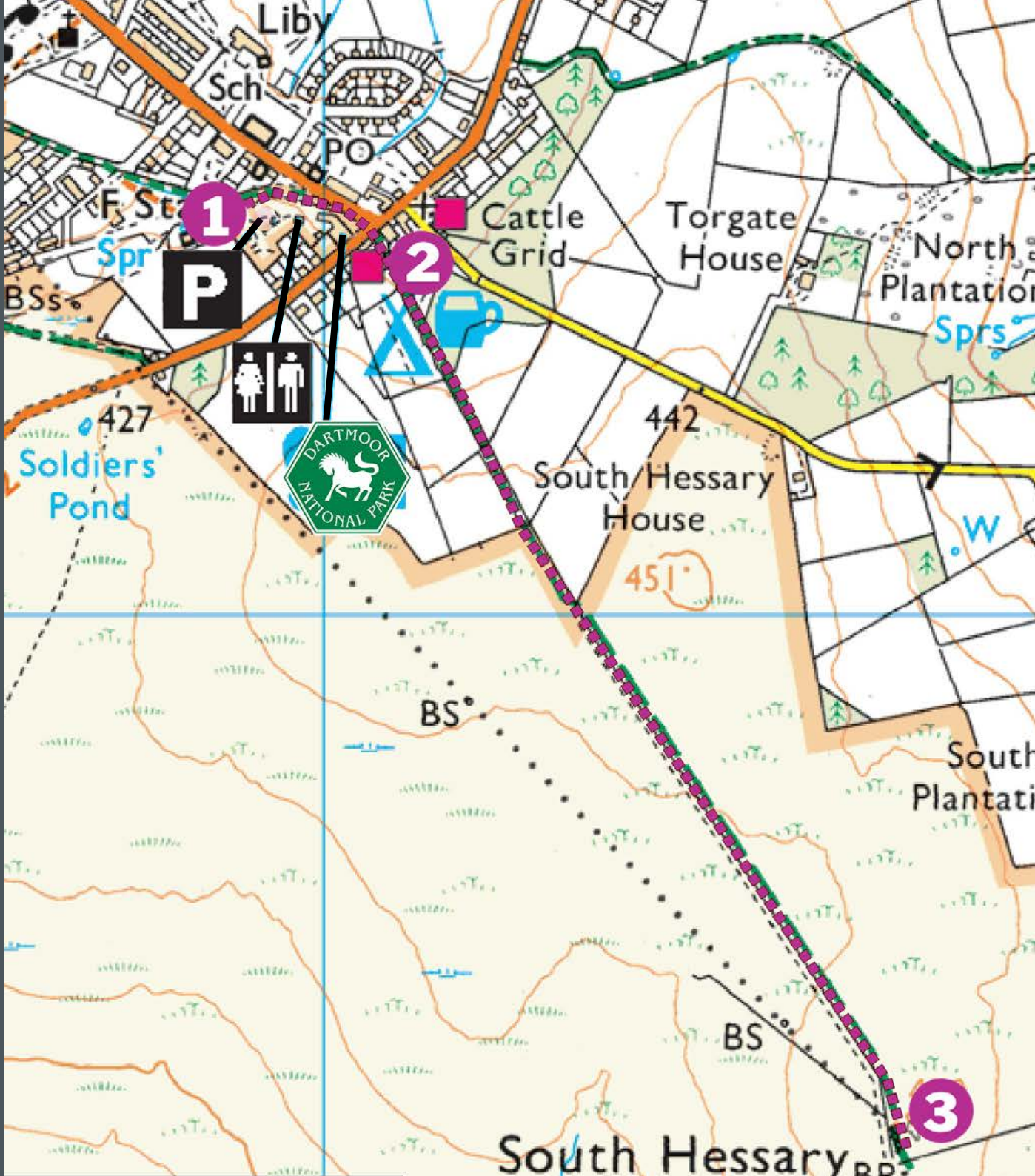



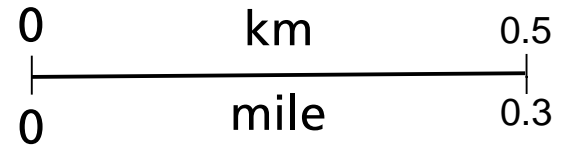
WELCOME TO DARTMOOR

Princetown Route - Easy Access



Key

-  Princetown Walk
-  Points of Interest
-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre



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Self guided walk exploring the Princetown area. The suggested walking route will help you experience some of the delights of the Princetown area. Please be aware of your own limitations and navigational ability before embarking on any of the routes described.

ROUTE INFORMATION

Parking - Princetown car park

Facilities - Toilets, pubs and café's and the National Park Visitor Centre

Distance - 3 km / 2 miles

Terrain - Linear route that follows a gravel surfaced bridleway, some gentle inclines and number of granite cross drains and a small granite bridge. Category level 2/3.

This is an open moorland route and is very exposed in cold and windy conditions.

A short, easy access route that takes you on top of the moors to South Hessary Tor. From South Hessary soak in the wide expanse of the moors and views right down to the sea.

1 Historic Pubs

Leaving the car park follow the pavement towards the Plume of Feathers pub. Cross the road and take the road on the left hand side of the pub. The Plume of Feathers was constructed in 1785 and is thought to be the oldest substantial structure in Princetown constructed by Charles Tyrwhitt of Tor Royal at the time he was founding the settlement. It pre-dates the prison by over twenty years.

2 Medieval Routes

Follow the short section of road onto the bridleway and up through a gate where you will be treated with views of the open moor. The bridleway at this point is part of the 'Abbot's Way' an old route across southern Dartmoor, long thought to have linked the Medieval monastic foundations at Tavistock and Buckfast. However, it is first mentioned in 1794 by a traveller named John Andrews and locally has also been called 'Jobblers' or 'Jobbers' Path.

3 Dartmoor Landscapes

Take in the views across the moor. The open, windswept, upland moors are characterised by large expanses of grass and heather, peat blanket bogs, and valley mires. These provide habitats for wildlife such as skylark, meadow pipit, common lizards and fox moth caterpillars. The open moorland resulted from a long history of human management and diversity. It is maintained by cattle, pony and sheep grazing. Continue along the bridleway until you reach South Hessary Tor. On clear days, in the distance you can see Plymouth Sound. Once you have absorbed the landscapes, head back down the bridleway and into Princetown for refreshments.

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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