

wood until you reach *Okeltor Quay*.

Turn right along the lane (5). Note two large lime kilns, which once produced fertiliser to sweeten the acid soil. Follow the lane (*Harewood Road*) back towards the village. There are old cottages on the left, including 'Ingledene' which has a Gothic type pointed archway.

Continue past 'May Place' and the former Wesleyan Chapel, now converted into flats. Turn left downhill into the *Adit*, and continue through the gate ahead of you back into the car park. This was once the old *Copper Quay*, and the remains of the trackways which carried the copper from the mines for shipment by barges can still be seen.

For more information see *A Guide to Calstock* by Patrick E. Coleman.

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**Title:** Okeltor Works via riverside, Calstock

**Distance:** Approx 2 miles

**Gradient:** Level by river, steep descent/ascent at mine

**Level of difficulty:** Easy/moderate

**Type of paths:** Footpaths, may be muddy and slippery when wet. Steep steps at mine. Quiet lanes, narrow in places

**Suggested map:** OS Explorer 108

**Start/finish grid ref. GPS:** N50° 29' 42.77"  
W4°12' 19.74"  
SX 437 685.

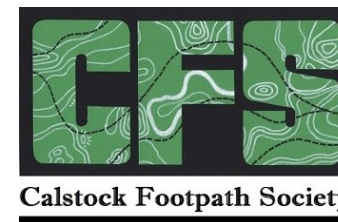
**Suitability for dogs:** Keep on lead at mine

**Parking:** Calstock Quay car park. Free, space limited.

**Refreshments:** Tamar Inn, Boot Inn

**Public toilets:** Calstock Quay

**Public Transport:** Bus 79, 79A  
Train: Plymouth to Calstock (see map). See [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

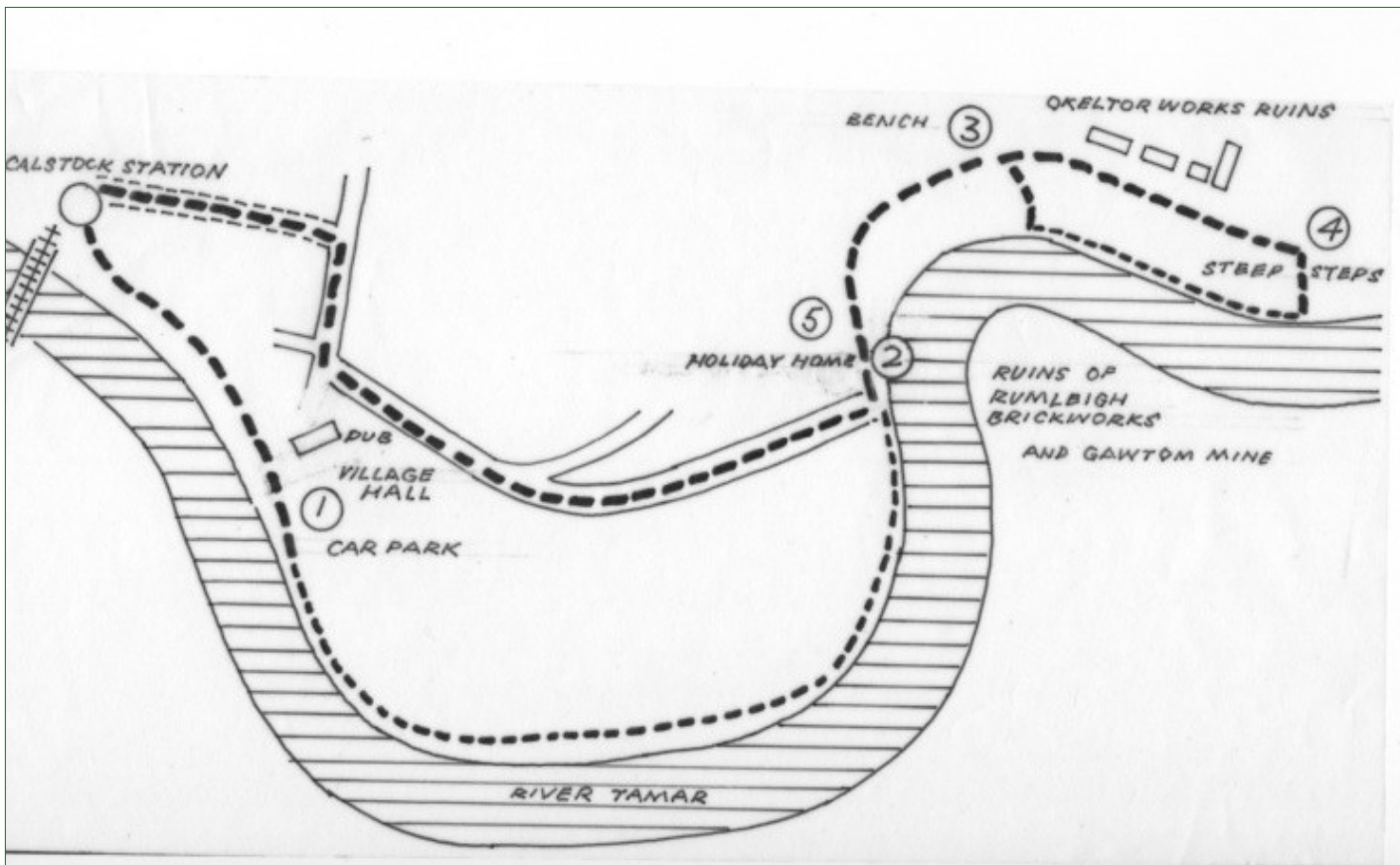


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### GUIDE NO 7

## Okeltor Mine via riverside Calstock





If arriving by train follow the signs at the station to **Calstock**. Go downhill and take the footpath alongside the *River Tamar* past the childrens play area and **Calstock Village Hall (1)** on your left.

If arriving by car, park in the car park behind Calstock Village Hall and then follow wooden ramp to the river bank and



turn left alongside the football field.

Enter permissive path via gate and follow the path along the riverside. Note a small quay on the Devon bank opposite, where the produce of the mines, and later flowers and fruit from the market gardens, were conveyed to the outer world.

Leave the permissive path by the gate near the sewage works (2). Continue uphill past



*Okeltor Quay*. Note the former quay buildings converted to a **holiday home**. Follow the bridleyway into the woods; the Tamar can be glimpsed through the trees to the right. Enter the Okeltor Wildlife reserve and, beside a signboard describing *Okeltor Mine*, take the footpath to the right. The land on both sides, still contaminated after a century, can only support heather, gorse and birch trees.



Pause at the **bench** overlooking the river (3). **Rumleigh brickworks** and **Gawton mine** can be seen on the Devon side. Take the narrow concessionary path downhill to river level. Continue to the left along the uneven path by the river bank. Note stagnant pools left by the mine workings. At the end of the path turn left uphill and ascend through semi-derelict woodland and up **steep steps**.

Turn left again the top (4), and continue past remains of various mine buildings, now fenced off. You now regain the public footpath. Retrace your steps through the