

Bere Ferrers Circular

From Bere Ferrers station, walk out of the station, cross the road and turn sharp left down a drive. This is a public right of way but please respect the owners of the houses.

Down the drive, you come to a house on the right and the entrance to 'Tavy Court' (formerly the Rectory). Here, continue on the track ahead, indicated by a sign for 'Coach House' and a yellow footpath marker. As you approach this house, pass through the gap to the left of a low beech hedge, then go over the grass to a metal gate. Go through the gate, continue alongside the hedge, then follow the path as it turns down across the field between wire fences.

At the bottom of the field, the path turns left to a stile. Cross the stile, then take the road to the right for a short distance. Go over the ladder stile on the left of the road into the field (footpath sign here). Skirt the tree ahead to its left, then take the path up the bank ahead, between bramble patches (the path can be very muddy here!). At the top, the footpath turns right and over another stile to continue above a small wood. Once over the next stile, follow the bottom edge of the field, with the wire fence to your right, passing a small wooden barn.



The path dips down to go through a field gate, with a house alongside (Shutcombe). Follow the driveway ahead past small ponds and wooded wetlands on the right. Following this track, you will come to some farm machinery sheds where it meets the road. Turn left up this quiet road, called Hensbury Lane.



Walk up the lane past an entrance to tennis courts and a recreation field, then Hensbury Farm. At the T-junction a short way past 'Hallodene', continue ahead and downhill, following the road sign pointing to Collytown and Gnatham. Down in the valley, follow the lane as it swings right to cross a bridge across the stream.

Once over the bridge, the road bears right, up a short hill. At the junction go right, down past some abandoned cottages.

Turn right very briefly onto the muddy track, then step up onto the marshy ground to its right. Cross over the stream on the little bridge. Head to the footpath marker post by the track ahead. Do not take the muddy track by the shore. Follow the footpath up the short slope, then round to the left, with a bank on your right and the hedge above the river on the other side. Keep following the path, which has some great views of the Tavy estuary, and fields to the right.

Past the broken stile at the end of the footpath, you join a track. On the right is the entrance to the playing field with swings and a small picnic area. Carry on along the track and you will see Bere Ferrers village ahead of you. The route joins the road and crosses the causeway.

To get back to the station, walk up through the village and take the left turn up Station Road by the village social club, the station is at the top of the road.