

# Bere Ferrers Circular

Difficulty Moderate

Distance 3 miles

Walk time Approx. 1.5 hours

Line Tamar Valley Line

Start/End Bere Ferrers station

Facilities Toilets on the train / Olde Plough Inn

Opening days/times: [www.theoldeploughinn.co.uk](http://www.theoldeploughinn.co.uk)

***This varied walk skirts the pretty riverside village of Bere Ferrers.***

*Note: The walk includes a number of stiles and can be muddy in places.*

From Bere Ferrers station, walk out of the station approach towards the road.

Turn right at the road. Cross over and immediately take the sharp left down a drive ([photo 1](#)). This is a public right of way but please do respect the house owners and keep any dogs on leads.

Walk down the driveway and ahead you will see the entrance to Tavy Court on the right and on the left the Coach House and a yellow footpath marker. Walk down this left hand driveway towards the house.

As you approach the house, bear left along the gravel path and you will see a metal gate in the hedge. Go through the gate, continue alongside the hedge, then follow the path across the field, between the electric fences ([photo 2](#)).

At the bottom of the field, the path turns left to a stile. Cross this stile then take the road to the right for a short distance and on your left you will see another stile, next to a footpath sign.

Cross this ladder style stile into the field and walk to the top of the field, skirting the left hand side of the trees and finding a worn path amongst the brambles.

At the top the field the path turns right and ahead of you, another stile ([photo 3](#)).

Cross this stile into a small wood and walk along the track until you get to another stile.

Follow the bottom edge of the field, keeping the wire fence to your right, passing a small wooden barn ([photo 4](#)).

The path dips downhill and then out onto a farm track. Walk along this track, passing the entrance to Shutcombe Farm, and continuing along the road.

After 5 minutes you will see some farm machinery sheds on your right and a road ahead.

Turn left up this road, called Hensbury Lane.



Walk along this road for about 10 minutes, ignoring the sign for Bridleway on your left and passing tennis courts on your right and some lovely views across the river.

After you walk past the house called Hallodene, you will come to a T-junction; continue ahead and downhill, following the road sign pointing to Collytown and Gnatham.

Head downhill and follow the lane as it bears right, passing some houses and over a bridge.

Once over the bridge, the road bears right and up a short hill. At the junction, go right and then downhill, past some old abandoned cottages ([photo 5](#)).

Turn right onto the muddy track, then step up onto the marshy ground on the right to avoid the river.

Cross over the river by the bridge and head to the footpath marker post on the track ahead ([photo 6](#)).

Follow the footpath up the short slope, then round to the left, with a bank on your right and the river to your left.

Keep following the path, which has a great view of the Tavy estuary.

Pass the broken stile at the end of the footpath and keep walking along the track ahead for about 5 minutes, going through another stile.

Bear right after the stile and you will soon walk past the entrance to a playing field with swings and a picnic area.

Carry on the track and you will see the village of Bere Ferrers ahead of you ([photo 7](#)) as the route joins the road and crosses the causeway.

Stop off at the Olde Plough Inn for a well-deserved drink or bite to eat, enjoying the views of the river from the beer garden.

To get back to the station, walk up through the village and turn left by the social club, up Station Road. Pass the church hall on your right ([photo 8](#)).

Continue up the hill, following the signs back to the station.



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All public rights of way cross private land, so please keep to paths and keep dogs on leads. Occasionally work may mean diversions are put in place. If so, please follow local signs.

These directions are intended as a guide only. It is always advisable to carry the relevant OS Map whilst out walking.

