

11 Haytor and Hound Tor

Distance **6.5 miles/10km**

Ascent **402 metres**

Start/finish **Haytor Visitor Centre, TQ13 9XT**

Climb to Haytor Rocks, turn R and take the path north-west past an old quarry to the old granite tramway. Cross and head downhill to the east of Holwell Tor to another tramway, turn L to Holwell Quarry (1.2 miles/1.9km). At the end of the quarry take a steep R downhill and into some woodland, cross Becka Brook on a new clapper bridge then run uphill, trending R to Hound Tor (2.2 miles/3.6km). Turn R and run down the path, past the old medieval village and then uphill to a gate. Follow the path steeply downhill, cross Becka Brook and up a rocky path to a junction. Turn L onto the bridleway down to Leighon then stay R up a byway to the road below Black Hill (4.1 miles/6.6km). Turn R and run up to Black Hill and along the ridge to Smallacombe Rocks. Continue south to the tramway then take paths south past Haytor Quarries to the start.

Miles	Km	Directions
0.0	0.0	Follow the large footpath uphill to Haytor Rocks, run to the left of the main tor and then turn right running through the avenue between the main outcrops. Follow vague paths north-west past a small disused quarry to a section of the old granite tramway. Cross this and continue in the same direction downhill to another section of the tramway to the right or east of Holwell Tor and Quarry.
1	1.7	Turn left onto the tramway and follow it past the quarry and across a small granite bridge. Turn right shortly after this and follow a steep path downhill and to the right then left on a better path to the new clapper bridge over Becka Brook at SX747778.
1.4	2.3	Cross and follow the path through a gate and trending right uphill to a clear area and horse jumps on Holwell Lawn. Continue on the path crossing the wall onto Houndtor Down and heading north-west to Hound Tor rocks.
2.2	3.6	Turn left and follow one of the main paths south-east downhill past the medieval village and up to a gate into the woodland north of Greater Rocks. Follow the path through the gate and down a steep hill to the old clapper bridge over Becka Brook. Cross and follow the rocky path out to a grassy area and path junction by a signpost and large stone.
3.1	5	Turn left following the snaking bridleway along the edge of the moorland and down through a couple of gates to a junction with a byway above Leighon House. Follow the byway uphill signed to Black Rocks until you reach the road.
4.1	6.6	Take the steep path sharp right and uphill to the cairn on top of Black Hill. Follow the ridge in a south-westerly direction to Smallacombe Rocks. Turn left and follow the obvious path towards Haytor to reach the granite tramway. Turn left onto the tramway and then right on another section to Haytor Quarry. Pass this to the east and continue on the path heading south back to the road and the start.