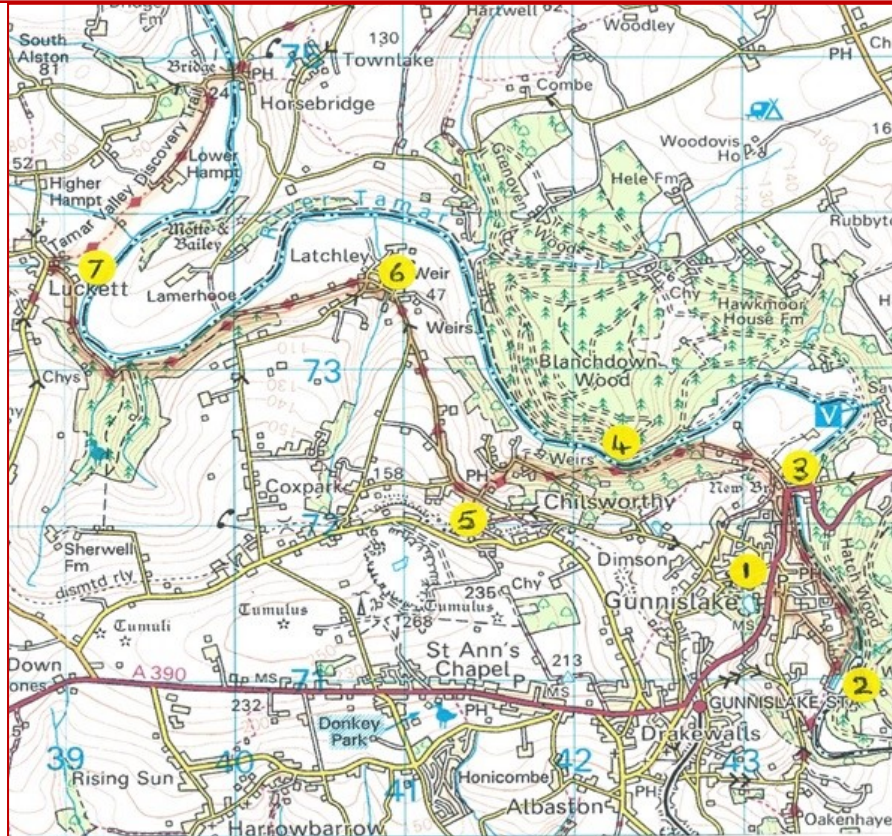


# Tavistock Country Bus – Bus and Boots walks

## Bus and Boots No.4 Gunnislake to Horsebridge



This route covers a 6 mile stretch of the Tamar valley, the historic border between Saxon Devon and Celtic Cornwall. It takes in riverside paths, woodland tracks and quiet country roads. The route is comprehensively waymarked with apple symbols and walking is generally easy with a few short sharp climbs. It should take about 3 hours.



### 115 Service

It can be accessed from our Tavistock – Stoke Climsland service (115) on Fridays.

Embark 1015 Bedford Square; disembark Gunnislake, Cornish Inn, 1027.

Return from Horsebridge 1401.

### Walking Route

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| 1 | Get off the bus opposite the Cornish Inn and continue up the hill for a short distance before turning left along Calstock Road. After a short distance turn left down Kingswood Road and then take the first right. This road leads down to the recreation ground on your left and if you walk through this there is a gate at the bottom which gives access to the Tamar trail.  |
| 2 | Turn left. Depending on tide and recent weather the river is slow moving and clouded with silt and the heavy tree cover contributes to a slightly sinister atmosphere.  |
| 3 | At the bridge it is necessary to leave the river to cross the busy A390. Follow the stony track ignoring the footpath signs to the left and just over the crest of the hill fork left beside a wooden garage.   |
| 4 | A delightful ancient track then leads back down to the river, which in complete contrast to the downstream section, is fast flowing and clear. Remnants of Cornwall's mining history can be glimpsed through the trees on either side and suggest that this quiet lane was once a busy thoroughfare.  |
| 5 | After approx. 1km fork left to begin a gradual climb away from the riverbank. When you join the lane turn right initially then left up the hill. When the lane turns right continue straight on up hill. When you reach the road in Chilsworthy pause to admire the extensive views across the Tamar valley to Dartmoor in the distance (and to get your breath back!). Turn right and enjoy the gentle descent all the way to the pretty hamlet of Latchley. |
| 6 | Fork right at the notice board heading towards the ford and straight across at the next crossroads. Just before the ford turn left onto a forest track through Greenscombe wood, which is an important habitat for the Heath Fritillary butterfly, one of the rarest of Britain's butterfly species.  |
| 7 | Eventually this track joins a lane and enters Lockett. Turn right across the bridge and then immediately right again. The final section of the walk leads through ancient water-meadows before joining the Horsebridge road. Turn right and walk over the picturesque bridge back into Devon. Conveniently the bus for your return trip stops right outside the pub.  |