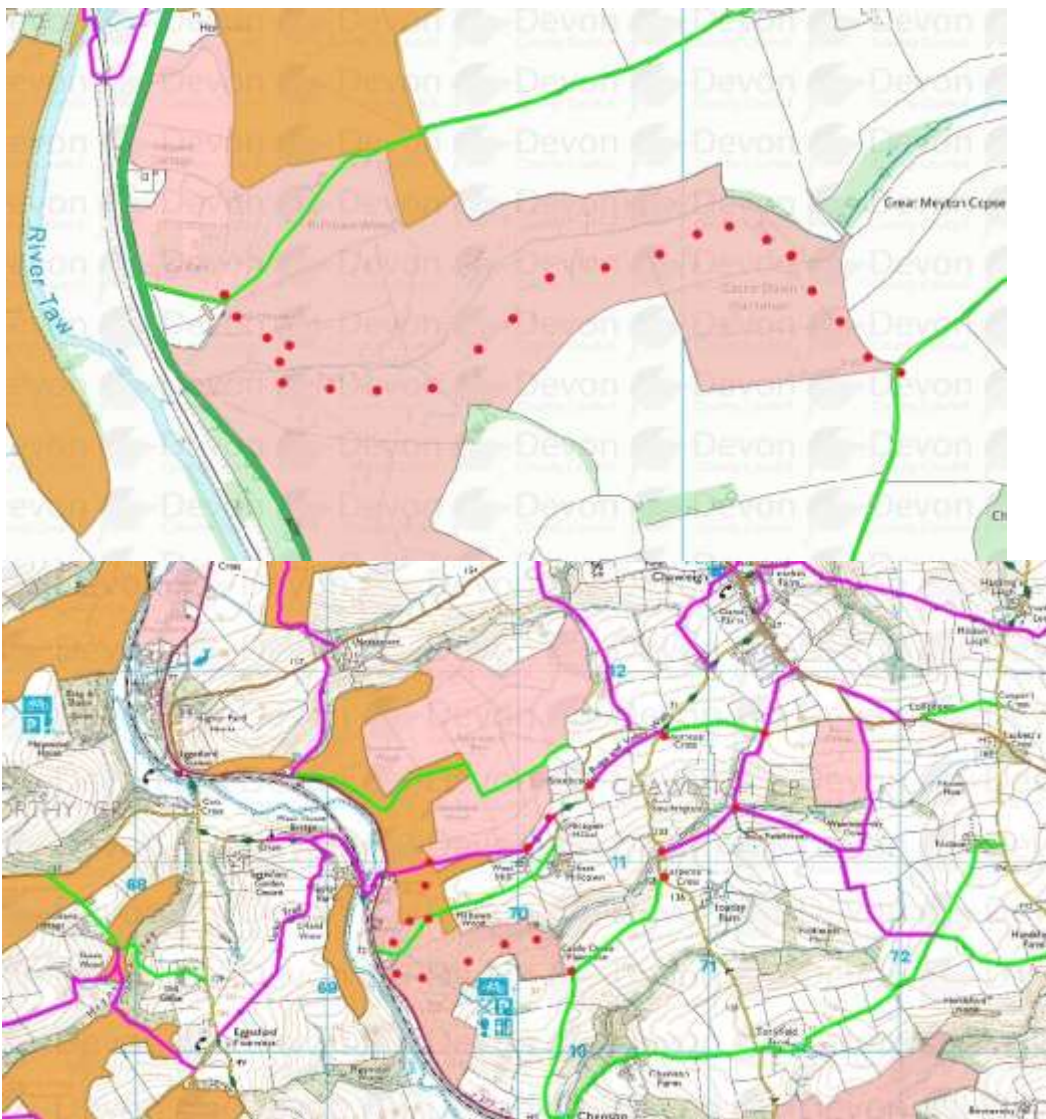


Walk 4 - Eggesford Forest circular walk ***4.5miles***



Starting Location: From Eggesford Station take the A377 towards Crediton/Exeter for 1 mile. On the left you will see a unmade road with a forestry sign denoting Eggesford Forest. Follow this road to the car park.

The first part of the walk is through forestry land so it is a permissive footpath not a public right of way (PROW). From the car park take the short footpath to the right of the doggy poo bin. Head straight on past the barrier and about 25 yards in turn right down the small path off the track which will come to a little bridge. Cross the bridge and bear left along the main track. This is long slow incline and eventually it will level out. About 25 yards before turning left over a stream, take the track on the right leading uphill. Follow this path through woodland until you reach its end where it enters a field.

Turn left here, keeping to the hedge and go through an opening into a green lane with fields either side. Follow this PROW route for about 800 yards until you reach the road at Carpenters Cross. Turn left and follow the road for about 150 yards then take the PROW footpath into the field to the right. Head through the centre of the first field then go to the bottom left corner of the second field until you get to a gate. Go through the gate onto Fiddlecote Lane. Turn left and follow this lane until you come to a junction with a track on your right, a bridleway on your left and a kissing gate opposite. Take the bridleway now to Southcott Cross. If you have time and fancy a pint go through the kissing gate, follow the footpath across three fields then out onto the B3042 and follow this to the two pubs in the centre of the village. The route back from here will be to take Shooting Lane passing Tatworthy Farm to Southcott Cross.

At Southcott Cross you may enjoy views of Dartmoor. Immediately after the finger signpost take the lefthand footpath through the field gate, heading diagonally to a second field, where you keep close to the left side hedge and through a gate onto a road. Turn left here, and follow the road round the first bend until you reach the next bend, where on the right you will see a PROW footpath sign. Enter the field, turn immediately left through a small gate and head towards West Hill farm buildings. Before the farmyard follow the marked footpath on the right which leads to another gate. Turn left and continue on the footpath, through a field gate and head down the sloping field and through the gate near the brook. Turn left and follow the track through the wood until you reach a barrier and Eggesford Forest car park is just down to the right.

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