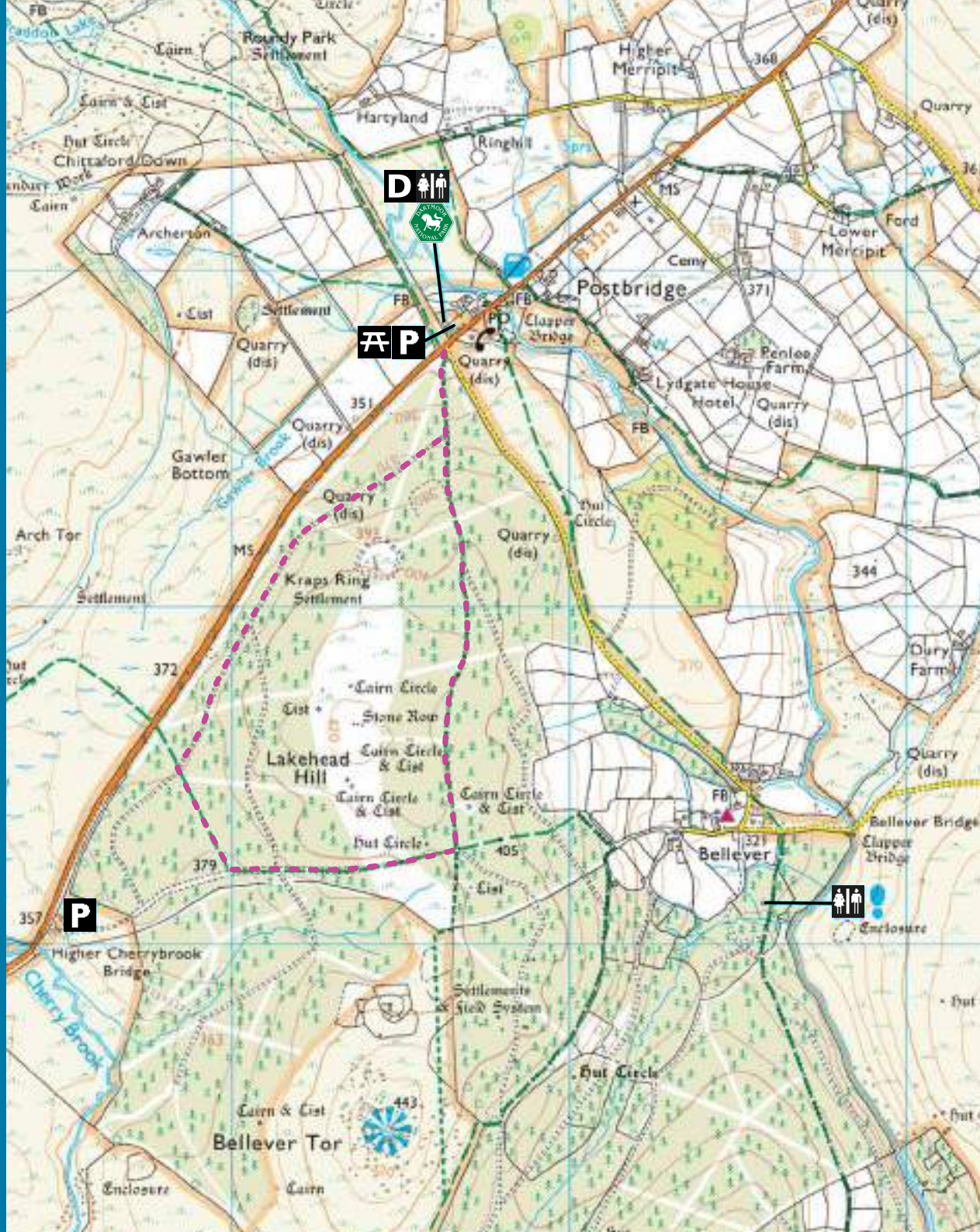




# Miles Without Stiles

## Bellever Forest Route



# Key



--- Bellever Forest Walk



Parking



Toilets



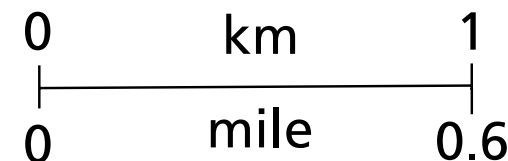
Disabled Toilets



Rest Stops



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Self-guided walk exploring Bellever Forest. The suggested walking route will help you experience some of the delights of this lovely part of Dartmoor. Please be aware of your own limitations and navigational ability before embarking on any of the routes described.





## ROUTE INFORMATION

**Parking** - Postbridge car park next to National Park Visitor Centre

**Facilities** - Disabled public toilets at National Park Visitor Centre

**Distance** - 4 km / 2.5 miles

**Time** - 1.5 - 2 hours approx.

**Character** - Forest tracks and open rides with views of Believer Tor in the 'heart of the moor'.

**Please note** - Believer is a working forest and you may encounter forest operations taking place.

This waymarked route encircles Lakehead Hill (420m) in the middle of the forest. Follow timber posts with logo of mobility scooter. It initially heads south west, after about 1.5 km it branches off to the south through a wonderful stand of old conifers to join the Lych Way, here the route bears east for 1 km and follows an ancient stone row across open heathland.

At the main track way intersection (Five Ways Cross - on the hill top) the route then heads left (north) via a wide forest track back to the start.



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Stone cists, burial cairns, stone rows and hut circles are evidence of how people lived here thousands of years ago. There are over thirty hut circles within the forest, suggesting that there were



many more people living here during the Bronze Age (4000-2600 years ago) than there are today. Excavations have discovered flint knives, scrapers and shards of pottery, some of it highly decorated and even a bear skin. Some of the finds are on display in the new Postbridge Visitor Centre.

Forest birds to look out for include fire crests, gold crests and crossbills. Cuckoos can be heard in the open areas in late spring.

## RANGER CODE



Close gates behind you



Use a campsite or check the website



Keep your dog on a lead



Bag up litter and take it home



Share the roads and bridleways



Don't feed the ponies

## LOVE MOOR LIFE



### Category Level 2/3

Mainly following gravel forest tracks apart from some rough grass and unsurfaced path sections halfway round.



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