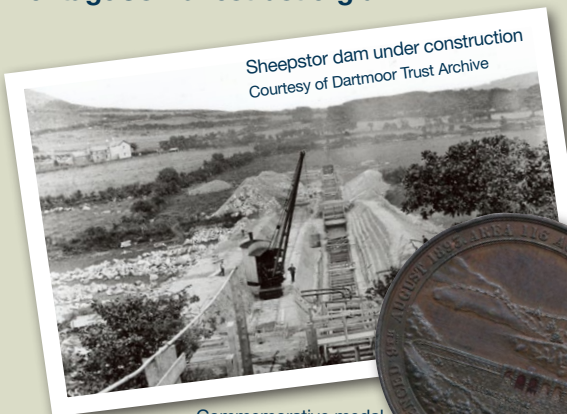


## There are lots of exciting things to discover...

- Interactive Discovery Centre
- Easy access wildlife trail in the Arboretum
- Artistic impressions at three of our important ruins: Lowery Barn, Leathertor Farm and Longstone Manor
- Weekly Forest Fun sessions for parents and toddlers
- Burrator Outdoor Pre-School
- Curriculum-based school trips
- Informal learning programmes for all ages, combining Forest School with wider outdoor learning, from one-off taster days to progressive programmes
- Work experience / university placements
- Team building days
- A wide range of volunteering opportunities, including practical conservation work, archaeological preservation projects, gardening, woodwork, environmental education, historical research, wildlife surveys, walk leaders, event organisers and visitor centre guides
- Monthly Family Wildlife Watch sessions
- Public events
- Rural skills training days

**After you have explored Burrator, why not pick up one of our self-guided themed walk leaflets and discover more....**

For more information call **01822 855700** or email [heritage@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:heritage@swlakestrust.org.uk)



Sheepstor dam under construction  
Courtesy of Dartmoor Trust Archive

Commemorative medal  
Donated by a volunteer



## Burrator Reservoir

The reservoir and its surrounding area are owned by South West Water and managed by South West Lakes Trust. This special place lies within Dartmoor National Park.

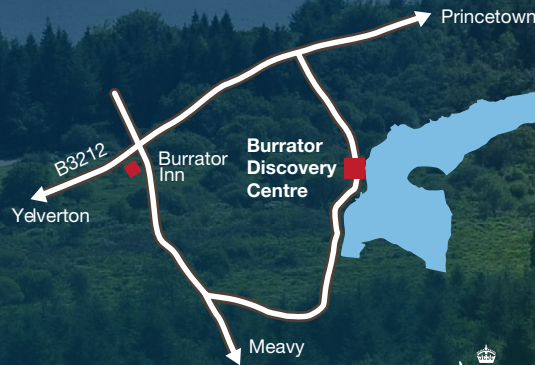
Burrator Reservoir fills with water from Dartmoor which is then piped to three water treatment works serving around 280,000 people in Plymouth, Tavistock, Princetown and South Devon.

## South West Lakes Trust

South West Lakes Trust is the region's largest combined environmental and recreational charity, managing inland waters on behalf of South West Water for conservation and recreation purposes.

The Trust aims to protect and preserve the natural environment (terrestrial and historical) for the public, provide educational opportunities and promote public access and sustainable recreation. We aim to provide a balance between the lakes' primary purpose as a water supply and safe access and enjoyment of these beautiful places for the public.

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# Welcome to Burrator Reservoir

*'I've been coming to Burrator for many years. On visiting the centre I didn't realise how rich the heritage of the area was and have learnt about new places to explore!'*



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# Come and explore Burrator Reservoir and the surrounding area

- Please allow 2 hours to complete the 3.5 mile (5.6km) walk around the reservoir.
- Easy access trails can be found along the old railway track (now the cycle route), the nature trail at the Arboretum or using the tracks around the peninsula of Longstone Manor.

## Fishing at Burrator

Fly fishing from the bank for stocked Rainbow and Blue Trout and 'catch and release' for Brown Trout. Permits can be purchased from our self-service fishing permit kiosk. A Wheelyboat is also available.



## Lowery Barn

Explore the ruins of Lowery Barn and the surrounding farmsteads. How old is the barn? See if you can find the date stone.



## Leathertor Farm

Visit the ruins of Leathertor Farm, last occupied in 1924. Imagine what life was like for farmers living here. Can you find the potato cave nearby?



## Circular Reservoir Walk

Enjoy lovely views as you follow the path around the edge of the reservoir. Ideal for families. For other walks pick up leaflets from the Discovery Centre. What is the water level like today?



Leather Tor  
370 m/1214 ft

Down Tor  
366 m/1201 ft

## Burrator Discovery Centre

Find out more about Burrator's rich history at the Discovery Centre, which includes displays, spoken history and an interactive screen.



## Burrator Arboretum and Nature Reserve

The path was restored in 2014 to create an easy access footpath to give everyone the opportunity to escape the road and enjoy a truly sensory experience. How many different birds can you see and hear?



## Longstone Manor

Stroll over to the Manor. Imagine what life was like when the Manor was in use. Can you find the threshing platform nearby?



## Old Railway Line

In 1823 the Plymouth and Dartmoor Tramway was a horse drawn line. In 1883 it was upgraded to a standard gauge railway to enable the use of steam locomotives. Can you work out where the platform would have been?



## Burrator and Sheepstor Dams

Explore the differences - 60,000 tonnes of granite with concrete, compared to a sloping earth dam with a waterproof clay core.



## Burrator Quarry

A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) showing the contact between Dartmoor Granite and Devonian Country Rock (slates).



- Information
- Stile
- Bus stop
- Building
- Rocks
- Road
- Formal car parks
- Informal car parks
- Reservoir walk (Please keep your dogs on a lead)
- Path
- Cycle path
- Leat
- Stream
- Disused railway
- Fishing permit kiosk

0.5 km

0.5 mile

Thank you for respecting this beautiful place and following the reservoir regulations and the countryside code.

- No fires or BBQs
- No camping
- No swimming
- No boats
- Dogs must be kept out of the water at all times
- Do not leave litter or dog poo bags
- No removal of trees or plants
- Fishing permit and EA licence required
- Keep well clear of anglers casting
- Please close gates

Please keep your dogs on a lead at all times whilst on the reservoir walk and between 1 March and 31 July when crossing open access land due to lambing and bird nesting season