



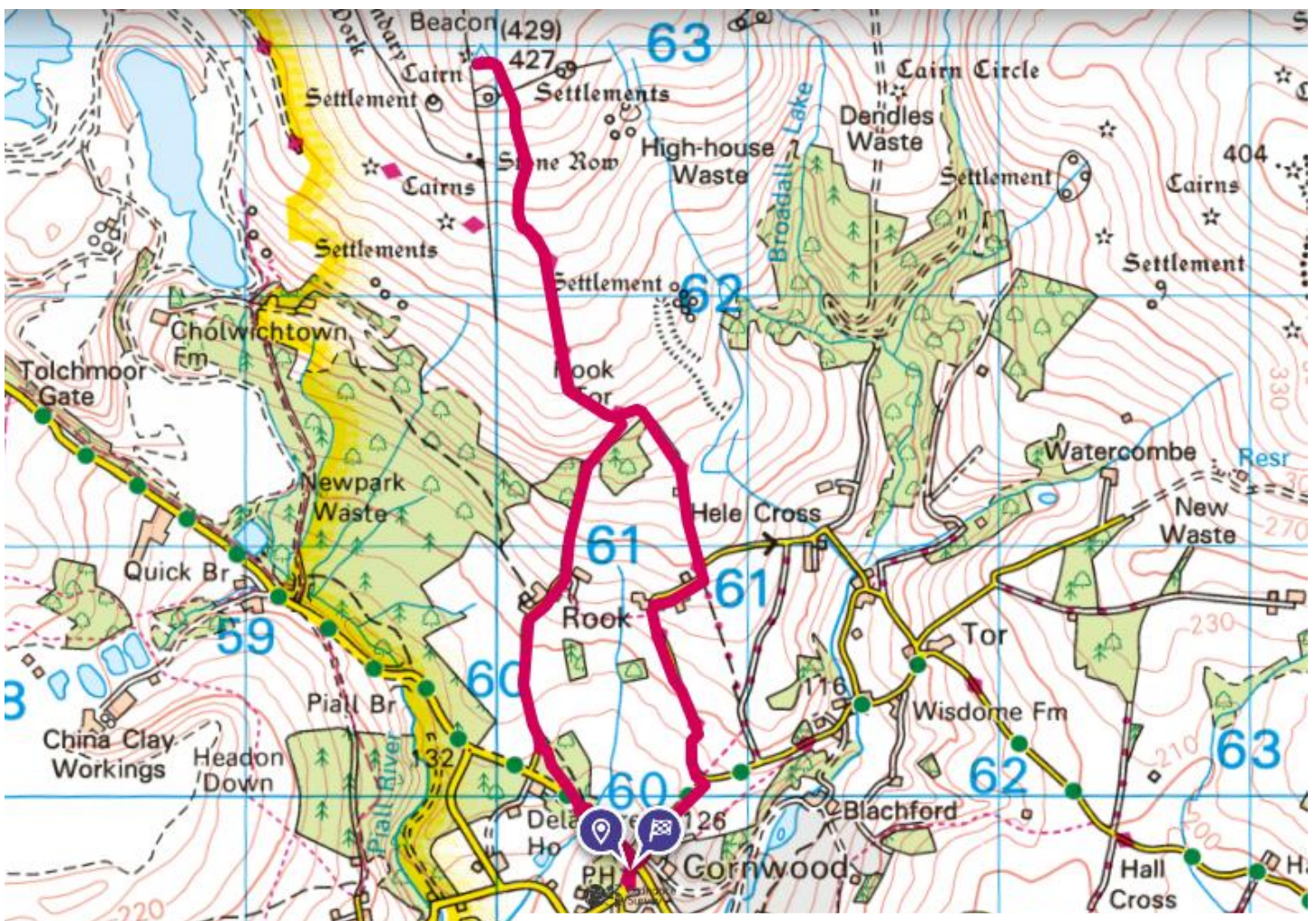
Walk 5 - 5 miles: Cornwood to Penn Beacon Summit

A good stomp from the village to the top of the highest tor in our parish across open moorland, with some walking on minor roads. Amazing views when the weather is good. Should only be attempted in good weather and with OS map / app and compass.

Walks are undertaken at your own risk. **Please follow the countryside code and leave no trace. It is the responsibility of the walker not to trespass, cause damage or upset livestock.** Remember, that livestock are kept in the open fields and dogs should be kept on leads. Some pathways can be muddy and therefore, suitable footwear should be worn. But don't worry if you do get muddy shoes/boots, muddy boots are still welcome in the Cornwood Inn.... and it will clean off! We recommend you carry OS Explorer map 28 (Dartmoor) or have the OS app on your phone if venturing off the roads and onto the moor.

Summary

The start of this route is the same as Walks 3 and 4 to West Rook Lane (to make best use of the footpaths and avoid a direct there-and-back) but is otherwise a direct route from Cornwood village to Penn Beacon summit, returning via East Rook Lane. It should only be attempted in good visibility. The summit offers excellent views to the south/southwest coast including Plymouth and the Sound, nearby mineral workings to the Southwest, and West to Cornwall. Once on the open moor, you are advised to keep to the grassy path / a quad bike track as described below - it can be faint at times but allows for a faster pace than the surrounding terrain. QR code to the map on [explore.OSmaps.com](https://www.explore.OSmaps.com)





Walk Description

From the front of the Cornwood Inn, cross the road and turn left (or from the Square, facing the pub, turn right) and walk approximately 50 meters on the road towards Lee Moor, passing North and South Cottages on right and just after the cottages, entering the permissive footpath into the field. The path runs close to the left hand field edge, parallel to the road (and safer than walking through 'the narrows' on road). This field is often used for grazing and can be boggy at the far corner, although recent improvements have been made with a new footbridge and ramp, which is crossed to lead into Sheraleers Wood. Do not re-join the road but cross the small (dry in summer) stream and continue on the path through the wooded area. The path meanders a little but is generally straight ahead until the lane (West Rook Lane, which links Delamore with Middle Rook). Turn right onto West Rook Lane.



Walking up the lane you will pass West Rook Farm (cattery and dog kennels) on your left - keep going uphill! You will eventually reach the moor gate (**Note:** if when you get to moor gate it is foggy, walk along the moor wall to East Rook gate to get off the moor and then follow road back down the hill to Cornwood village). Follow the gravel path to the right until just before a shallow ditch that runs downhill, at which point, take the left form on the quad track (over a barely distinguishable clapper bridge) to take you uphill. Part-way up the hill, you will cross another shallow ditch (old leat?) that runs across the hill. Shortly after this, the grassy track forks – take the right hand fork which leads you up the hill.

Continue to the top of Penn Beacon. At the top of Penn Beacon, you will find a neat cairn, a trig point and you can stop for breather/admire view and refresh yourself

Come back down the same path (easiest to find if you head from the cairn towards the trig point) but when you reach the small clapper bridge on the more stony section of track, follow the track to the left and aim left of the tall fir trees where the walls will siphon you towards a gate (approximately 300 yards along from gate you came onto the moor through). Proceed down rocky lane lined with granite walls and bushes/trees. When you reach road turn right and proceed downhill. When you reach main road turn right towards Cornwood and the thought of refreshment at the pub!

