

DISCOVER PREHISTORIC DARTMOOR REPRINT

A WALKER'S GUIDE TO THE MOORLAND'S ANCIENT MONUMENTS

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The enduring fascination of the Dartmoor landscape rests in large part with the presence of so many visible remains of our prehistoric ancestors. Here it is possible to picture the lives of the people who inhabited the moor thousands of years ago and whose daily life we can visualise through the fascinating artefacts they left behind. From huge Neolithic burial chambers and spectacular Bronze Age stone rows and circles to the more intimate hut circles and graves, visitors to the moor need only walk a few yards from their car before finding many such sites.

In this book, William Lethbridge encourages both the casual walker and the more intrepid explorers to follow in his footsteps in order to discover for themselves the hundreds of prehistoric sites and individual remains that lie on the open moor for all to see. Detailed maps and photographs will help inspire those planning to walk the moor in search of historical remains just as they will also fascinate the armchair explorer keen to know more about Dartmoor's past. Many of these remains are vulnerable to natural changes and to the hand of man. The author's emphasis on 'look but do not touch' underpins the modern walker's code in our growing appreciation of fragile historic landscapes.

Over 600 superb illustrations supporting the author's text make this book an essential companion for anyone with an interest in Dartmoor. It also provides a vital visual record of hundreds of prehistoric sites and artefacts, many little known and difficult to discover, that future generations will have in their care.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

William Lethbridge has travelled around the world seeking out ancient sites. But no matter how far and wide his travels have taken him, Dartmoor calls no sooner he arrives home.

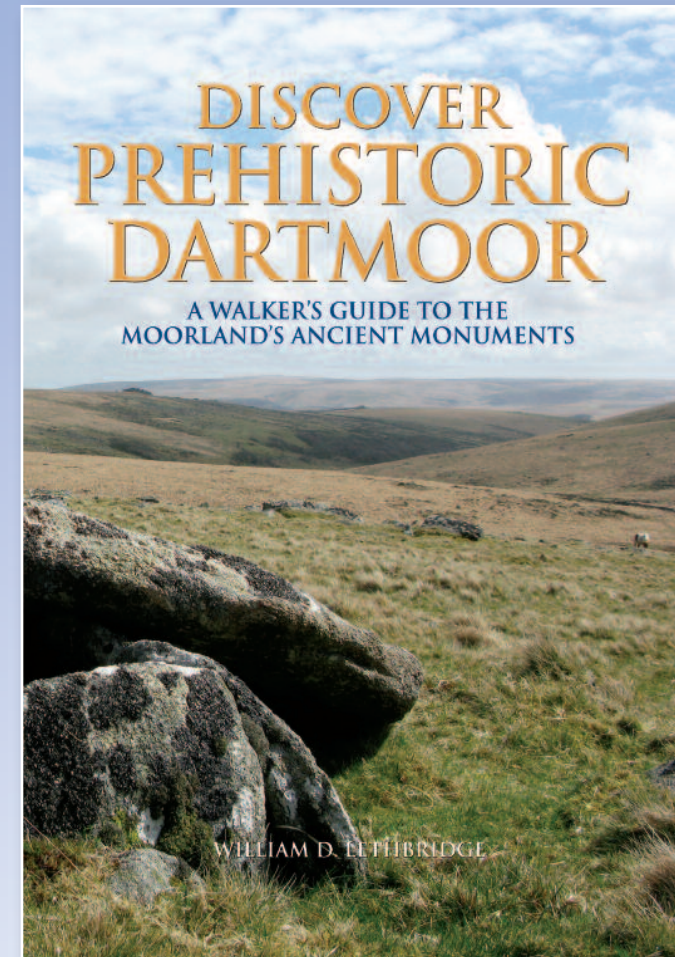
The author has explored Dartmoor for over forty years, never walking in a straight line but meandering here and there with eyes peeled for whatever is there to see. Among the interesting artefacts he has found and recorded is a stone row on the escarpment below Shell Top, a covered kistvaen on Giant's Hill, and one or two mortar stones left by early tin miners, all hitherto unknown to us, and all of which appear in his first book *One Man's Moor*.

Further discoveries provided the incentive to write this new volume in which he encourages others to explore Dartmoor's fascinating pre-history.

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Belstone cairn Circle.



The cairn and cist to the south-east of Lakehead Hill.



Above: Robert Burnard's photograph of fellow members of the Dartmoor Exploration Committee at Headland Warren stone row, August 1893.

Left: Merrivale Row B.

Below: Excavating a cist.



The Long Plantation cup stone.



Example of a double-page spread.

