

"Hey Tor, which derives its name from heah, high, is perhaps, visited more often than any other tor upon Dartmoor. This is due not only to the fact that it is easily accessible - the 'cherrybanks' of Bovey Tracey taking it in their round - but to the gigantic masses of rock which crown its summit, the largest piles, taken as a whole, upon the moor and the most unmistakable." J Page 1895

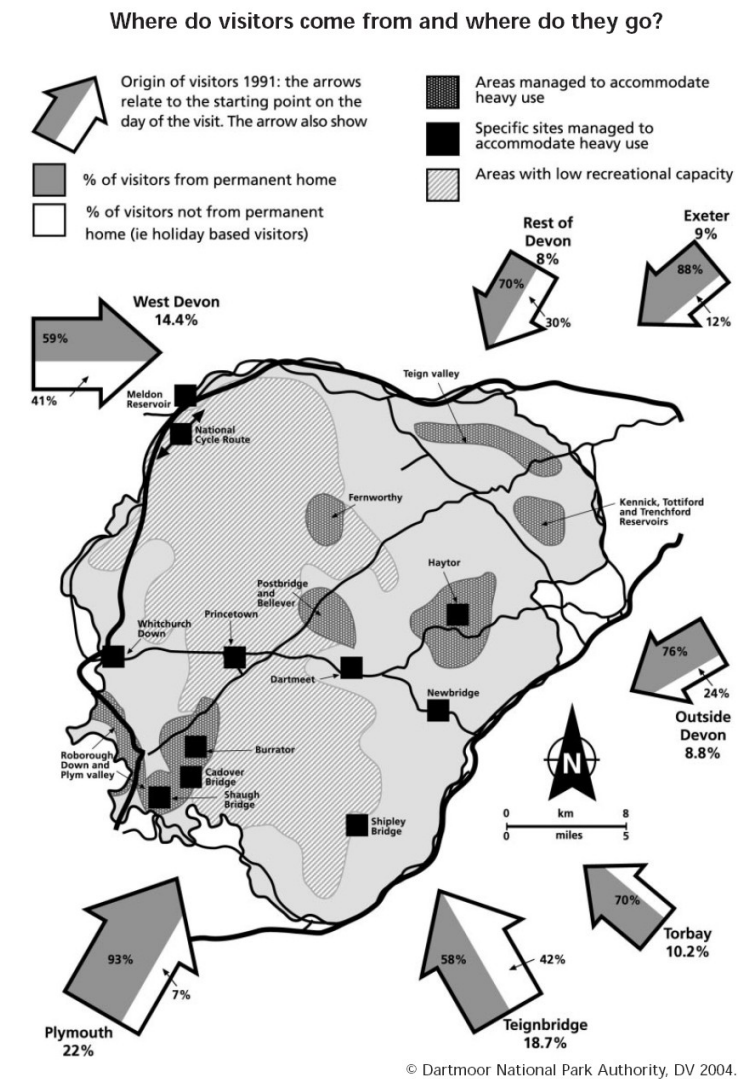
**Walk, Don't Walk** aims to challenge the status quo by piloting projects that demonstrate the need for opening up the countryside of the UK in a radical and proactive fashion. The first of these projects, **Stairway to Heaven**, will be to create greater accessibility at Haytor Rocks in the Dartmoor National Park, Devon (OS map reference SX7577).

Dartmoor National Park itself is an important natural landscape visited by over 11 million people each year. Due to its convenient location next to the B3387, Haytor Rocks is one of the most visited parts of the Park, attracting many thousands each year. It is managed as a high use area by the National Park in order to reduce the environmental impact of visitors on other more fragile parts of Dartmoor.

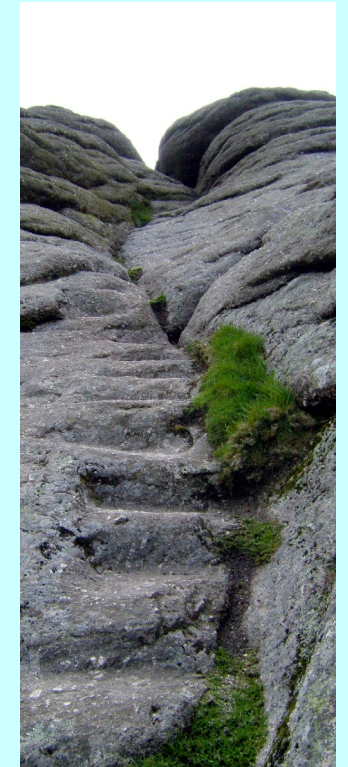
The outcrops of Haytor themselves stand at 1,499 ft (457m) and consists of two granite outcrops. It is classified as an 'avenue tor' which means that the central section of the tor has been eroded leaving an avenue running between two outcrops. The granite which makes up the tors is called 'tor granite' but at the base of the western outcrop is a layer of fine grained granite. Where the tor granite joins and overhangs the fine granite a 'rock shelter' has formed. On the top of the eastern outcrop the granite has been eroded to form a rock basin which measures roughly 34" long, 28" wide and 10" deep.



Walkers below Haytor Rocks



## Stairway to Heaven



The famous "Haytor steps"



Climbers on Haytor c 1930

The main reason for people to visit the Rocks is the unparalleled view from the summit where it is possible to see across Torbay to Portland Bill on a clear day. This fascination for the spot stretches back many years and the granite summit already has a set of steps cut into them which are over a century old.

In spite of these obvious reasons for improving access no action has been taken to make Haytor Rocks truly accessible to all sections of the community.

**Stairway to Heaven** aims to give back Haytor to the people who have made it what it is today...

