

Friday 2nd November 2018, “Castles, hills and autumnal colour along the River Teign” with Stella French

It was a wonderful autumn day for a brisk walk – clear blue skies, a slight chill in the air but cheerful sunshine. And this walk delivered exactly what it had promised in the programme – wonderful views and beautiful autumnal colours. Within a few minutes we were appreciating views of the Teign Gorge from the Hunter’s Path whilst descending slowly to Fingle Bridge where we saw a dipper in the river.



A coffee break with delicious home-made brownies preceded a steep uphill section on forestry tracks through woodland to the top of the hill where bracken-fringed tracks led to Cranbrook Castle Hillfort



We had lunch on the grassy ramparts with great views all round to Dartmoor's north plateau, Drewsteignton, the Teign Valley and distant vistas towards the North Coast of Devon.



Descending again through the woods we joined a pretty riverside path on the other side of the Teign and returned to Castle Drogo (and another steep climb!) for tea in the café.

We were very lucky to have such a clear day for our walk. Thank you Stella for taking us on such an enjoyable day out and to Mike for rounding up stragglers.

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