



Dartmoor Storytrail

Are you ready to quest for your words on Dartmoor?

Find the five books hidden on Belstone Common and make your contribution to the ever-expanding stories.



All you need to do is to find the five boxes holding the books which are hidden on a 1.5 mile circular route (a bit like Dartmoor Letterboxes). Then — add your inspirational words.

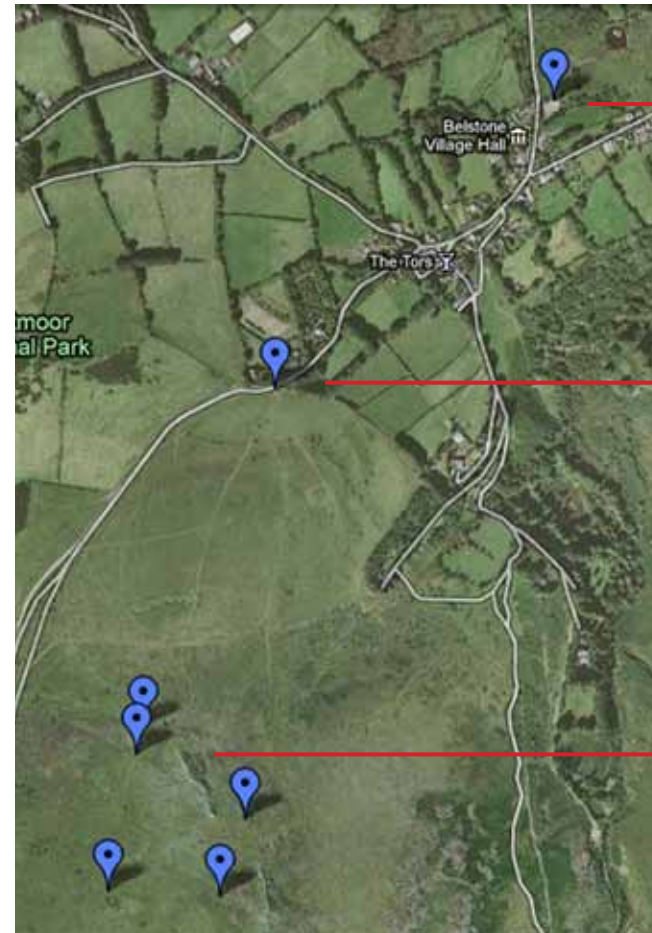
There are a few rules: you can add up to two sentences to each book — but no more. You can draw something relating to the developing story (books with pictures are always better...). You can come back as many times as you wish — as long as someone else has added something since your last visit. Please keep in mind that people of all ages will be reading the stories and keep your additions child-friendly. Put the box back where you found it.

This is a participatory and responsive project — we need you to build on the sentences written before you in these communally-written storybooks. Enjoy chance encounters as you collaborate with friends, families and others to write stories of many voices.

You will need:

- A walking/orienteering compass
- A Dartmoor Explorer OL28 map
- A pen / pencil (*in case the ones in the boxes go walkies...*)
- Dartmoor appropriate clothing (*sensible shoes and something waterproof to wear just in case...*)
- Your imagination

For further details go to: www.wordquestdevon.info



The Belstone Village car park.

The Watchet Hill moor gate.

The five boxes are grouped in this general area.

About this map: it is not intended as a substitute for the OS Dartmoor Explorer OL28 map. This is a guide to give you a sense of where you park, where the moor gate is and the general vicinity of the five Storytrail boxes.

Getting Started

The starting point for the Storytrail is in Belstone Village on the north moor (near Okehampton). There is a large, free, public car park (SX621937) on the edge of the village — opposite the village hall — park here. Walk along the lane into, and through, the village — when the houses thin out again the lane passes farms and fields as it begins to climb toward the open moor. Go past an old SWW building on your right and enter the common using the Watchet Hill moor gate at SX 616 933.

What are grid references?

Ordnance Survey maps have kilometre square divisions in faint blue lines on them. Those running North/South are called 'Eastings' as their numbers run eastwards across the map. The blue lines running East/West are called 'Northings' as their numbers run northwards up the map. Grid references can contain up to 10 numbers (this is how GPS units show them). 10 digit grid references are accented up to within one metre. Most walkers use six or eight number grid references (as are used in this leaflet). Dartmoor grid references are always preceded by SX. The numbers are always given as a group — the first 1/2 of the digits are the Eastings and the second half of the digits are the Northings. Example: SX613926 is the six digit grid reference for the first box. The red numbers are Eastings and the green ones are Northings. Here is how you would 'read' an eight and ten digit grid reference for the first Storybox: SX61369269 or SX6136192696.

The Clues

Each clue is followed by a compass point reference from the OS Explorer OL28 map of Dartmoor.

Storytrail Book 1: Grey roof in trees 275°, flagpole 22°, nearest tree 40° (about 50 paces away). The box is in the heavy clitter*, hidden under the west end of an 8ft long flat rock that looks as though it could be a gate post. Look behind the reeds and grasses. SX 6136 9269

*Clitter is a large cluster or jumble of granite rocks.

Storytrail Book 2: Flagpole 20°, knobbly rocks on tor on the skyline 126°, Belstone Tor (the highest tor on the ridge) 173°, rusty roof 283°, manhole cover 41° (about 20 difficult paces away). The box is under a highly embedded rock 6ft x 2ft x 2ft. SX 6134 9264

Storytrail Book 3: Tree on skyline 75°, barn in the trees 215°, rusty roof (in the last clue) 300°, nearest tree 50° and 100 paces away. A mill stone is 168° and 20 paces away. The box is under one of four rocks in a group. Look where the rocks meet in the middle. SX 6128 9241

Storytrail Book 4: Head up to the skyline tree in last clue. Top of tor 186°, barn 220°; rusty roof (same as last clue) 295°. Tree in last clue 15° (was skyline tree is now windswept tree) and is 50 paces away. Box is under a 4 x 2ft flat rock resting on another rock, on the edge of a clitter line of rocks. SX6145 9241

Storytrail Book 5: Now continue to the top of the headland close to the tor. Flagpole 355°, red roofed house in trees 22°, cairn on far skyline 120°, from the top of the rock Yes Tor is 235°. 3 – 4 paces above a huge rock that looks like a dinosaur's head, there is a rock 16ft embedded into the ground. The box is hidden under left hand corner of the rock. SX 6154 9253



Artist Charlie Henry is Artist/Activist for the Wordquest Devon project between May and September, 2011. Her task is to inspire others to join in activities combining reading and writing with an exploration of places in Devon which have inspired writers over the centuries. The idea for Dartmoor Storytrail was created and developed by Charlie. Many thanks to Roger Paul for his invaluable help with siting the boxes and writing the clues. The boxes will remain in place until September 24, 2011.

Links to sources of related information:

Dartmoor National Park Authority

<http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/>

Dartmoor Letterboxing

<http://www.letterboxingondartmoor.co.uk/>

The Countryside Code

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/info/britain/countrysidecode>

Weather Forecasts

<http://www.metcheck.com/>

Ordnance Survey

<http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

Belstone Village

<http://www.belstonevillage.net/>



Wordquest Devon is involving the public in explorations of Devon's literary heritage through the development of new skills, new writing, new ways of engaging with reading, new/creative explorations in words and new investigations of the natural environment.

Wordquest Devon is Devon County's primary response to the call for participation in London 2012's Cultural Olympiad. There are four project partners: Aune Head Arts, Devon County Council Libraries, Exeter University and Cyprus Well (the South West's Literature Development Agency). Major funding for the project is from Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery Fund.