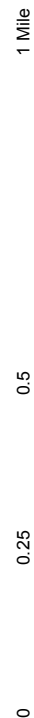


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## About Heralds of Spring

During the spring, Tamar Valley hedgebanks and woodlands explode into a riot of colour, as daffodils bloom, making a striking impact on the landscape. These are very special daffodils representing the strong heritage and cultural legacy of the market gardening industry, one of the key factors determining the Tamar Valley's sense of place and the heritage of communities within this nationally protected landscape.

Heralds of Spring is a ground-breaking Heritage Lottery funded 'collection in the landscape' project. During Spring 2017 over 100 varieties of daffodils, many of which date back to cultivation before the first and second world wars, were recorded by a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. The project has also increased awareness of this amazing resource, which is unique to the Tamar Valley and we hope will be there for future generations to enjoy as much as we do on a sunny spring day.



This is one of a series of downloadable walks that help you to discover the wonderful historic daffodil legacy in our beautiful landscape which are so much part of Spring in the Tamar Valley. However, they are great walks at anytime of the year for anyone looking to explore the valley from one of the stations on the beautiful Tamar Valley Line.

Please remember all public rights of way cross private land, so keep to paths and keep dogs on leads. Occasionally short-term work may mean diversions are put in place, follow local signs if necessary. The maps are intended as a guide only; it is always advisable to carry the appropriate OS Map with you whilst out walking.

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Discovering Daffodils  
A walk from Bere Alston Railway Station  
to Bere Ferrers Railway Station via Collytown Lane



**Distance** - approximately 4 miles

Fairly level route with some short climbs at the start and finish. The walk is mostly on quiet lanes following the route of the Tamar Valley Discovery trail for most of the route. There are a couple of off road sections that can be muddy after rain. Please note that the riverside path at Bere Ferrers can be impassable at high tide.

### The Route...

1. Leave the car park at Bere Alston railway station, turn left onto the lane and head up the hill towards Bere Alston village. You will start to spot daffodils in the hedgerows as the lane opens out as it climbs uphill. There are also fantastic views towards both Kit Hill and Dartmoor to enjoy on this stretch of the road.



2. When you reach the top of the hill, carry on past Sleep's garage and you will reach the school. The Heralds of Spring project has worked with Bere Alston school to raise awareness of the importance of the local Daffodil heritage and to plant local daffodil varieties in the school grounds.

3. Bear right at the school and head along Station Road and up the hill into Fore Street. Carry on past the shops and head on past Holy Trinity church to High Cross. This is another great location to spot daffodils in the hedgerows. It is well worth making a slight detour at this point by turning right towards Weir Quay. At the second gateway on the left you will spot a green corrugated building. (Please view from the road and do not enter the field). This was formerly the High Cross Experimental Station where new crops, including daffodils, were trialled for optimum growing conditions in this part of the Tamar Valley. The rich display of daffodils in the hedges here are a legacy to this heritage.



4. Retrace your steps to High Cross junction and head straight on onto the Down (signposted to Tavistock), passing the cemetery on the right hand side. Just past the cemetery you will spot the entrance to the recreation ground and a Discovery Trail waymark – follow the apple. Take the route around the edge of the recreation

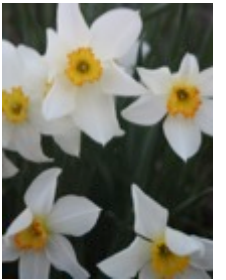
ground and then alongside some paddocks. This section of the route maybe muddy. There are great views across the lower Tamar and Tavy valleys at this point.



5. Emerge carefully from the end of this path and cross the road to Collytown Lane. You are now entering a great location to spot a wide variety of daffodils. The next couple of miles are a feast for the eyes in the springtime, take your time and enjoy! Just keep following the lane downhill through hedgebanks full of blooms. The views over the lower Tavy valley are spectacular too.



6. Continue past Collytown and Forge and keep going on the lane until you eventually come out near Gnatham Farm.



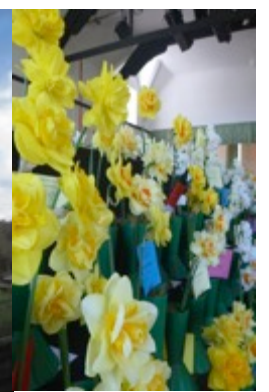
7. Continue along the lane following the fingerpost to Hallowell and Bere Ferrers. There are a couple of hairpin bends at this point, carry on around the bend, which crosses a stream.

8. Carry on along the lane and then follow the Discovery Trial, which branches off to the left. This section of the walk can be another muddy stretch after rain.



9. Follow the track to Gnatham Quay and then turn right and follow the Discovery Trail which follows the river above the low cliff. (Don't be tempted to take the track along the foreshore which is very muddy). This path leads towards Bere Ferrers village.

10. Head towards the village quay and then uphill past the Olde Plough Inn until you get to the Church Hall.



11. The Church Hall is the venue for the Bere Ferrers Spring Show, a great opportunity to see the range of locally grown daffodils. The annual show is usually held in March.



12. Turn left at the Church and head uphill following the signs to approach to Bere Ferrers railway station.

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