
Useful Information

Parking: Two free car parks in Minions. Use the western one at 25973/71094

Intermediate Parking: Tokenbury Corner.

Getting There: From A38 Bodmin to Plymouth at Doublebois, go L on minor road signed Minions.

Transport: Western Greyhound bus 574 links Liskeard, Crow's Nest, Callington. One a day goes via Minions.

Refreshments: Minions: Cheesewring Inn, Hurler's Halt and Shop tearooms. Crow's Nest Inn. St. Cleer: Market Inn.

Toilets: Minions, near Hurlers Halt tearooms.

Route Directions

Minions to Crow's Nest – 1.37 miles

From the entrance to Minions western CP, at 25973/71094, go L on the road into Minions for about 100 yards and go R on a well made track (FP) for 100 yards and continue on grass to a gate. Continue on a grassy track with tramway setts, passing a WM, to Ponton's Piece on your L. Continue to a gate to a field. Follow the RH bank, passing sewage works on your L, to a galvanised gate to Higher Gonamena Farm. *South Caradon Mine buildings now in view ahead slightly L.* Continue forward, *may be very muddy*, passing a former tramway loading ramp (*note LCR marker above*), downhill on grass, *may be muddy*. Where the track comes to a dead end, bear R briefly uphill on grass to a damaged WM post by a galvanised gate. Continue downhill on a broad track, between high banks. *This is the former Gonamena Incline. It may be wet and muddy here but tramway setts act as stepping stones.* The track becomes a grassy path through furze to a wooden stile (WM) at **0.66 miles**. *Note attractive Gonamena back left, Caradon Hill mine spoil and masts left.*

A grassy track continues between high banks and, in short while, with South Caradon mine remains across the valley, tramway setts begin again. At 0.73 miles pass a rough track (WM) heading up right. Continue on narrow path, with the valley below, spoil tips everywhere. At 0.80 miles, pass a track hard L down to the valley floor and continue on a wide track. At 0.92 miles a cross track goes L down to the valley floor. *The intriguing engine house on your L horizon was featured on TV in Restoration. Here you could take that track, cross a stream on stepping stones and follow valley on down to Crow's Nest, just to E of Inn, but this is part of Minions Walk 2. A grassy track forward comes to dead end.*

Here go R uphill fairly steeply on a rough track, which eases off as grass, bearing slightly R up to a galvanised gate to a lane near cottages at 1.00 mile. Go L on the lane downhill, over a cattle grid and, at 1.06 miles, where the lane bears R as a road, continue forward downhill steepish on a well made track, leaving a bungalow on your R. Pass the entrance to Rosebank on your R at 1.14 miles and continue down steepish on a rough track between hedges. *Crow's Nest is now in view below L.* The track bends R and L and, after 8 steps down, it continues down between high hedges fairly steeply to the road at Crow's Nest at 1.31 miles. Go L on the road, passing on your L the Crow's Nest Inn. (**1.37 miles**)

Crow's Nest to Trethevy Quoit – 0.58 miles

Continue on the road for 40 yards. *Here the route used on Minions Walk 02 comes in on your L.* Go R (sign Trethevy Farm (B&B)), on a quiet lane downhill. At 1.46 miles, pass a possible degraded cross on your R, then immediately a small sewage works, then a bridge over a stream. At a fork at Trenouth at 1.60 miles, take the R fork, following Farm B&B sign, cross a bridge over a stream, and on uphill moderate becomes steepish. Where a track goes L into Trethevy Farm, the lane bears R uphill. *Views from here R to Caradon Hill, forward R to Crow's Nest.* The lane becomes easy, bears L and R, passing on your L modern Byn View. At a grassy triangle at 1.93 miles, Trethevy Quoit is now in view ahead, a parking area and storyboard to your R. Continue to Trethevy Quoit entrance at 25967/68824. (**1.95 miles**)

Trethevy Quoit to St. Cleer Church – 0.96 miles

Ignore the road going L and take the bridleway, known locally as Roman Lane or Monks Walk, alongside the Trethevy Quoit field, with houses on your L. This starts as a path and becomes a narrow deeply sunken lane, cobbled in places, with glimpses of St. Cleer ahead, downhill moderate to a hunting gate at 2.26 miles. Go R on the track downhill to the road in Tremarcombe at 2.28 miles. Cross the road, *note on your L Old Stores*, and continue uphill fairly steeply on the road to St. Cleer. The hill eases at 2.37 miles, then it's downhill moderate, heading straight for the church then up again fairly steeply. The climb eases off and you pass the Memorial Hall on your R, a cemetery and Primary School on your L, then the Holy Well and Cross on your L at 24947/68317 at 2.71 miles. Continue up to a gate to the churchyard, with the Market Inn opposite. Go R through the churchyard to a gate at the NW corner to a road. (**2.91 miles**)

St. Cleer Church to King Doniert's Stones – 1.03 miles

Go forward on the road uphill towards Common Moor. Leaving St. Cleer, you continue down to a turning on the L at 3.10 miles. *Note here a pottery, a blacksmith and woodburning stoves.* Continue on the road uphill now, immediately passing on your R a FP to Penhale Grange and Darite, then passing on your L first a former Bible Christian Chapel, then St. Cleer Sports Field. At 3.29 miles, leaving the 30 mph speed limit, the road bends R and L uphill gently. Just after a small lay-by on the R, by a double galvanised gate on your L, go over a high sheep stile (FP). **(3.44 miles)**

Follow a farm track down towards Little Treworrick Farm, then through an open gate to a bend, and bear R with a large modern barn on your L, then uphill to the L of two wooden gates (*no WM or FP*) at 3.60 miles. Continue N on a grassy and stony track uphill between high hedges to a gap to an open field at 3.70 miles. Go L, following a WM along the LH hedge to a galvanised gate to a second field at 3.77 miles. *Views open out R to St. Cleer and Dartmoor and L to Clay Country.* Cross diagonally to the far R corner, passing on your R an enclosure around King Doniert's Stones, to a high sheep stile (WM) to the Doublebois to Minions road at 3.89 miles. *A stile on your L leads to a path to Little Treworrick Farm.* Go R on the road to the entrance to King Doniert's Stones at 23617/68862. **(3.94 miles)**

King Doniert's Stones to Minions

From here, some of the route can be difficult to follow, particularly just after Common Moor.

Retrace your steps to the sheep stile. Cross the road to a wooden gate (FP) to a scrubby field. Follow the RH hedge, entering scrubby woodland, downhill on a clear path which bears L, passes a possible mine shaft on your R, then bears R, passing a WM at 4.11 miles. The path bears R through scrub and follows the LH hedge through furze and blackthorn to a WM post at 4.18 miles. Follow the WM R through scrub, *may be muddy*, and in a few yards, after a wet dip, the path bears L and R through an open scrubby area. Keep towards the blackthorn on your R and a clear path enters and winds through tight scrubby woodland. At 4.28 miles, cross duckboards (*FB on map*), to more duckboards to a wooden lift stile (WM) to a field at 4.30 miles. Follow the WM forward, with a stream on your R, to a metal gate to a second field at 4.34 miles. *Here, a fallen WM post by a ford on your R suggests that is the route – ford, gate, 2 fields, FB back over stream - but the official PROW is as next described.* Follow the LH hedge, passing a sewage works on your R, to a metal kissing gate at 4.45 miles. Follow the sewage works drive for about 100 yards then bear R on grass, to cross a small grassy FB and, with the stream on your L, continue to a wooden stile and on to a granite step stile to the lane at South Trekeive. **(4.60 miles)**

Cross the lane, go through a wooden gate (WM), and follow the drive past Longstor House, then bear L on to a FP with a stream on your L. At 4.70 miles, cross the stream on a clapper bridge. The path bears L away from the stream, then becomes narrow between hedges, to a wooden gate at 4.76 miles. Cross a clapper bridge over the stream and follow a tarmac track forward, with houses in Common Moor village on R. At end of houses, as the lane bears slightly R, go L through a wooden gate (PROW) at 4.82 miles, on to a narrow path, with the garden of Tanglewood on your R. After a short while, the path heads down and turns R, following the stream on your L again (*it looks like a leat here*) and at 4.91 miles go through a small wooden gate, with cottages R and L, up to a track. **(4.92 miles)**

Go L on the track, immediately passing a WM on your L, to a bridge over a stream and galvanised gate to a scrubby field at 4.95 miles. Follow the track uphill, passing a WM on your L, into the open and continue to just before a WM post on the track at 5.07 miles. *Beware, this WM is for a route N to Sibleyback Lake, and the track forward to Great Gimble is not a PROW.* Here go R (*no visible WM*) with furze on your L, across a slightly boggy area, to a gap (WM) and a wooden FB over a stream and a wooden stile to a field at 5.13 miles. Go straight across the field, passing a WM on your L, to a wooden gate to a small field at 5.18 miles. Follow the LH fence uphill, passing Gimble Mill on your L, to a gate (WM) at 5.24 miles and continue for a few yards to a track. Follow a WM R, passing a barn on your R, up to a gate to a tarmac track at 5.29 miles. The track heads uphill and through a gate to Great Gimble. **(5.34 miles)**

Continue uphill on the track, Great Gimble house on your L, through a gate, over a granite cattle grid, and on for a few yards to a WM on your R at 5.47 miles, where a track goes up L into Higher Gimble. Continue forward, *with Caradon Hill mast now in view, and a former mill pond to your R.* Cross a cattle grid at 5.69 miles onto scrubby Open Access moorland. The track continues forward to the road from Doublebois to Minions at 5.82 miles. Go L and follow the line of the road towards Minions. *Stowe's Hill comes into view ahead L, Treghorrick Tor back L.* At the drive to Trewalla at 6.08 miles, Longstone Cross comes into view ahead R. Now keep to the R of the road to the cross at 25547/70567 at 6.19 miles. *Stowe's Hill and engine houses in view ahead L, Dartmoor ahead L, Caradon Hill half R.* Continue to the western CP at Minions. **(6.63 miles)**