

Coastal Round Walk 05 – Holywell Bay, Ellenglaze, West Pentire - 6.25 miles

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

Holywell Bay Car Park to Trevornick Holiday Park – A wooded valley and fields – 1.49 miles

Start at NT Car Park, Holywell Bay. Go R on road, passing St. Piran's Inn on L, to the pedestrian entrance to Holywell Bay holiday park. Go R on the tarmac lane (*Coast Path sign, inland Gear Sands, Perranporth*) passing a board (*FP Cubert and Ellenglaze*). After a sign (*FP Cubert and Ellenglaze*), fork R to a path through scrubby woodland, passing a Coast Path WM. Path continues until FP Gold WM on R at 0.93 miles. Go L on a metalled track for 100 yards then go L to a wooden gate (*WM Gold Path Trevornick*). Go through the kissing gate on its L to follow RH hedge N uphill fairly steeply, passing Ellenglaze Manor on your R. At the top of the field, go through a metal gate (*WM*) into the 2nd field and follow RH hedge uphill. At the top of this field go through gap into 3rd field and continue, following RH hedge. Go through the gap on R and continue on a broad grassy track NNE, following WM, along LH hedge downhill. At the bottom, go through gate to road at 1.49 miles.

Trevornick to West Pentire – Cross Country, some on Open Access land – 1.60 miles

Cross road into Holiday Park, down tarmac path, through gate, through covered way, and across Stables Café courtyard. Continue, Farm Shop on R, Amusements and Bowling on L, to follow track to site road. Over pedestrian crossing and continue on track NNE, down to a small fishing lake on L. *For detour to Holy Well, turn L here, along N side of the lake to find a tarmac track to the lower pond and holy well.* Continue NNE on track to open wooden gate. Ignore gate and go R through gap and L on path NNE uphill between banks, with golf course on L, to gate. Go through gate and, in 25 yards, go through 2nd gate. In 40 yards, go through gate on R. Go L on a track to Lewannick Farm, cross the tarmac yard and go through wooden gate at 2.03 miles. Go L on narrow crossing path (*WM*) between hedges and go through a wooden gate into the Open Access ground of The Kelseys. (*Here path goes L uphill towards Holywell Bay*) Follow the RH hedge and fence, downhill (*Porth Joke in view*) to where the fence turns R at the meeting of 5 grassy tracks. Follow the track with a small ravine to its L, downhill. At a WM join a track which continues down towards camp site and CP. (*At campsite, path goes L to Porth Joke*) Where track bears round R, go L through kissing gate (*may be muddy*) and follow a narrow path, with Treago Mill House on R. Cross a wooden FB, continue uphill for 30 yards. Go L on a track, winding uphill fairly steeply at first, levelling off towards West Pentire. Pass CP and toilets (*closed 2010*) on your R. Continue on tarmac lane down to T. (*Here a track goes L to Porth Joke and a short cut to the Coast Path at Vugga Cove*) Go R on the lane, passing West Pentire Manor House on your L, and L on the crossing lane to the Bowgie Inn at 3.09 miles.

West Pentire to Holywell Bay – on the Coast Path – 3.14 miles

Go down through RH side of car park and follow RH hedge downhill, then 10 steps down to go L on Coast Path (*WM*). (*View across Crantock Beach and Gannel Estuary to Pentire Point East*). The path now undulates on the way to Pentire Point West and Porth Joke. Cross back of beach and begin a fairly steady climb, with undulations, up to Kelsey Head and a Cliff Castle and on up to 175 feet. *Views open up ahead to Holywell Bay, Gull Rocks and Penhale Point and on to Godrevy and West Penwith.* Path now undulates, then descends easily through one kissing gate to a second kissing gate where the dunes proper begin. Substantial WM posts, yellow topped, start here. Follow them, on the most obvious path, keeping just L of top of highest dune. Keep going, roughly SSE, until posts appear again. Follow down to a small wooden bridge over a stream. Here the L fork heads into the village to shops and toilets, the R fork heads for the back of St. Piran's Inn. From here keep R for the CP.

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- (a) Omit Ellenglaze and Trevornick. Continue past Holywell Bay holiday park pedestrian entrance. Turn L on lane passing shops. Use a FB over the stream and go R NE along the edge of the dunes to follow a path (*WM*) up onto The Kelseys to rejoin the full walk at approximately 77820/59383. Reduces walk by 1.25 miles to 5.00 miles.
- (b) Above – “*At campsite, path goes L to Porth Joke*”. Take this bridleway path, reduces walk to just under 5 miles.
- (c) Omit West Pentire village and West Pentire Point. At the T at the beginning of West Pentire at 77635/60611, turn L following a sign to Porth Joke on first a track and then a FP. Reduces walk by 0.75 miles to 5.50 miles.

Distances in the directions text are cumulative.

A fuller version of these route directions, complete with GPS data including 10 figure grid references, spot heights and detailed distances, is also available. Return to the walk page and click for it.