

Coastal Round Walk 07 – Chapel Porth, Beacon, Trevaunance Cove - 6.75 miles

Route Directions – Full GPS Version

Chapel Porth to St. Agnes Beacon – Uphill all the way – a wooded valley and a high hill - 1.66 miles

Start by the Beach Café at 69803/49444. Cross the stream by a FB and go L following a clear path up Chapel Coombe, with a stream on your L. 60 yards after ruined Wheal Charlotte engine house on R, enter woodland. At 70246/49051 at 0.38 miles, turn L through a kissing gate and cross a FB. At 70261/49082 at 0.41 miles, at Chapel Porth Farm, go R on a track. At 70314/49185 at 0.48 miles the track bears L but fork R on a track through woodland, passing some attractive cottages on L. At 70811/49475 at 0.81 miles go through a gate and continue with a field on your R. At 70956/49496 at 0.90 miles, where a track comes in from the R, turn L (WM) through gate (*k/gate inoperable*) onto a broad sunken track through woodland. At 70949/49551 at 0.92 miles turn R uphill between high hedges, passing Trevallet on your L at 71031/49576. At 71158/49626 at 1.06 miles go L on a track between high hedges, passing a house on your R. After 50 yards the track becomes a path up to the road at a FP sign at 71048/49789 150 feet at 1.19 miles.

Go R on the road for 350 yards, passing houses on your L and Holly Cottage on your R. At 71176/49886 at 1.29 miles, by the entrance to Beacon Country House Hotel, go L (*signpost The Beacon*) on a broad sunken track uphill. After a large house on L, at a fork at 71153/49961 at 1.34 miles, go L. At Chy Pen the track becomes a path between hedges, leading into the open. At 70918/49978 at 1.50 miles, turn R (N) steeply uphill, on a narrow stony path through heather. *At that point the other path continues forward to skirt Beacon to the W and rejoin this route at 70789/50842.* The Trig Point at the top of St. Agnes Beacon is at 71015/50224 at 630 feet at 1.66 miles.

St. Agnes Beacon to Trevaunance Cove – all downhill – open country, long views – 1.81 miles

Leave the Trig Point on the LH path and fork R on a track through heather, heading roughly NW. At the junction of tracks and paths at 70995/50455 at 1.82 miles, ignore crossing path and the narrow path along the fence on your R (*this looks like a more direct way but is too overgrown to be usable*). Stay with the main track heading NW, passing cairns on L and R; this becomes a path downhill, passing remains of buildings (mine or WWII). Soon after, at 70806/60734 at 2.07 miles, go sharp R on a narrow path N, cross a clear path heading E, and continue down N on the narrow path to the road at 70789/50842 at 2.14 miles. (*At this point, you could shorten the walk by taking a track and path more or less opposite, heading roughly NNW, across New Downs, to the coast path. This reduces the walk to about 5 miles*)

Go R on the road for 300 yards to Higher Bal Farm on L (*a road goes R to Mongoose*) at 71050/50961 at 2.32 miles. Go L on a track (*signed Public Byway*), passing a former Chapel and Chapel Coth on L; the track winds to become NNW. At 71115/51125 at 2.45 miles, go R on a path (*WM hidden*) through scrub and mine spoil, roughly NE, taking the L fork at 71343/51242. At 71384/51313 at 2.67 miles, opposite Polberro House, go R on a lane, heading roughly ESE. At 71472/51311 at 2.72 miles, go L on a private road (*signed public path to coast path*). Pass a rugby ground on your R and then a mine chimney on L. (*At 71724/51535 at 2.94 miles, ignore WM L pointing to Coast Path*) Continue on the lane, following a red byway WM.

At 71971/51470 at 3.14 miles, with a small parking area ahead on R, follow a FP sign L (*Trevaunance Cove*) downhill, overall fairly steeply, between scrub, passing immediately an untidy WWII memorial garden and on into woodland. Pass houses on your R and at 71961/51353 at 3.24 miles go L on a path fairly steeply, with 14 steps down, to the road from St. Agnes to Trevaunance Cove. Go L on the road, fairly steeply downhill, passing a large CP on your R, to a road junction opposite the Driftwood Spars Inn at 72119/51407. Go L on the steep road down to Trevaunance Cove beach at 72203/51566 at 3.47 miles.

Trevaunance Cove to Chapel Porth – Along the Coast Path – 3.28 miles

Return up the road for 85 yards to steps on R at 72171/51522 at 3.52 miles. Go up through a seating area and turn R on a tarmac path and up steps to a lane. Go R on the lane, passing houses. You are now on the Coast Path, though the first WM is not for a short way. There is then a steep climb, partly by steps, partly on an awkward rising granite sett surface, up to an eventual 295 feet and then undulating to 325 feet at the end of Newdowns Head. For all the rest of the way the path, always obvious, merely undulates easily, reaching 360 feet at Tubby's Head, until the final fairly steep descent to Chapel Porth.

After Tubby's Head, at 69969/50401 the Coast Path is waymarked R down towards Towanroath engine house but I recommend you continue forward to Wheal Coates at 70004/50064 at 6.09 miles. Then pick your way carefully downhill on loose stone, winding rightish then leftish, to rejoin the Coast Path at 69894/50094 at 6.19 miles. On to Towanroath engine house at 69874/50010 at 6.25 miles. Shortly after the engine house, the path forks R becoming eventually a wide track that winds fairly steeply down to Chapel Porth and its car park and Beach Café at 6.75 miles.

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