

Coastal Round Walk 10 – Pendeen Watch, Chûn Castle and Quoit, Morvah - 6.34 miles

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

Pendeen Watch to Chûn Castle – 2.82 miles - gently uphill most of the way

From CP by lighthouse set off on the coast path E, on lane/track towards Portheras Cove. At CP area, cross crude stile (WM) and bear R to gap to field. Follow LH fence (*view of Portheras Cove*) to end of field. Go R steeply uphill, and follow LH hedge, roughly S, continue to next LH hedge and on up to near corner at 38415/35700 at 0.42 miles. Over crude sheep stile to next field. Follow LH hedge up, passing WM, to L of barns at Pendeen Manor Farm at 0.53 miles (WM). Cross plank bridge to rough ground between hedge and barn to small gate to farmyard. Cross to tall step stile to L of gate. *For Pendeen Vau fogou go R, with permission, through main farmyard.* Go L on farm lane, with house on R, to road at Pendeen Gate. L on road for 280 yards. Opposite turning on R to Lower Boscaswell, at WM post, go L on track between hedges to Calartha Farm.

At Old Barn at 1.04 miles, go R (WM) up a crude stile to a narrow path between hedges, to a step stile and gate to field. Ignore forward WM (*path to Portheras Farm*) and bear R, roughly E, across field to cattle stile by gate (WM) to next field. Direction is now overall SE. Follow LH hedge to cattle stile (WM) to next field and follow LH hedge to crude stile to next field. Cross field diagonally to hunting gate (WM) and crude stile to next field. Cross field to gate to lane. Cross the lane to crude stile (WM) to next field. Cross field to a crude stile to next field. Follow RH hedge to shortly before corner to crude stile. Follow path between hedges to road at Higher Bojewyan at 1.42 miles.

Go L on road for 225 yards to Bojewyan House on R, opposite FP from Chyrose Farm on L. Go R (*no WM*) on farm track, through farm, bearing R and L. Track now uphill between hedges, roughly SSE, (*view R to Chapel Carn Brea*) to a second fork at 2.00 miles. Take L fork, track continues grassy bearing R, becoming roughly SE, up to 600 feet. Track continues roughly level, rutted grassy, hedge on L, along edge of rough heathland of Woon Gumpus Common, to where a track comes in on R at 2.35 miles.

Go L over crude stile by gate (WM) on permissive path, across field to second crude stile. *Chûn Quoit now just visible ahead.* Cross track and continue uphill through the open heather and furze of Chûn Downs, on narrow overgrown path, uphill directly to Chûn Quoit at 680 feet at 2.67 miles. Go R (E) on clear path, past Cornwall Wildlife Trust storyboard to W entrance of Chûn Castle at 710 feet at 2.82 miles. *Chûn Castle is well worth exploring, for itself and views.*

Chûn Castle to Morvah – 1.09 miles - easily downhill most of the way

Retrace steps to Chûn Quoit and take clear path R just before it, roughly NNE over Chûn Downs, with hedge off to L, downhill. *Watch Croft and Carn Galver in view half R, Morvah Church half L.* After a while, path bears R (*bridleway*) and continues downhill. At 3.26 miles, bridleway (WM) forks R to Chûn Farm, but take the L fork. At T at 3.38 miles track goes R to Chûn Farm (Chûn Carvolth). Go L downhill on a well made track. At a cross track at go R (*bridleway WM*) (*track goes L to Keigwin Farm*) and, after a while, where the track goes R into Crofto, continue on a tarmac lane (*bridleway WM*) towards Carne Farm. *There is a Cornwall Wildlife Trust Chûn Downs storyboard on your R.*

Where lane bears R, at 3.62 miles, go L over low cattle stile (WM) into field. (*OS and mapping web site wrong here, as path shown going through Carne Farm*) Cross the field (*you may have to cross an electric fence stile in the middle*) to cattle stile (WM) to next field. Cross field to massive cattle stile (WM) to next field. Follow LH hedge to a cattle stile (WM) to next field. Follow LH hedge and cross cattle stile (WM) to next field. Follow LH hedge to cattle stile by gate to road. Go L on road for 60 yards. Go R on minor road into Morvah to just before church at 4.07 miles.

Morvah to Pendeen Watch – 2.27 miles - moderate coast path walking

Go R over step stile by gate (*FP sign Coast Path*) on narrow path between hedges, downhill through two kissing gates and over crude stile (WM) to Coast Path at Morvah Cliff at 4.50 miles. *View to Gurnard's Head.* Go L on Coast Path (WM), crossing stepping stones to crude stile leading to Tregaminion Cliff. You then climb, at first crossing muddy ground, through scrubby land to 355 feet on Chypraze Cliff. Now you descend fairly steeply, with some rock steps, to awkward stepping stones over stream above Portheras Cove at 5.42 miles.

After a short steepish climb, with rock steps, on to Portheras Cliff. *A path goes down R to sandy beach of Portheras Cove.* Going now a bit rocky up to crude step stile by gate. A track is then somewhat muddy and uneven up to 150 feet. Gentle descent brings you to track. Coast Path goes L on a track uphill but you should go R down to Portheras Boat Cove for the interest (*take care on slipway*). Return to Coast Path and follow it on track, fairly steeply, up to crude stile (WM) to the small CP area. Continue up on the track and lane to Pendeen Watch CP at 6.34 miles.

Distances in 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 walk page and click for it.