

Coastal Round Walk 15 – An Antiquities Walk from Lamorna Cove 4.90 to 6.60 miles

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

Lamorna Cove to Boskenna Cross – 2.69 miles

Start from Lamorna Cove car park entrance. Follow road to the Lamorna Wink Inn and go sharp left uphill on tarmac then concrete track, passing Cove Restaurant. At 0.55 miles concrete track turns R, becomes rough track, bearing L, passing cottage on R at 270 feet, levels out, becomes grassy track between hedges SW to Tregurnow. Opposite the converted barn on R, go over high sheep stile just before gate on L (*no WM*) at 0.90 miles. Follow RH hedge, roughly SW, to high sheep stile to Rosemadress at 1.05 miles. Go R for about 25 yards then L on muddy track, passing barns on L, to farm track at 1.16 miles (*FP signs*). Go L on muddy farm track for 100 yards, then go R on muddy track, to follow RH hedge. After 175 yards, go over crude step stile by galvanised gate to next field. Follow RH hedge to high sheep stile, cottage on R, to track at Tregiffian Farm at 1.61 miles.

Go R on track, becomes tarmac, bends L down hill, then bends R. Continue on lane for 100 yards, go L (*WM obscured*) through gate into field. Follow LH hedge uphill to high crude stile. Go R on grassy track to Boscawen Ros. In open yard bear L between open barn and stone barns, through 2 open gates and bear slightly L in field to follow RH hedge. Near end of field, bear L cutting off corner to step stile to next field. Follow LH hedge to step stile on L to next field. *Boscawen Ros menhir in field 100 yards to your L.* Go diagonally slightly R to crude stile at 2.23 miles. Cut off corner to follow LH hedge to massive step stile at 2.69 miles, into small CP area by Boskenna Cross. *At stile, path comes in on L from coast, Boskenna and St. Loy's Cove.*

Boskenna Cross to Merry Maidens – 0.84 miles

Cross road and follow minor road, towards St. Buryan, to Moorcroft Cross at 2.80 miles. Retrace steps on road for 175 yards and go L on drive down to Choone Farm. Just before houses, go R over step stile into field. Cross roughly ESE uphill to gap to next field. Cross rough ground downhill, slightly L of ESE, to crude stile at 3.21 miles. Continue ESE downhill, cutting off corner, to high cattle stile. 10 yards on to low cattle stile to next field. Follow RH hedge, through gap to Gûn Rith menhir. Follow RH hedge to gate to road. Cross road and go L on the verge to Tregiffian Chambered Cairn. Then follow road to small CP area at entrance to Merry Maidens field at 3.53 miles.

Merry Maidens to Lamorna Cove - 1.37 miles

Go over crude stile into Merry Maidens field and uphill easy through circle on a clear path to a sheep stile in corner of field. *Note squat standing stone in field on L.* Cross the next field diagonally R (*telegraph pole on your R*) to crude stile to road. *At this point the Pipers and Boleigh Fogou Fogou detour begins.* Take the minor dead-end tarmac lane heading ENE, becomes downhill, passing Borah Chapel at New Town. *Note standing stone in garden on R just before this.* At Menwinnion, lane becomes bridleway track downhill fairly steeply through woods. At end go R on the road, passing Lamorna Wink Inn, to Lamorna Cove car park entrance at 4.90 miles.

Coastal Option - Coast Path to St. Loy's Cove, Inland to Boskenna Cross - adds 0.45 miles and 700 feet ascent

From car park at Lamorna Cove, take the clearly waymarked Coast Path west to St. Loy's Cove. Cross the beach on massive rounded sea-worn rocks and continue for a short distance on the Coast Path, crossing a small clapper bridge. Continue uphill then, with cottage on L, turn R on a path uphill through woods. After crossing a stream, take the R fork past White City Cottages to Boskenna Farm. Follow track bearing L then, when track bears L again, with Gwel-an-Mor on R, cross stile into field. Bear R to stile to next field and continue on same line to top R corner of field. Over a high stile (*inland route path from Boscawen Ros comes in on R*) to CP area by Boskenna Cross.

The Pipers and Boleigh Fogou Option - adds approximately 1.25 miles and 120 feet of ascent

From the exit from the field after the Merry Maidens, go R on road with care. The gate to the Pipers fields is on L after 585 yards. Southern Piper is in the first field. Northern Piper is in adjacent field. *These are on private land of Boleigh Farm, Tel: 01736 810305.* Follow the road past Boleigh Farm and after another 360 yards, go L downhill on the track to the last house, Rosemerryn Wood. Fogou is in the back garden. For permission to visit, contact Rob and Laura on 01736 810530, or email enquiries@rosemerrynwood.co.uk. Return on road to crude stile where you joined the road. *OS 102 shows a path cutting off the corner to the road you will next be taking but it no longer exists.* Go L on tarmac lane, rejoining the main route back to Lamorna Cove.

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.