

Coastal Round Walk 20 – Coverack, Porthoustock, St. Keverne 7.84 miles

Route Directions – Full GPS Version

Coverack to Godrevy Cove – along the coast – 3.03 miles

Start at Coverack Harbour at 784/182. Follow the road uphill to the bend at the donation CP on L at 760 yards. Follow the Coast Path sign on lane. Tarmac ends at 785/159 at 115 feet at 0.78 miles, track goes downhill. At 786/190 follow WM R on path, for beginning of the Coast Path proper. Path undulates to stile and 5 steps down at 792/192 at 65 feet. Now the only awkward section begins, with mud, stepping stones, rocks and several stiles, to a sheep stile at Lowland Point at 803/195 at 30 feet at 2.05 miles. You enter Dean Quarry land at 802/199 at 26 feet at 2.32 miles, where a path goes off L up to St. Keverne 2¼. Continue on good path and track through quarry, to leave it at 805/205 at 70 feet at 2.90 miles. The track becomes a steepish path, down to Godrevy Cove at 805/207 at sea level at 3.03 miles.

Godrevy Cove to Porthoustock – all inland – 1.12 miles

Cross back of beach on clear path. Ignore WM L (*marshy ground*), continue on path to hedge, path goes L, following hedge, to gap, FB over stream and 9 steps up to kissing gate to field. Uphill, following RH hedge through 2 fields, to track up to cattle stile, 4 steps up to kissing gate, and on up, through kissing gate into Rosenithon village. Follow the tarmac lane up to minor road. Go R on road, continue uphill, levels off to Coast Path WM on L. Detour for 100 yards to Giant's Quoits at 803/214 at 220 feet at 3.64 miles (*moved 1967 from Manacle Point when threatened by quarrying*). Return and R over cattle stile to field. Cross, angling R, to coffen stile to next field. Cross this, angling L, to WM and cattle stile. Cross next field downhill towards cottage, over crude stile to minor road. Go L on road, down steeply. At entrance to Dudman Group West of England Quarry (*still active, gabbro*) go R on road steeply downhill, levels out to Porthoustock to bridge over stream at 805/218 at sea level at 4.15 miles. (*Coast Path sign Porthallow 2*)

Porthoustock to St. Keverne - inland up the wooded valley – 1.09 miles

Follow Coast Path sign up road steeply, to RH bend. Follow coast path WM L past cottages, through a kissing gate, to WMs at 804/218 at 45 feet at 4.27 miles. Here Coast Path goes steeply up R but continue forward on path through light woodland and scrub, past stream and series of ponds on L. There is then a muddy bit with stepping stones, before you cross a rising coffen stile and a bridge over small stream, up to minor road near Trenoweth Mill at 800/219 at 90 feet at 4.49 miles. Go L on road down to LH bend at 70 feet. Go forward (*FP*) up path (*can be wet*) between hedges. Path divides at 798/218, cross stepped coffen stile on L, continue on woodland path, stream on L. The now wide well-made path turns L over a wooden lift stile and bridge over stream, continues up with stream on R. At 759/216 path officially goes L to stepping stones over stream, but go forward through gap into field and follow a reasonably clear path uphill through field heading for St. Keverne church spire. Path bears L to line of trees, follows trees on R and continues up between hedges to wooden stile and coffen stile. Cross track to coffen stile to field and follow LH hedge uphill. Halfway up, go L over coffen stile, follow RH hedge towards church. Through two kissing gates on to path through lower churchyard, high wall on L. Pass church on L at 790/212 at 295 feet, down 3 steps to the lych gate and down 8 more steps to The Square and Three Tuns pub in St. Keverne at 5.24 miles.

St. Keverne to Coverack - mostly across fields - 2.60 miles

Cross square obliquely to tarmac bridleway past playing field on L. Where lane turns R at 719/209 cross stile (*WM, FP Coverack*) to field. Follow LH hedge and over coffen stile to lane. Cross lane to coffen stile (*FP Coverack*). Cross field, up to 325 feet, on path to gap. Over cattle stile on to path to coffen stile at 791/203. Into field, follow LH hedge. Just before end, bear L on path, over cattle stile, ahead in 2nd field to join LH hedge. Follow hedge to cattle stile (*FP*) to gate to 3rd field. Cross to R of electricity pole then on to cattle stile to L of gate. Over coffen stile to lane at Trevalsoe. Follow lane to R bend. Forward (*WM*) down to bridge over stream at 245 feet. Up, over sheep stile, 50 yards then over 2nd sheep stile. Path now between hedges into yard by house at Boscarnon, keep house on R, continue on track. At RH bend, at 785/197 at 290 feet at 6.55 miles, over crude stile to field. Bear L, through gap, cross 2nd field to crude stile to 3rd field. Cross field, follow RH hedge through gap to R of gate. Along muddy track into field. Bear L to gate (*no WM*). Cross 2nd field to gate (*no WM*). Cross 3rd field, downhill towards the sea, to a gap between scrubby trees. Follow rocky path for short way into field. Bear R following WM and RH hedge to gap. Path muddy, through more scrubby trees, into a field. Path bears R across the field to deep mud tall sheep stile and wooden stile to field (*Coverack in view ahead*). Cross to LH corner to crude stile. Path continues downhill, a bit rocky and potentially muddy, through coppice woodland, more rocky, then descent now through scrub. After 5 steps down, path undulates through another potentially muddy area back into coppice. Over crude granite and wooden stile out of woodland onto narrow path and out onto track. R on track at 785/190 (*Coast path sign*) becomes tarmac lane. This leads to donation car park at 782/185 at 40 feet at 7.41 miles. Now follow road back to Coverack harbour at 7.84 miles.

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