

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

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

Coverack to Godrevy Cove – along the coast – 3.03 miles

Start at Coverack Harbour. Follow the road uphill to the bend at the donation CP on L. Follow the Coast Path sign on a lane. Where tarmac ends, track goes downhill. After a few yards follow WM R on path, for beginning of Coast Path proper. Path undulates to stile and 5 steps down. Now the only awkward part begins, with mud, stepping stones, rocks and several stiles, to a sheep stile at Lowland Point at 2.05 miles. Enter Dean Quarry land 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 2.90 miles. The track becomes a steepish path, down to Godrevy Cove 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 uphill, levels off to Coast Path WM on L. Detour for 100 yards to Giant's Quoits (*moved from Manacle Point when threatened by quarrying*). Return and go 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 West of England Quarry (*active, gabbro*) go R on road steeply downhill, levels out to Porthoustock to bridge over stream at 4.15 miles.

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 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. Now it is muddy with stepping stones, before a rising coffen stile and bridge over small stream, up to minor road near Trenoweth Mill at 4.49 miles. Go L on the road down to LH bend. Go forward (*FP*) up path (*can be wet*) between hedges. Where path divides, cross coffen stile on L, continue on woodland path, stream on L. Wide well-made path turns L over a wooden lift stile and bridge over stream, continues up with stream on R.

Where path officially goes L to stepping stones, go forward through gap to 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 and follow LH hedge uphill in field. Halfway up, L over coffen stile, follow RH hedge towards church. Through two kissing gates on to path through churchyard, high wall on L. Pass church on L 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, 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. 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 a 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 a 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 go over crude stile to field. Bear L, through gap, cross 2nd field to crude stile to 3rd field. Cross this 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.

Follow muddy path through more scrubby trees, into a field. Path bears R across field to deep mud by tall sheep stile and wooden stile into field (*Coverack in view ahead*). Cross to LH corner to crude stile. Path goes downhill, bit rocky, potentially muddy, through coppice woodland then 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 (*Coast path sign*) which becomes tarmac lane. This leads to donation car park at 7.41 miles. Follow road back to Coverack harbour at 7.84 miles.

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.