

Coastal Round Walk 24 – Roseland 2 – Porth Farm, Percuil, Portscatho 5.35 miles

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

Porth Farm to Percuil – 1.52 miles

Start from upper NT CP at Porth Farm. Go L on road, immediately L on lane, passing Porth Farm House on R. After 70 yards go R into a grassy CP and bear L on a path (*sign Place 2 miles*) downhill through trees. At FB on L, bear R to a gap and down 4 steps to the road at 244 yards. Go L on road down then up, passing Froe House at 512 yards. The road continues down to the head of Porth Creek at 678 yards and continues up steeply to Trewince Farm. Immediately after the Holiday Park entrance, on a R bend, at 180 feet at 0.74 miles, follow FP sign L for about 100 yards on concrete track. (0.79 miles)

Go R (*WM hard to spot*) on a grassy track downhill to a wooden lift stile (WM). Continue on grass down to a gate at 170 feet at 0.86 miles. Continue down, fairly steeply, through woodland on a narrow, sometimes rocky path. After you go down 5 steps it becomes steep. At the bottom, cross a stream to a grassy area, with house on R. Go L, passing lean-to on R, to a sheep stile by a gate to a field at 85 feet at 0.93 miles. Follow the FP sign (*not the WM*) R downhill along the bottom of the field to a wooden stile (*muddy*) at Pelyn Creek at sea level at 1.08 miles. (*View across Percuil River to St. Mawes*)

Follow WM post R for 50 yards, crossing small stream to NT Percuil sign and a hunting gate. Immediately, at fork, go L uphill easy in woodland, creek on L, to bench and gate to field at 1.23 miles. Follow the LH hedge downhill to a tight kissing gate, at 1.31 miles, and into woodland. Up easy to a gap and a step down to a lane at 1.42 miles. Go L on lane down to Percuil, passing CP on R, to the waterfront by a boatyard at 1.52 miles.

Percuil to Portscatho – 1.79 miles

Retrace your steps uphill and, after 140 yards, go L across bottom of the car park, past toilets on L, to a gap at NT sign (*Gerrans via Tregassick*), through trees to a hunting gate to a field at 1.63 miles. Follow LH fence, undulating to a gate at 1.76 miles. Continue down through woodland, to the Percuil River. The path undulates again to a fork at 1.99 miles. Bear L down to a kissing gate to a field, at 2.01 miles, and on down to another kissing gate at 2.08 miles. Now the path continues between thorny hedges to another kissing gate to a field at 2.09 miles. Follow the LH hedge to a gap at end of field at 2.24 miles.

Here the path forks (*FP R to Tregassick*), bear L in woodland, following a fingerpost (*Gerrans 1 mile*), uphill easy then down to a FB over a stream and a stile to a field at 2.30 miles. Follow LH hedge and river to hunting gate at Polingey Creek at 2.43 miles. Enter woodland, undulating up to 70 feet. (*Here a FP goes R to Tregassick*) Fork L (*Gerrans ½*). More undulation to a low stile at 2.62 miles, then up and down to a FB over a stream at 2.67 miles. Path now climbs steeply in woodland, slippery when wet, into a field, and on up to 70 feet opposite Polingey. The path now heads down through scrub to a wooden stile at 2.72 miles.

4 steps down then uphill in woodland on a sunken track (Well Lane). The going here can be muddy and awkward as the track becomes steepish. After about 250 yards, the track becomes properly made at 165 feet at 2.87 miles. Continue up on the track. At a T at 2.94 miles, where a FP goes L to Lanhay, go R on the track up to Churchtown Road in Gerrans, filling station to R, at 2.87 miles. Cross road diagonally R to a FP sign (*Portscatho*). Follow a tarmac path downhill, crossing two roads, finally down Heatherington's Ope, with first 11 then 5 steps down, to North Parade in Portscatho. Go R on the road and, at the Harbour Club, cross River Street (*toilets are down to your L*) to The Lugger (*Plume pub is to your R*) at 3.31 miles.

Portscatho to Porth Farm – on the Coast Path – 2.04 miles

Continue on the road above the harbour and bear R on to the Coast Path, then up 6 steps to gate (*or crude stile*) at 3.50 miles. Then immediately through another gate (*WM Path goes R here up to Treloan Lane CP*). The route from here is mainly along fields, with 3 more gates and a single stile. It undulates up to a maximum height of about 120 feet, soon before Greeb Point. When you see the NT Towan Beach sign there are just two more fields then you go R on a path between banks uphill. At the top, go L through a gap, through a cart entrance to a yard, through the barrier on the R to the road and cross this diagonally L to the Porth Farm upper CP at 5.35 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.