

Coastal Round Walk 26 – Porthluney Cove, Dodman, Penare, Treveor 6.04 miles

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

(a) Porthluney Cove to Hemmick Beach – 1.75 miles

Start at the entrance to the car park. Go R on road for 80 yards, then R through a kissing gate to a field. Climb fairly steeply, first in field then in woodland, with 131 steps up into the open at 210 feet. (*Views ahead to the Dodman*) Path now undulates at around 200 feet then drops down to 95 feet and climbs again fairly steeply up to Greeb Point at 0.95 miles. More undulation brings you to a kissing gate at 1.10 miles, with a view ahead to Hemmick Beach. Going is now fairly easy, mostly on grass, down to a kissing gate at 70 feet at 1.70 miles. There is then a steep but easy descent, with 41 steps down to a ford at Hemmick Beach at 1.75 miles.

(b) Hemmick Beach to Penare – 1.87 miles

Cross the ford and follow the road uphill for about 100 yards. At a L bend go R on the coast path, and 16 steps up to a gate to a field. A fairly steep climb now takes you up to about 200 feet before undulating, sometimes steeply, to reach a gate on your L at 320 feet at 2.44 miles. *Here a FP goes L to Penare 1 mile along the western line of the Balk.* Coast Path continues, undulating easily up to a WM at Dodman Point at 370 feet. Go R for a few yards to the Dodman Stone Cross at 2.76 miles. (*Views W along a series of bays to The Lizard, E along the coast to Rame Head and Devon*)

Return to the WM and continue on coast path to a FP finger post (*FP Penare 1/3 mile*) at 3.27 miles. Here you leave the Coast Path and go L uphill on a path (*eastern section of The Balk*) between hedges, to a gate (*finger post L Dodman, R Penare*) at 315 feet at 3.33 miles. Go R for 15 yards to a gate to a sometimes muddy track (*views L along bays to The Lizard*) up then down easy between high hedges to a kissing gate to Penare hamlet. Continue to the junction by Lower Penare Farmhouse at 235 feet at 3.62 miles.

(c) Penare to Porthluney Cove – 2.42 miles

Go forward, passing Lower Penare Farmhouse (NT) and an NT car park. Shortly after the car park, go L steeply up 10 steps to a gate to a field. (*This is NT recommended route, following RH fence, but can be very muddy, so it may well be better, except if the lane is busy with traffic, to follow the lane down to Hemmick Beach*) The NT route undulates, then descends fairly steep to a gate and 16 steps down to the road. L on road down to ford at Hemmick Beach at 4.00 miles.

Cross the ford and continue uphill steeply on the lane to Boswinger for about 100 yards to a L bend. Go R, 5 steps up, 3 steps down, to a kissing gate (*FP Boswinger*) to a field. Ignore WM direction and go half L, roughly NNE, uphill quite steeply to 2 steps up to a kissing gate to the next field. Continue up steeply NE to a kissing gate to the road in the top L corner of the field at 4.28 miles. Go R on the road, uphill steeply, into Boswinger.

After passing a Youth Hostel on R, the lane bears R and L uphill through the village to a T at the Gorran to Caerhays road, by Seaview holiday park, at 4.59 miles. Go L on the road uphill for 175 yards up to 330 feet at 4.69 miles. Go R (*FP sign*) over an awkward crude stile to a field. Follow LH hedge up to an awkward narrow crude stile to next field at 345 feet at 4.77 miles. Follow the RH hedge downhill to a gap to the next field. Follow track between hedges down to 280 feet. It may then be muddy up to a lane at Treveor at 300 feet at 5.05 miles.

Go L on lane downhill for 300 yards to R bend. Go L (*FP Tregavarras 1/4*) over a cattle stile to a field. Go downhill roughly S, heading to L of cottages, to a FB over a stream and a cattle stile at 5.32 miles. Here it is very muddy, with stepping stones over a stream, into a field. Follow RH fence and hedge up to a cattle stile by a gate to a track at 5.37 miles. Continue on the track, passing Tregavarras Row cottages, to lane at a FP sign at 5.46 miles. Go L on lane uphill, through Tregavarras to a L bend at 5.64 miles. A track goes forward but go R on another track for 40 yards to a kissing gate (WM) to a field at 205 feet at 5.66 miles. Head just S of W, just to L of Caerhays Castle in view ahead, downhill fairly steeply, past a fallen standing stone, to a kissing gate to the road. Go L on road to the Porthluney Cove car park entrance at 6.04 miles.

The Link with Round Walk 26

After Dodman Point, when you reach the FP fingerpost at 3.27 miles, continue with section (b) of Round Walk 27 to Gorran Haven, then section (c) of the same walk to Penare. Continue with section (c) of this walk, back to Porthluney Cove. The total distance is about 9.50 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.