Coastal Round Walk 27 – Penare, Dodman, Gorran Haven, Penare 4.71 miles Route Directions – Non GPS Version

(a) Penare to Dodman Point - 1.04 miles

Start from the National Trust CP entrance. Go forward on the lane, passing Lower Penare Farm on L, to a fingerpost (FP Dodman Point ¾), through a kissing gate (or open gate), uphill on a potentially muddy track to a gate at 553 yards. In a few yards ignore a gate on L (along the eastern Balk, direct to coast path). Follow track along the western Balk to a fork at 602 yards. Here you should fork R along the western Balk, between hedges, grassy, to the Coast Path NW of Dodman Point but, after 100 yards, you may find deep water, making track impassable except in wellingtons. If so, fork L uphill between hedges to a wooden stile to a field (Open Access) at 700 yards. Follow RH hedge to a gap on R at 370 feet at 790 yards. Bear slightly R across field to a gate at 0.53 miles. R for 20 yards to another gate and follow the path down for 25 yards then go L along the western Balk path, massive rampart on L, to a gate to the Coast Path at 325 feet at 0.70 miles. (NT Dodman sign) (Coast Path sign Dodman ¼) Go L on Coast Path (Dodman Stone Cross now visible ahead) undulating to a WM on Dodman Point at 1.02 miles. Go R for a few yards to the Stone Cross at 375 feet at 1.04 miles. Great long views W to Lizard, E to Rame Head and Devon.

(b) Dodman Point to Gorran Haven harbour- 2.38 miles

Return to the WM and continue on the Coast Path. From a field entered at 1.26 miles long E views include Bow (or Vault) Beach. After a second kissing gate you find a finger post (*Vault Beach 1¹/₄*, *Gorran Haven 1³/₄*). Here a FP goes L up the eastern Balk and back to Penare. At the end of the NT's Dodman Estate at 1.90 miles, a path goes L up to the lane to Lamledra. You enter the NT's Lamledra Estate at 2.35 miles. After heading downhill you come to a kissing gate at 2.73 miles. Here the first of 2 paths goes R downhill to Vault Beach. The second is at a WM at 2.81 miles. The coast path undulates to Pen-a-Maen Point at 70 feet at 3.03 miles, where Gorran Haven comes into view. Eventually, at the back of Gorran Haven harbour, at 3.39 miles, you should go R down a slipway between Watch House and Cellars to the beach then L along the beach to the seasonal Mermaid snack shack at 3.42 miles.

(c) Gorran Haven harbour to Penare – 1.29 miles

Go L and take the middle of 3 roads uphill, passing PO and Stores on R and Toilets and Phone Box on L, then Car Park on R at 01094/41527. Pass Lamledra Hill on L at 3.61 miles. Continue uphill for about 250 yards and at a R bend, at 110 feet at 3.73 miles, go L (*FP sign*) on a track. Shortly, follow a WM bearing slightly R and immediately bear L on a path for 20 yards to a gate (WM) at 3.79 miles. The path climbs easily through woodland to some stepping stones over a stream and a gate and into the open. Continue uphill fairly steeply, at first over stepping stones over wet ground, up to a gate at 280 feet at 4.09 miles. Follow a path to Treveague, this continues as a track round the back of a house, passing holiday cottages, and through an open gate to a lane at 4.14 miles.

Go R on the tarmac lane uphill for 60 yards to 290 feet at 4.18 miles. Go L through gate (*FP Penare* ½) and follow a track, roughly SE, through the camp site. (*Views begin to open out over coast to W*) Go though a gate (*FP sign*) at 4.27 miles. Continue uphill on a grassy track to the next gate at 335 feet at 4.34 miles. Here, ignore the stile on your L, and continue uphill on the grassy track up to 350 feet and down to a gate to a lane at 4.48 miles. Go forward downhill on the lane into Penare and go R at Lower Penare Farm House back to the NT car park at 4.71 miles.

The Link with Round Walk 26

On your return to Penare, follow section (c) of Round Walk 26 to Porthluney Cove then sections (a) and (b) of Round Walk 26. You can either follow the full route of section (b) for a total walk of 10.75 miles or, on reaching Hemmick Beach, return to Penare on the field path or lane for a total walk of approximately 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.