
Route Directions

St. Mawes to leaving the Percuil River – 1.43 miles

Start from The Quay, opposite the St. Mawes Hotel at 84728/33027.

Follow the road round the harbour, past the Idle Rocks hotel and continue on Tredenham Road gently uphill to a lane on your R at 0.61 miles, signed Polvarth Boatyard. Go R (FP) down the lane to just before Polvarth Boatyard. Go L up 5 steps (*FP Percuil Creek*) and take a grassy path which follows the W bank of the Percuil River. At 0.72 miles, views open out across the river. When you come to the track to Freshwater Boatyard, go R (FP) on it towards the boatyard for a few yards. **(0.82 miles)**

Just before boatyard, at 0.82 miles go L (*sign FP by permission*) round the back of a shed then go L (*sign FP Percuil Creek*) to follow the river again. At 1.87 miles the path becomes wooded uphill, with intermittent views to North Hill Point, Porth Creek and Quay Cottage across the river. Occasionally you will see steps on your R down to the foreshore, ignore them. Continue up to a wooden stile (FP) at 1.12 miles. The path continues uphill and enters a field at 1.16 miles. Cross the field on an obvious swathe to a WM post by a large oak tree. **(1.23 miles)**

The path enters woodland and continues uphill to a WM post at about 100 feet at 1.24 miles. *Beware, someone may have turned the WM post so the WMs may point in wrong directions.* Whatever the WMs suggest, here take the R fork downhill steeply through mixed broadleaf woodland. *The path here can be slippery but there is a handrail.* At a fork at 1.28 miles, bear L uphill fairly steeply to a missing stile at 1.29 miles. The woodland ends at 1.32 miles and you enter field and bear R downhill following the line of the river again. At 1.36 miles the path re-enters the woodland and you come down to a tiny creek below Bosloggas. **(1.43 miles)**

Percuil River to St. Just – 1.58 miles

The path turns L uphill in woodland. After about 50 yards follow a WM R downhill, *muddy here*, bearing R with 4 steps down to a wooden stile at the head of a tiny creek at 1.47 miles. A narrow raised path continues roughly W up the valley in woodland, *beware barbed wire fences*, becoming fairly steep in places and muddy some of the time. Shortly you come to a wooden FB and 11 steps up. The path continues up, passing a couple of fields on the R. You soon reach Bosloggas on your R at 1.58 miles. Here there are 6 steps up then the climb eases. At 1.68 miles, it becomes steep again, bearing R up to a wooden stile. **(1.69 miles)**

Cross the stile and go L on a track (*this is the drive to Bosloggas which is to your R*) gently uphill and through a wooden gate at 1.76 miles. The track continues, winding round, passing a couple of houses, to a wooden gate at 2.86 miles (*WM post*). You then pass nice collection of converted barns on your R at Nanshuttal. Bear R at Voskelly farmhouse, the track becomes concrete. Soon you pass between gateposts and continue up to the A3078 Tregony to St. Mawes road at 275 feet at 1.96 miles. Halwartha Garage is across the road to the L, a Water Tower is across road to the R. Go R on road for 60 yards and cross just after the water tower to a wooden stile to a field (*NT Tregear Veian estate*). **(2.00 miles)**

At this point a track goes L down to Newton Cliff. If you wanted a shorter walk, you could take this track and path and pick up the route back to St. Mawes at the beginning of the NT Newton Cliff estate.

Views gradually open up L across to Mylor and then to Falmouth and to Restronguet. The path follows the line of the road along the RH hedge through six fields to a wooden stile to a track at 2.54 miles, at the end of the Tregear Veian estate (*sign FP St. Just ½ mile not immediately obvious*). Go L on the grassy track downhill between wooded hedges through the NT Churchtown Farm estate. After a wooden stile at 2.62 miles, the track enters a field at 2.67 miles. Continue downhill along the LH hedge, then between hedges. At a WM at 2.83 miles, continue on what is now a path between wooded hedges down to a hybrid stile and on 20 yards down to a drive to Churchtown Farm on your L with Churchtown Mill on your R at 3.89 miles. Cross the drive (WM) and continue on a narrow path which jinks L/R at a WM. After 7 steps down, the path becomes steepish, with 16 more steps down into the hydrangea extension of St. Just Churchyard garden. Bear L (WM) and down 7 steps to a lane. Go L on the lane (*note toilets across the lane on R*) for 20 yards. Go R through the upper lych gate of St. Just church at 2.94 miles, down 7 steps into the churchyard and continue down steeply to the church on your R. **(3.01 miles)**

St. Just to St. Mawes – 2.76 miles

From the church, follow a wooded path round the W side of the creek. Leave the churchyard through a gate at 3.05 miles, and follow a path to Pasco’s boatyard at 3.15 miles. Go round the boatyard to the lane that goes uphill to the church. As the lane bears L at 3.21 miles, go R (*FP St. Mawes 2*) on a lane between houses, which becomes a track. At a sign ‘*entrance to Carrick Water*’ go L through a wooden gate (*FP St. Mawes 2*) into a field (*NT Churchtown Farm estate*). **(3.27 miles)**

Views along this stretch are first across the water to Mylor, then to Pendennis Castle and later to Falmouth Docks. Go R in the field, following a waymark. You pass through sixteen fields – with an assortment of stiles, gates and a FB – on your way to the lane that leads up to St. Mawes Castle. Directions, with one small exception, are quite unnecessary. The exception is at the end of the third field where the path forks. The R fork goes nowhere so keep L to a pair of wooden gates. At 5.01 miles you come to a wooden gate to a lane that leads uphill to St. Mawes Castle. Follow this up to the road and go R downhill on Lower Castle Road and Marine Parade back to The Quay at St. Mawes harbour. **(5.77 miles)**