

Walks Inland

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Start from Devoran village hall at 79413/39054. Car parking adjacent.

Devoran Village Hall to Chy Worval drive – 1.01 miles

Head east along Quay Road and, after 350 yards, where the road bears L uphill, there is a wooden sign, at 79716/38990, pointing ahead FP, tidal link to Point, and L cycle route to Point. Depending on tide and foreshore state, the route could be ahead on the FP and along the foreshore, or L on the lane towards Point. Since this walk is intended to be as much about interest as about route, you should bear slightly R, FP Devoran Quay, on grass. You will pass a small (often dry) small boat harbour on your R and parked up small boats on your L. A succession of roofless stone buildings on your L are the former “ore hutches” where copper ore was stored ready for shipment to Swansea for smelting, now they are in use as small boat shelters. Beyond these continue to the very end of the grassy quay for views down Restronguet Creek to Point and beyond. **(0.40 miles)**

Turn back and follow the R quay edge to scrubby shrubbery and bear R onto the foreshore, following it round R, past a bench, and then L. Here you will come to a cross path at 0.49 miles. *If you are taking the foreshore footpath route, along mud and stepping stones, to the Carnon Mine remains at the far end of Tallack’s Creek, go R here to follow path via stepping stones, exposed some of the time.* These route directions, however, take you L here back towards Devoran and, at 0.52 miles, with an ivy clad ruin in front of you, bear slightly L into scrubby woodland. Follow path, passing a ruined building on your L, to join a track at 0.59 miles and following it back to the wooden signpost. **(0.62 miles)**

Go R on road uphill for about 50 yards and at the T go R towards Point. *Take some care on this road; although going nowhere of great significance it can be relatively busy.* At 0.75 miles you pass on your R white painted Narabo Creek Cottage, must have great creek views. At 0.83 miles you can avoid a little bit of lane by bearing R on grass passing a couple of benches (creek views), returning to the lane after about 75 yards. Continue on the lane, now circumnavigating Tallack’s Creek. At 0.92 miles, by the entrance to Narabo Vale and Brook Cottage, note a narrow FP going up steeply L between hedges towards Higher Devoran. Continue round with the creek on the R and at 80187/39012, with a plant stall and drive to Chy Worval on your L, you come to a FP sign on your R. **(1.01 miles)**

Detour to Carnon Mine

If you would like to see the remains of Carnon Mine, a collection of old rudders, boats on the foreshore, and good creek views, you could continue along the lane for about 200 yards until you reach FP signs on R at 80292/38843. The mine remains and rudders are to your R. To continue, now cross the lane and follow FP sign uphill to rejoin the main route at 80346/39005, there going forward through a galvanised gate and R through a wooden gate into a field.

Chy Worval Drive to Penpol Bridge – 0.97 miles

Go L up Chy Worval’s drive and, immediately after cottage on R, go R (WM) through an iron gate on to a fairly narrow grassy, but often muddy, path uphill. At a WM post at 80346/39005 at 1.28 miles (*here path from Carnon Mine comes in on R*) go L through a galvanised gate and then R through a wooden gate to follow a path below (probably) wired-off pasture. Follow RH hedge up to about 130 feet then down again gently and through an iron gate at 1.38 miles to follow a sometimes muddy track, bending L and R, downhill gently to a lane at 1.48 miles. Lane goes L uphill but ignore it and continue forward, downhill. After a few more yards, by Chycoose Barn, a lane goes down R; ignore it and continue forward up on a partly tarmac track. Pass FP down on R at 1.51 miles, heading down to the road to Point. **(1.51 miles)**

Continue up, passing Natrissick Farm on L. At the fork here, bear very slightly R on a potentially muddy wide track between hedges, with the backs of houses to R. Continue up to 150 feet at 1.67 miles and then gently downhill to a lane at 1.72 miles. Cross this following bridgeway sign and follow a tarmac track between houses to a junction at 1.78 miles at 81112/38935. R heads downhill towards Point but bear L, leaving Midslopes House to your R, to follow a wide well-made track gently downhill, houses to L and R, to a T with Penpol Hill at 1.88 miles. Here go R downhill, passing an attractive thatched cottage towards the bottom, and passing Penpol Farm on L and white-painted Bridge Cottage on R at bottom. Go over bridge to a T with the road from Point to Goonpiper at 81331/39138. **(1.98 miles)**

Penpol Bridge to Come-to-Good Friends Meeting House – 0.72 miles

Go L uphill on the road, passing almost immediately on L a small pull-in with room for 3 or 4 cars. At 2.03 miles pass on your R Mill Ridge and a footpath to Goonpiper. Pass Little Piper on L and at Pipers Barn on L at 39493/81354 at 2.20 miles, where hill bears up R, go forward uphill, following FP sign on a wide well-made track, wooded hedge on R, hedge and woodland on L. Hill eases off at 2.16 miles and at 2.32 miles, opposite white-painted Grass Vale cottage, you pass a WM pointing left down into valley (FP to Lower Tresithick). Go through an open galvanised gate at 2.35 miles. Pass the entrance to Point Clear on R at 2.40 miles and continue forward, house on your R, stables on your L, to a small wooden gate (WM) to woodland at a little over 100 feet. **(2.42 miles)**

Follow WM on path downhill for about 50 yards to a wooden stile. Continue forward and up for few yards and into the lower side of a field and on to a fairly high wooden stile (WM) at 2.51 miles and in to light woodland. Continue for 50 yards or so to a wood and wire gate to a field at 2.54 miles. Follow WM along RH hedge uphill to a wooden gate (WM) at 2.57 miles to a second field. Follow the WM L to the far corner of this field to a wood and wire gate at 2.65 miles at 160 feet to the road from King Harry Ferry to Carnon Downs. Go L on the road downhill to Come-to-Good Farm on L and the Friends Meeting House (well worth a visit) opposite on R, entrance at 81295/40311. **(2.70 miles)**

Come-to-Good Friends Meeting House to Carnon Downs – 0.73 miles

Continue on road downhill to about 140 feet at 2.76 miles. Road then climbs, fairly steeply to begin with, much of the way to Carnon Downs. *Take care as this can be a fairly busy road.* At 2.94 miles pass Truro College Tregye entrance and Tregye Farmhouse on L. Here a bridleway goes L (WM) past farm to Lower Tresithick and Penpol and FP goes R through iron gate to Kiligannon. Steepness eases and pass Tregye House on L as road bears round R. Carnon Downs begins at 3.16 miles and you are up to 360 feet at 3.20 miles. *From here it is downhill most of the rest of the way.* At the crossroads with Gig Lane and Point Road at 3.27 miles at 80286/40334 go straight across on to Tregye Road. Cross bridge over Carnon by-pass at 3.34 miles. At the end of the road you come to the old main road through Carnon Downs at 80025/40388. **(3.43 miles)**

Carnon Downs back to Devoran village hall – 1.21 miles

Here there are two FP signs pointing L. Ignore the first, pointing to the village hall and follow the second on a fairly narrow path, leaving the village hall on L, between wooded hedges downhill. At 3.59 miles at 79977/40177 you come to a lane. R goes into houses. Go L over a footbridge over Carnon by-pass following bridleway sign. Once across the bridge go through an open wooden gate, ignoring FPs to L and R, and continue on a well made track (signed bridleway, Tallack's Creek 1 mile) more-or-less due S. At Higher Devoran the track goes R and L round the farmhouse, continues S between high hedges, fields to L and R. **(3.74 miles)**

At 3.93 miles note the fine view half L down to where Restronguet Creek joins Carrick Roads. At 79959/83587 at 3.98 miles the bridleway continues straight ahead through a galvanised gate and into a field. Ignore it and follow the track R, with a high hedge on R and a large open field on L, gently uphill. At 4.04 miles pass a bench on R in memory of Una Langdon. The track continues downhill again and turns L towards Middle Devoran. Do not follow it but bear L (FP) at 4.10 miles at 79766/88514 over a slightly awkward granite stile into a field. Follow the RH hedge and at its end at 4.16 miles cross a muddy farm area with barns on L, Middle Devoran farmhouse to R, and follow the RH hedge to an (open) galvanised gate to a second field. Continue along the RH hedge to a small wooden gate at 4.33 miles. Go L on a path, first between hedges, then between hedge on L and pig field on R, to a wooden stile at 4.40 miles. Go R on a well made track downhill; this becomes a tarmac lane, passing houses, to St. John's Terrace, opposite Devoran church, at 4.51 miles. Cross and go down Market Street; at the bottom go L to the village hall. **(4.64 miles)**