

Walks Inland

Lanner Hill Reservoir, Tresavean Trail, Lanner, Carn Marth **3.13 miles or 4.31 miles** **Page 1**

Start from the small car park on the Redruth & Chacewater Mining Trail by Lanner Hill Reservoir

Lanner Hill Reservoir to Fern Cottage, Rough Street – 0.67 miles

Start from the Lanner Hill Reservoir car park on the Redruth and Chacewater Mining Trail at 70860/40263 at 610 feet. Go L downhill on Tram Cross Lane towards the Lanner to Redruth road, leaving the dome of the covered reservoir to your R. After 190 yards, immediately after a primrose yellow B&B on the L, go R on a well made track following a Mining Trail direction sign for the Tresavean Trail. After another 110 yards, with a white painted community hall on your L, cross the lane by which you probably approached the car park and continue roughly SE, passing on your R a Tresavean Trail storyboard. After a while the trail bears SSE.

***Tresavean Trail Storyboard:** “This section of the Tresavean branch of the Hayle Railway was entirely horse-drawn, transporting coal to and copper ore from Tresavean Mine. It closed in 1936 and the rails were removed but a short replica has been laid by the Cornwall Railway Society at the far end of the trail”*

Views NE are to Penance Consols engine house and Carn Marth and E over Lanner to the Gwennap area. At about 600 yards pass on your R steps down to a track that leads E to Lanner Green. At 725 yards pass on L a granite bench with long views east. At 0.50 miles pass a bench on R, again with good views. At 0.55 miles, note on hillock ahead L the capped shaft of Bellvean Mine, at which point you enter a wooded cutting. The cutting ends at 0.67 miles and you immediately pass, below on your R, Fern Cottage. Here you cross a bridge over Rough Street which leads into Lanner; on your R a V-stile and steps lead down to that road. **(0.67 miles)**

Fern Cottage to the Redruth to Falmouth road in Lanner – 0.90 miles

As you continue the track bears E. At 0.86 miles pass another bench on R, again with long views. At 0.93 miles pass on your R another Tresavean Trail storyboard and a path on L (WM) leading steeply down through fields to Lannarth Farm and Lanner. Almost immediately, at 0.95 miles you cross Chapel Hill which leads L down into Lanner. At 1.06 miles the track becomes more like a well-made path between hedges. Looking to your L you can see Chiverton Wind Farm (help!). Continue, passing an industrial looking site on your L to the end of the former railway. At 1.13 miles is a line of granite setts and then at 1.17 miles on your L there is a replica of a section of railway on granite setts. On your R at 1.18 miles is a granite plaque reading “*Tresavean Branch of the Hayle Railway 1838 – 1936. This representation of granite setts and rails was relaid in 1999 by Cornwall Railway Society*” **(1.18 miles)**

The trail ends here and a track heads up R towards High Tretharrup. Ignore it and go L here and immediately L again on a cross track, stony in places, muddy in places, heading NW towards Lanner. Views ahead are to Carn Marth and Penance Consols. At 1.34 miles pass on your R large barns and stacks of silage bales. Immediately after, at 1.36 miles, you come to Chapel Hill and turn R downhill on this lane into Lanner, passing mostly bungalows on L and R. A little way down ignore FP on R leading to Tresavean Farm. By now Chapel Hill has become Bell Lane. At 1.57 miles you reach a T with the Falmouth to Redruth road in Lanner, at around 380 feet. **(1.57 miles)**

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Lanner to Carn Marth Summit – 0.77 miles

From here it is uphill all the way to the summit of Carn Marth. Go R on the footway for about 25 yards and, at a bus shelter and phone box, cross the road and follow a FP sign (*last sign before the summit of Carn Marth*) uphill between houses. After a few yards on tarmac bear R on a narrow path between walls. After another 25 yards go down 2 steps to a tarmac path initially between high wooded hedges, then with wire fence to your R. At a T at 1.65 miles go R on the footway beside a track, passing a row of garages to your R, to a road at 1.68 miles. Go L on the road uphill for 20 yards and go R on Pennance Terrace for another 20 yards to a dead end sign. At 1.70 miles go L on a broad well-made track pointing to Pennance Farm, passing immediately on your R attractive Rowan Cottage, with an old LNER railway sign on the gate “*Any person who omits to shut and fasten this gate is liable to a penalty not exceeding 40 shillings*” (£2). A few yards on uphill, where the track begins to bear round R, at 1.72 miles at 71868/40157, bear L up a FP between high wooded hedges. **(1.72 miles)**

Surprisingly you cross a low granite cattle stile on the way uphill. At 1.80 miles the path does a sharp R and continues level, hedge on L, wire fence & scrub on R. You pass houses on your L and to your R look down over Lanner. At 1.83 miles take 4 large granite steps down and continue, walls to L & R, to a T with a concrete track at 1.89 miles. Go L up the track, passing more houses, to a T with a road at 1.92 miles at 71936/40456. Cross the road; here the concrete track continues for about 20 yards, then becomes a narrowish path between high hedges uphill. Continue up to a cross track (the Redruth & Chacewater Mining Trail) at 1.99 miles. Go L, following a Mining Trail sign, for about 70 yards, to a WM post at 71889/40618 at 2.03 miles at 585 feet. Ahead is signed Mining Trail. Go R on a stony bridleway (WM) uphill, muddy in places, up to a cross track (*Oliver’s Redruth & Chacewater Walker’s Route*), at 71916/40689 at 2.20 miles opposite a ruined building. R heads to Carharrack, forward to Busveal and Gwennap Pit. Go L on the well-made track, passing several boundary stones to the R, still uphill towards summit of Carn Marth. At 2.27 miles, a path comes in on your L through tall granite pillars. Continue up to Carn Marth summit at 71695/40850 at 765 feet. **(2.34 miles)**

On your R is a bridleway WM post. Forward heads for Myrtle Farm (on an alternative route described). Your route follows the L WM to return to the Lanner Reservoir car park. But first take a look around you. Ahead is a water-filled quarry, a lovely blue in the sun. To your L is a viewpoint with a toposcope at 770 feet. Views are tremendous: to the north the sea and St. Agnes Beacon, to the north-east Chiverton Wind Farm and Clay Country, to the east-north-east the Wheal Maid Valley, to the south-east the sea and Pendennis Point at Falmouth, to the south-west Stithians Lake. To the west Carn Brea does not appear until you head down the hill.

Carn Marth Summit back to Lanner Hill Reservoir – 0.79 miles

Bear L and R on a well made but stony track heading downhill, leaving the quarry pool on your R. At 71518/40657 at 2.53 miles pass on your R the entrance to Carn Marth Amphitheatre and then a Carn Marth storyboard. As the track bears round L at 2.58 miles, Carn Brea Castle and the Bassett Monument come into view. At 2.67 miles you come to a T with the official Redruth & Chacewater Mining Trail. Go R on it, immediately passing on your L the Baronet’s Shaft engine house of Pennance Consols Mine. (*The shaft was sunk in 1866 and was originally known as Wheal Amelia, producing both tin & copper*) At 2.73 miles pass Pennance Consols Count House, now a private home. At 2.78 miles at a fork, ignore the bridleway straight ahead and continue, bearing L, passing several more houses on L, down to the Falmouth to Lanner road at 2.94 miles at 590 feet. Cross to Tram Cross Lane and follow it gently uphill back to the car park **(3.13 miles)**

There is an alternative longer route back from the summit of Carn Marth, making a total distance of 4.31 miles. This route is described on page 3.

The alternative longer route down from Carn Marth

Carn Marth by the water-filled quarry to Old Sandy Lane, Redruth – 0.72 miles

From the WM post follow the blue bridleway WM forward, with the water-filled quarry on your L. It starts as a rough rocky track and continues rough and stony much of the way down to the Redruth road. After 200 yards you come to a trig point on your L at 71519/40849 at 800 feet. From here there are panoramic views, similar to above but including Carn Brea and Carnmenellis (*transmitter mast*). Continue, now downhill, passing another quarry on your R and now beginning to get views over Redruth and Camborne. A few yards after the quarry appears ignore a grassy path goes off through the furze to your L (*comes out just beyond Carn Marth Farm*). At 2.49 miles the bridleway becomes little more than a rocky path, hedge on L, quarry fence on R. At 2.54 miles, the fence finishes and the path is now sunken between a hedge on the L, a bank on the R. At 2.57 miles, the path splits to rejoin after about 70 yards. (*kissing gate on R leads to the quarry*) Continue down narrow stony path, hedge on L, fields on R, down to a track at 2.65 miles. Leave house entrance to L and follow blue bridleway WM R down a wide rough track between high hedges. At 71296/41144 you come to a lane. **(2.70 miles)**

R goes to Chalanders and Myrtle Farm but go L on lane, with covered reservoir on your L, for about 50 yards to a track on L, signed FP. Go L on the wide fairly well-made track between hedges, with the reservoir on your L. Briefly gently uphill for a while, with view ahead of Carnmenellis TV mast, half R Carn Brea with Basset Monument and Castle. Pass Carn Marth Farm on your L at 2.80 miles. At 2.84 miles, with Carn Brea directly ahead, at WM post ignore FP L and take bridleway half L, really only a rocky, muddy path downhill between high hedges. At around 2.90 miles mud eases. Pass a garage on R, continue 20 yards to a WM post at 2.99 miles at a cross track. Ignore the bridleway L and continue forward downhill on FP, still heading towards Carn Brea, on a fairly narrow sunken path between hedges. At 3.06 miles the FP ends at Old Sandy Lane. **(3.06 miles)**

Old Sandy Lane back to Lanner Hill car park – 1.25 miles

Theoretically the FP goes forward through a hedgerow and down a bank to the Lanner to Scorrier road. But better to go L on the lane to the road at 3.11 miles, then go R on the footway for short distance and at 3.14 miles cross the road and go forward on The Paddocks. At T at the bottom of the slope at 3.19 miles cross and continue forward on a tarmac FP, initially between fences. At the end of the path, at the Lanner to Redruth road, at 3.27 miles, cross the road and go L on the footway for about 50 yards and at 3.31 miles go R into Wheal Trefusis, leading to Clijah Croft (there is no sign of a mine here but note, almost immediately on your L, an iron sculpture of mine names). **(3.31 miles)**

At 3.39 miles you enter Clijah Croft, now the Redruth FC football ground. Pass the clubhouse on your L and continue round the perimeter of the pitches to go through a gap to a level field. Follow the LH edge of this field round to a gap at 3.61 miles. Go L on a grassy track uphill to a galvanised gate at 3.63 miles, with on your R a cream painted house and wooden sheds. On 10 yards to go L (FP sign in trees on your R) on a concrete track and through an open gate (driveway to Clijah Farm). Follow the track (*Carn Marth and Pennance Consols engine house in view ahead*) to just before Clijah farmhouse on your R and forward (bridleway WM) through (or round) a galvanised gate to a field at 3.73 miles. Follow RH hedge and at 3.78 miles, with a dilapidated farm building to your R, join a track which bears R and L into a field. Follow the RH hedge towards the masts of Lanner Hill radio station, gently uphill, along a sometimes very muddy track through three fields. At the end of the third field go through a gap at 4.04 miles to follow a wide muddy track between scrub (former R&C railway). At the end, at 4.18 miles, yellow Old Railway Yard B&B on R, go R on Tram Cross Lane (Bownder Dreusfa Tramow), leaving domed reservoir to L, back up to CP. **(4.31 miles)**
