

Stage 6 On the Tinnerns Way Towednack to St. Ives 3.29 miles

Useful Information

Parking: Towednack Church. Several CPs in St. Ives, Smeaton's Pier, Porthgwidden and Barnoon most convenient.

Intermediate Parking: Not applicable.

Getting There: From A30, take A3074 St. Ives for short distance, then Zennor signs to B3311, then L/R Towednack.

Transport: First Bus 300 runs between St. Ives and Towednack Turn, summer only.

Refreshments: Ample in St. Ives.

Toilets: In car park at Towednack Church. Many in St. Ives.

Route Directions

Start from Towednack Church at 48686/38068.

Go forward on the drive to a road. *Here you could go R on the road and take a field path on L to Two Coast Cottage to rejoin the route, but Towednack Lane is the Old St. Ives Road.* Go L on the road, passing on your L the Old Vicarage, Trendrine Hill in view forwards, to the first turning on the R. Here go R on Towednack Lane, uphill easy, passing on R Breja Farmhouse. *As you climb, views open out forward to Godrevy Light, ½ R to Halsetown and Knill's Monument, hard R to Cripplesease engine house and Trink Hill.* Continue up and a FP goes L up Rosewall Hill (**0.57 miles**) *If you are doing this as a separate stage, rather than adding it to Stage 5, you may like to go L here to climb Rosewall Hill, head R to Consols mine chimneys, and return to the route at 49760/39063, opposite Lower Bussow.*

Continue to the top of the hill then down, passing Bussow Venton Farm and Two Coasts Cottage on L and a derelict engine house below R at Higher Bussow Farm. *Here a path goes R to Cripplesease engine house and Trink Hill.* Pass a drive on your R to Higher Bussow Farm and Mount Pleasant Farm on your L and, opposite Merrythought Cottages, by a track to Bussow Farm, note a 'stone circle' in field and a Culverhouse (dovecot) in the third field down R. On the way down, you see Bussow Reservoir forward R, Consols ahead. *The lane steepens and, at 1.03 miles, a FP comes down on the L from Rosewall Hill. 100 yards later, another path goes L, along the eastern foot of Rosewall Hill, up to the St. Ives to St. Just road.* Continue down and at 1.25 miles the hill eases off. *After another short climb you can see on the horizon to your L, a tall mine chimney near Folly Farm.* You soon pass bungalows on your L, and continue to the Penzance road at Consols. Go L on the road, passing Hellesveor Methodist Chapel and an octagonal former toll house on your L, to the B3306 St. Ives to St. Just road. (**1.70 miles**)

Cross road, go R briefly, then L through gates on to a track, passing Consols Farm on your L, to gates to Chy-an-Dour. Go L to the end, and through a gap to a gravel path, then up 3 steps to a field. Follow the RH hedge to the second gap and go R on a path between hedges to a track at 1.91 miles. Go R on the track for 30 yards, then L on a tarmac track, becomes a path, passing St. John's Church, the Vicarage and the Old Vicarage on your R. At the end, cross St. John's Walk to the entrance to St. Ives Rugby Club. (**2.12 miles**)

Go L (*with care*) on Alexandra Road downhill (*sea comes into view ahead*) to a T at 2.31 miles. Go L downhill, still on Alexandra Road, now in Ayr, passing Burthallan Lane at 2.36 miles. (*Here a lane goes L, used on Zennor Churchway route, Stage 1*). Continue downhill fairly steeply to a X-roads at Porthmeor Hill. Go forward on road, passing Barnoon Cemetery and Barnoon CP on your L to the end of the CP. (**2.82 miles**) *Here you could go forward, directly towards Smeaton's Pier, but there is more interest this way.*

Go R downhill on Barnoon Hill, directly towards the church tower, becomes very steep at Academy Lane with steps on L and handrails L and R. At the next junction (*Ayr Lane goes R*) continue forward (*the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Garden on R*), now on granite setts. At junction with Wills Lane and Lifeboat Hill continue forward down Chytodden Alley to High Street. Go L on the road to Market Place. Bear L between the Market House and the Church for 20 yards to Lifeboat Hill. Go R on Lifeboat Hill to Western Pier and the Lifeboat Station. Go L round the harbour on the road, or on the beach if the tide is out, to the entrance to Smeaton's Pier. (**3.29 miles**)