

## Coastal Round Walk 21 – Porthoustock, Porthkerris, St. Keverne 4.56 miles

### Route Directions – Full GPS Version

#### Porthoustock to Porthallow – on an unofficial coastal route, avoiding the inland Coast Path

##### Porthoustock to Porthkerris – 0.81 miles

Start at Coast Path sign by bridge at 80589/21827. Bear R and L to track uphill, past thatched white cottage, on former quarry tramway. After 140 yards, round unlocked gate at 80696/21885, past abandoned buildings and stone hopper on R. Go through 2nd gate (*sign permissive path*) at 80847/21994 at 345 yards. Continue past quarry on L and go L into 2nd quarry, at 80918/22172 at 75 feet at 570 yards. Bear R uphill on wide track to fork at 80867/22321 at 120 feet at 754 yards. \*Take R fork, muddy, then path between scrub. At 80846/22450 at 140 feet at 910 yards, path comes in from R from cliff route. Continue up, *view of Porthkerris and E along coast to Rame Head*, to path at 80818/22451 at 160 feet at 955 yards. Go R downhill, becomes steep track, passing quarry on L, becomes tarmac track at 80686/22599 at 0.67 miles. After 40 yards, short scramble down to Porthkerris Cove. \*Here, high spring tide could prevent access along the beach. Follow back of beach and up onto track to CP at 80588/22787 at 0.81 miles.

**High Spring Tide route** \*Here, go L and R through quarry on a track steeply uphill, bending L at the top to a gate at 80803/22400 at 185 feet. Continue uphill to gate on R at 80586/22393 at 230 feet. Go R through gate and follow clear track across field to another gate at 80621/22517 at 210 feet. Follow a well made track downhill steeply to Porthkerris, to the Pay CP sign opposite Porthkerris Land and Sea Sports at 80588/22787.

**Alternative** \*Cattle may be on track up from quarry. Although bull is an old softy, there is an adventurous detour. Level with second quarry at 80918/22172, track continues along the cliff, passing quarry buildings on L, becomes path. When it comes to dead end, scramble up grassy bank on L. At top, R on clear path steeply up to 160 feet at 0.58 miles. Bear L and R to follow steep track down to Porthkerris Cove.

##### Porthkerris to Porthallow – 0.84 miles

Go L and R, on steep tarmac lane, eases off, to 2nd gate on R at 802/229 at 220 feet at 1.14 miles. R through gate then R again following RH fence down over cleared ground, becomes rough track. At 803/229 track bears L uphill to gate on R. Go L on muddy path to gap in hedge at 802/229 at 200 feet. Cross field on clearish path, up to gate at 215 feet. Down a bit, then up through thorny scrub to kissing gate at 799/230 at 235 feet at 1.42 miles. (*Here path on OS103 begins*). Through kissing gate, follow LH hedge. Descent becomes steep, 7 steps down, between scrubby hedges, then 44 steps down, past small concrete blockhouse on L, down to grass. Cross grass with boats on right to Porthallow Beach Café and turn R across back of Porthallow beach to SW Coast Path Halfway Marker at 797/232 at 1.65 miles.

##### Porthallow to St. Keverne – wooded valley and farmland - 1.76 miles

Uphill on Porthoustock road to village sign at 796/228 at 2.11 miles. Go forward (WM) on path, up through woodland, stream to R, to coffin stile at 796/228, and on up through gorse into field. Bear L to gap and cattle stile at 795/227 at 90 feet. Undulate on path through woodland to cross stream at 65 feet. Up steeply becomes wide path between hedges then track at 795/225 at 120 feet, up to tarmac lane to Tregaminion (*sea view*) at 794/224 at 130 feet at 2.45 miles.

Follow lane up for 50 yards and go R through kissing gate (WM, FP St. Keverne). Continue up, passing garden on L, to WM and coffin stile. Bear R uphill across field to gap and coffin stile to next field. Follow RH hedge up to cattle stile at 793/221 at 230 feet at 2.64 miles. Cross field on clear path, heading just L of St. Keverne Church, to crude stile to next field. Cross obliquely L to coffin stile to road at 793/220 at 190 feet at 2.75 miles. R on road for 40 yards to FP on L and coffin stile to field. Follow RH hedge up to cattle stile to next field at 793/218 at 205 feet at 2.87 miles. Follow RH hedge down, passing WM on R, to WM in RH corner. Continue down, steep at first, through woodland, 7 steps down, to 145 feet. Up to coffin stile, path winds up, garden on L, sewage works on R, to coffin stile to track at 791/215. Follow LH hedge to coffin stile at 789/214 at 215 feet at 3.24 miles. At WM, over bridge, clapper to L, weir and sluice on R. 3 steps, path now steepish, to tarmac lane. Pass Parish Hall on R, continue up to road. L on road, L to Three Tuns Inn. R up 8 steps, through church lych gate, up 4 steps to church tower at 791/213 at 295 feet at 3.41 miles.

##### St. Keverne to Porthoustock - down a wooded valley - 1.15 miles

Follow path round N side of church to 2 kissing gates. Follow LH hedge and,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of way down field, path bears L, over crude stile to next field. Follow RH hedge to coffin stile and on to cross track to coffin stile and lift stile at 794/214 at 200 feet at 3.67 miles. Continue down between hedges, shortly into field. Follow LH hedge to end. Continue straight across to bottom of field. Here path officially goes over a lift stile (WM) at 795/216, down sheep stile to wet area with stepping stones but easier to use gap on L. Path continues down in woodland, stream on L, down to clapper bridge, coffin stile and wooden lift stile at 797/217 at 125 feet at 3.95 miles. On down, stream on R, bear L then over coffin stile. Go R between high hedges, down to road at Trenoweth Mill at 800/218 at 105 feet at 4.15 miles.

L on road, up to house on L at 120 feet. Where road bears L steeply uphill, go forward (FP) down on path, over small stream, over rising coffin stile, stream below on R, hedge on L, stepping stones over two muddy patches, down through scrubby ground, then on good path, with stepping stones over wet patches. Coast path comes in on L (WM), continue to kissing gate at 804/213 at 55 feet at 4.45 miles. Follow Coast Path, past cottages on L, down to Old Lifeboat House, bridge over stream and Coast Path sign at 805/218 at sea level at 4.56 miles.

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