

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

Route Directions – Non GPS Version

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

(a) Porthoustock to Porthkerris – 0.81 miles

Start at Coast Path sign by bridge. Bear R and L to track uphill, past thatched white cottage, on former quarry tramway. After 140 yards, round unlocked gate, past abandoned buildings on R. At 345 yards, go through 2nd gate (*permissive path sign*). Continue past quarry on L and, at 570 yards, go L into 2nd quarry. **Bear R uphill on wide track to fork at 754 yards. *Take R fork, muddy, then path between scrub. At 910 yards, path comes in R from route (c). Continue up, *view of Porthkerris and E along coast to Rame Head*, to path at 955 yards. Go R downhill, becomes steep track, passing quarry on L, becomes tarmac track 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 track to CP sign at 0.81 miles.

(b) **High Spring Tide route** *Here, fork L on wide track uphill, bending L at top to gate at 185 feet. Continue uphill to gate on R at 230 feet. Go R through gate and follow clear track across field to next gate. Follow a well made track downhill steeply to Porthkerris, to CP sign opposite Porthkerris Land and Sea Sports.

(c) **Avoid Cattle Alternative** **Cattle could be on track up from quarry. Bull is an old softy, but you could take an adventurous detour. Level with second quarry, 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, go 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 220 feet at 1.14 miles. R through gate then R again to follow RH fence down over cleared ground, becomes rough track. Track bears L uphill to gate on R. Go L on muddy path to gap in hedge. Cross field on clearish path, up to gate. Down a bit, then up through thorny scrub to kissing gate at 235 feet at 1.42 miles. (*Here path on OS103 begins*). Follow LH hedge, descent becomes steep, 7 steps down, then 44 steps down, past small concrete blockhouse on L, down to grass. Cross grass with boats on R to Porthallow Beach Café and turn R across back of Porthallow beach to SW Coast Path Halfway Marker at 1.65 miles.

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

Uphill on Porthoustock road to village sign at 2.11 miles. Go forward (WM) on path, up through woodland, stream to R, to coffen stile and on up through gorse into field. Bear L to gap and cattle stile. Undulate on path through woodland to cross stream. Up steeply becomes wide path between hedges then track at 120 feet, up to tarmac lane to Tregaminion (*sea view*) 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 coffen stile. Bear R uphill across field to gap and coffen stile to next field. Follow RH hedge up to cattle stile at 230 feet at 2.64 miles. Cross field on clear path, heading just L of St. Keverne Church, to crude stile to the next field. Cross obliquely L to coffen stile to road at 2.75 miles. R on road for 40 yards to FP on L and coffen stile to field. Now follow RH hedge up to cattle stile to next field 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 coffen stile, path winds up, garden on L, sewage works on R, to a coffen stile to a track. Follow LH hedge to coffen stile at 3.24 miles. At WM, over bridge, clapper to L, weir and sluice on R. 3 steps up, 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 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 to field. Follow LH hedge and, $\frac{3}{4}$ of way down field, path bears L, over crude stile to next field. Follow RH hedge to coffen stile and on to cross track to a coffen stile and a lift stile 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), 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, coffen stile and wooden lift stile at 3.95 miles. On down, stream on R, bear L then over coffen stile. Go R between high hedges, down to road at Trenoweth Mill at 4.15 miles.

L on road, up to house on L. Where road bears L steeply uphill, go forward (FP) down on path, over small stream, over a rising coffen stile, stream below on R, hedge on L, stepping stones over two muddy patches, on 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 4.45 miles. Follow Coast Path, past cottages on L, down to Old Lifeboat House, bridge over stream and Coast Path sign at 4.56 miles.

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