

## **Coastal Round Walk 23 – Porth Farm, St. Anthony Head, Place, Porth Farm 6.00 miles**

### **Route Directions – Full GPS Version**

#### **Porth Farm to St. Anthony Head - 2.46 miles**

Start from Porth Farm NT CP at 86762/32921. Cross road diagonally L to entrance to yard. L through cart entrance and follow coast path sign to just above Towan Beach at 86916/32906 at 15 feet at 191 yards. R on coast path (*sign St Anthony Head 2 miles*) into field. As always, the route on the Coast Path is obvious. You pass a former wreck post at 86898/32750 at 370 yards. The way then undulates easily, only reaching 145 feet after Killigeran Head at 0.70 miles, where the westward views begin.

The path continues to undulate fairly easily before reaching 200 feet for the first time at 85536/31470 at 1.77 miles. You soon enter the National Trust's Zone Point property and climb steadily over Drake's Downs, up to 210 feet, before arriving at the toposcope on St. Anthony Head at 84729/31211 at 195 feet at 2.46 miles. *Views from here are grand: over Falmouth Bay to Rosemullion Head, over Carrick Roads to Pendennis Castle. Up Carrick Roads to Restrouguet Creek, St. Mawes and its Castle and the Percuil River. In the far distance you can make out Carn Marth to the north-west, Goonhilly Earth Station to the south-west. It is well worth lingering at St. Anthony Head for those parts of the former military installation that you can visit.*

#### **St. Anthony Head to Place Quay – 1.94 miles**

Leave on a tarmac path, passing the Officers Quarters on R to a NT storyboard at 84765/31303 at 190 feet at 2.61 miles. *NT CP ahead.* Go L down on tarmac coast path, (*signed lighthouse*), 12 steps down. *Worth detour here to Battery and Observation Post (total ¼ mile)* Tarmac path goes L and R down steeply, becoming moderate, through light woodland, then steep again. Just before the lighthouse, at 84643/31223 at 60 feet at 2.72 miles, the tarmac ends, coast path goes R between hedges undulating gently down, passing the Paraffin Store at 84689/31304 at 2.78 miles, scrub on L, wood on R, down to a gate (*or steps up and down*) at 84720/31467 at 2.90 miles. *Leave NT St. Anthony Head here.* Continue down, with 10 steps, to FB at 84745/31520 at 15 feet at 2.94 miles. Then 6 steps up to a gate at 84740/31545 at 2.96 miles. Continue up, briefly steep, up to 75 feet at Great Molunnan. The path now undulates easily, with a kissing gate and 4 steps up to Carricknath Point at 84521/31954 at 50 feet at 3.31 miles. *Views open up to St. Mawes.*

The path now stays low until, just before the woodland at Amsterdam Point, it bears right uphill to a kissing gate into a field at 85008/32341 at 90 feet at 3.74 miles. It now follows the LH fence, with woodland on L, on a grassy track down to a gate to a track above Cellars Beach at 85130/32270 at 10 feet at 3.82 miles. Go R on the track, level then gently up through woodland. At 85394/32195 at 4.02 miles, by the back drive to Place, bear R (*sign Place Quay ½*) on a track uphill moderate, becomes steepish, becomes easy up to 85432/32048 at 70 feet at 4.11 miles. Here you bear L on a path down through woodland, with 20 steps down, to St. Anthony Church (*worth seeing inside*) at 85496/32028 at 4.14 miles at 30 feet. Go R on a track through the graveyard, up easy in woodland. At 85581/32030 at 4.20 miles, pass on your L a medieval coffin, and on up easy to a granite stile to a lane at 85658/32022 at 50 feet at 4.24 miles. Pass the main drive entrance to Place at 65601/32167 at 4.34 miles, and continue down to Place Quay at 85526/32212 at 4.40 miles.

#### **Place Quay to Porth Farm – 1.60 miles**

Go R through a gate into woodland, then L on a path, up then down 2 steps to Toffy's Steps, where the St. Mawes Ferry lands at low tide, at 85495/32381 at 15 feet at 4.53 miles. The path now enters NT Drawlers Wood and undulates easily in woodland, along the Percuil River, most of the way back, never climbing above 80 feet until you start the final short climb up to Porth Farm. At 85800/32777 at 4.81 miles watch up for a brief steep muddy slippery bit. At 85880/32960 at 4.93 miles a path heads up R to Bohortha.

At Porth Quay at North Hill Point, opposite Trewince Quay at 89959/33368 at 30 feet at 5.20 miles, you now leave the Percuil River and follow the south bank of Porth Creek, mostly through woodland but also through one field. *Along here, woodland permitting, you get some attractive views across to Trewince Quay Cottage and up the Creek to Froe.* Along the way, at 86198/33274 at 5.31 miles at 80 feet, you pass a path heading R uphill to Bohortha (*1 mile*). At the Froe end of the field, at 6758/33147 at 15 feet at 5.82 miles, go L over a long FB over marsh and a stream. R through woods, uphill on a path, with the road on your L, bearing R behind the grassy Porth Farm CP to a track at 86741/32987 at 5.94 miles. Go L on a track to the road at Porth Farm House. R on the road to Porth Farm CP at 6.00 miles.

**Distances in the directions text are cumulative. A simpler version of these route directions, without the GPS data, is also available. Return to the walk page and click for it.**