

Coastal Round Walk 26 – Porthluney Cove, Dodman, Penare, Treveor 6.04 miles

Route Directions – Full GPS Version

(a) Porthluney Cove to Hemmick Beach – 1.75 miles

Start at the entrance to the car park at 97433/41417. Go R on road for 80 yards, then R through a kissing gate to a field. Climb fairly steeply, first in field then in woodland, with 131 steps up into the open at 97720/40939 at 210 feet at 782 yards. (*Views ahead to the Dodman*) Path now undulates at around 200 feet then drops down to 95 feet and climbs again fairly steeply up to Greeb Point at 98348/40671 at 185 feet at 0.95 miles. More undulation brings you to a kissing gate at 98541/40659 at 170 feet at 1.10 miles, with a view ahead to Hemmick Beach. Going is now fairly easy, mostly on grass, down to a kissing gate at 99393/40540 at 70 feet at 1.70 miles. There is then a steep but easy descent, with 41 steps down to a ford at Hemmick Beach at 99446/40541 at sea level at 1.75 miles.

(b) Hemmick Beach to Penare – 1.87 miles

Cross the ford and follow the road uphill for about 100 yards. At a L bend go R on the coast path, and 16 steps up to a gate to a field at 99484/40495 at 50 feet at 1.79 miles. A fairly steep climb now takes you up to about 200 feet before undulating, sometimes steeply, to reach a gate on your L at 99891/39742 at 320 feet at 2.44 miles. *Here a FP goes L to Penare 1 mile along the western line of the Balk.* The Coast Path continues, undulating easily up to a WM at Dodman Point at 00158/39333 at 370 feet. Go R for a few yards to the Dodman Stone Cross at 00139/39318 at 370 feet at 2.76 miles. (*Views from here W along a series of bays to The Lizard, E all along the coast to Rame Head and Devon*) Return to the WM and continue on coast path to a FP finger post (*FP Penare 1/3 mile*) at 00330/39953 at 300 feet at 3.27 miles. Here you leave the Coast Path and go L uphill on a path (*eastern section of The Balk*) between scrubby hedges, to a gate (*finger post L Dodman, R Penare*) at 00237/40004 at 315 feet at 3.33 miles. Go R for 15 yards to a gate to a sometimes muddy track (*views L along bays to Lizard*) up to 320 feet, then down easy between high hedges to a kissing gate to Penare hamlet at 00008/40361 at 240 feet at 3.60 miles. Continue to the junction by Lower Penare Farmhouse at 99993/40387 at 235 feet at 3.62 miles.

(c) Penare to Porthluney Cove – 2.42 miles

Go forward, passing Lower Penare Farmhouse (NT) and an NT car park at 99964/40414. Shortly after the car park, at 99922/40434, go L steeply up 10 steps to a gate to a field. (*This is NT recommended route, following RH fence, but can be very muddy, so it may be better, except if the lane is busy with traffic, to follow the lane down to Hemmick Beach*) The NT path undulates, then descends fairly steeply to a gate at 99481/40491 at 50 feet at 3.96 miles and 16 steps down to the road. Go L on the road down to the ford at Hemmick Beach at 99452/40538 at sea level at 4.00 miles. Cross the ford and continue uphill steeply on the lane to Boswinger for about 100 yards to a L bend. Go R, 5 steps up, 3 steps down, to a kissing gate (*FP Boswinger*) to a field at 99405/40607 at 60 feet at 4.06 miles. Ignore WM direction and go half L, roughly NNE, uphill steeply to 2 steps up to a kissing gate to the next field at 99280/40745 at 100 feet at 4.18 miles. Continue up steeply NE to a kissing gate to the road at top L corner of field at 99175/40880 at 195 feet at 4.28 miles. Go R on the road, uphill steeply, into Boswinger. After passing a Youth Hostel on R, at 99050/41075 at 245 feet at 4.43 miles, the lane bears R and L uphill through the village to a T at the Gorran to Caerhays road, by Seaview holiday park, at 99068/41286 at 320 feet at 4.59 miles. Go L on the road uphill for 175 yards to 98905/41304 at 330 feet at 4.69 miles. Go R (*FP sign*) over an awkward crude stile to a field. Follow LH hedge up to an awkward narrow crude stile to next field at 98917/41432 at 345 feet at 4.77 miles. Follow the RH hedge downhill to a gap to the next field at 98868/41618 at 340 feet at 4.89 miles. Follow track between hedges down to 280 feet. It may then be muddy up to a lane at Treveor at 98780/41847 at 300 feet at 5.05 miles. Go L on lane downhill for 300 yards to R bend at 98500/41810 at 265 feet at 5.23 miles. Go L (*FP Tregavarras 1/4*) over a cattle stile to a field. Go downhill roughly S, heading to L of cottages, to a FB over a stream and a cattle stile at 98494/41674 at 205 feet at 5.32 miles. Here it is muddy, with stepping stones over a stream, into a field. Follow RH fence and hedge up to a cattle stile by a gate to a track at 98431/41629 at 210 feet at 5.37 miles. Continue on the track, passing Tregavarras Row cottages, to lane at a FP sign at 98293/41619 at 180 feet at 5.46 miles. Go L on lane uphill, through Tregavarras to a L bend at 98034/41508 at 200 feet at 5.64 miles. A track goes forward but go R on another track for 40 yards to a kissing gate (WM) to a field at 98001/41504 at 205 feet at 5.66 miles. Head just S of W, just to L of Caerhays Castle in view ahead, downhill fairly steeply, past a fallen standing stone at 97820/41507 at 5.78 miles, to a kissing gate to the road. Go L on road to the Porthluney Cove car park entrance at 97433/41417 at 6.04 miles.

The Link with Round Walk 27

After Dodman Point, when you reach the FP fingerpost, at 00330/39953 at 300 feet at 3.27 miles, continue with section (b) of Round Walk 27 to Gorran Haven, then section (c) of the same walk to Penare. Continue with section (c) of this walk, back to Porthluney Cove. The total distance is about 9.50 miles.

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