
Park: In the main Boscastle car park (rather expensive), entrance at 10004/91264, opposite Cobweb Inn.

Getting there: From A39 Wadebridge to Camelford. At Valley Truckle, just before Camelford, shortly after a filling station on R, go L and follow Boscastle signs by B3266.

Boscastle Car Park to Minster Church – 0.95 miles

Start from the main Boscastle car park entrance, opposite the Cobweb Inn. Cross the coach parking area and follow a well-made track, with the Valency River on your R. After 300 yards cross a small wooden FB and continue on the path. Soon join the well-made wide main path out of the car park, passing several slate seats set into the hedge to your L. At 10751/91102 at 780 yards there are large stepping stones in the river and a Minster WM post. *You could go this way, which would cut off some distance but give you a much steeper climb through the woods.* However, continue along the path. At 880 yards there is an odd little wooden enclosure off to the L. At 950 yards, by another slate seat on the R, go through a small wooden gate by a 5 bar gate. The path continues, undulates and may be a little overgrown from about 0.75 miles. You reach your turning at 11387/90979 at around 200 feet at 0.81 miles. There is an old wooden signpost on your R, indicating Minster Church R. *Handy place for a break with 2 wooden benches.* **(0.81 miles)**

Go R up 2 steps to a wooden footbridge over the Valency River, then 5 steps down into Peters Wood (NT). *The path up through the wood can be a little muddy in places, and there are some tree roots, but footing is generally reasonably good and the gradient is only moderate.* The gradient eases off, passing a bench on L, to a WM post at 11096/90596 at 0.92 miles. If the WM is to be believed, you should go L uphill for Minster Church. However, this is to a track that brings you up to a gate to the road above and just E of the church. So, take the R fork, slightly downhill, still in woodland, to a kissing gate to the churchyard, at 0.95 miles. *To your L, just outside the churchyard, is the grave of the Minster Witch, Joan Wytte, the 'fighting fairy woman of Bodmin' who died in 1813 in Bodmin Gaol, her skeleton later displayed in the Boscastle Museum of Witchcraft, but reburied here in 1998.* **(0.95 miles)**

Minster Church back to Boscastle – 1.23 miles

Continue forward, passing on your L Minster Holy Well (if visible for vegetation), to a flight of split steps up to the N side of the church. Go L on path round the E side of the church. *At the NE corner steps on the L lead up to the track referred to above. Turn R at the top for a good photographic view of the church and continue to the road and R on it for another good view.* For the purpose of this walk, and to visit the interior of the church, go R along the N side of the church to the S porch. After visiting the interior, continue on the tarmac path steeply uphill, passing the Martyn Wyvel memorial obelisk, to a gate by a high cattle stile to a lane from Lesnewth at 445 feet at 1.03 miles. **(1.03 miles)**

Go R on the lane uphill, past a permissive path on your R and a FP on L, leading to the Camelford road. At 1.09 miles pass on L entrance to Minster Farm and a low barn on your R. Up to 495 feet at 1.20 miles. Downhill (which continues all way into Boscastle) begins gently and, after the entrance to Home Farm on your R with view beyond it to Forrabury Church and Willapark, at 1.28 miles, by Trecarne Gate cottage on L, go R at T junction, still downhill, becoming steep, high wooded banks both sides. At 1.43 miles at 10386/90599, the lane bears L. **(1.43 miles)**

Bear R following a wooden sign FP Boscastle, up a 6 foot high cattle stile and through a wooden kissing gate to a field. Bear slightly R downhill steeply in the field, heading just to the L of Forrabury church, to a wooden stile, just to the R of a well-browsed lime tree, and into woodland at 1.44 miles. Treforda Water is below to your L. Take 4 steps down then go R for 10 yards to another wooden stile to a second field. Follow NT WM along LH hedge (ignore NT Home Farm sign and NT white WM) down to a kissing gate and a WM 'Old Village'. **(1.57 miles)**

Go through the kissing gate then through a gap. Ignore FB over river on your L and continue down on a good path with river to L. Pass a little statue by a tiny waterfall then, after gunnera on L, pass Trebutts Cottage on R and a pond on L and join a track (Butts Lane). Up the wooded track winding L & R between fairly high wooded hedges and through a (probably) open wooden gate. Pass an unconverted barn at 1.63 miles and on to a lane at 1.65 miles. Note, up the hill to the L, the Bottreaux House Hotel and the Napoleon Inn. **(1.65 miles)**

Go R on the lane (Fore Street, becomes Dunn Street) downhill fairly steeply. At 1.85 miles a fork L goes up to New Road but continue down on Old Road passing, at 1.92 miles, 4 cottages on R reflecting those above on New Road with single storey on road, another below. At the bottom pass the Wellington Inn and on down to New Road at 2.09 miles. Go R, cross a bridge over the Valency River, and continue back to the start point. **(2.18 miles)**