

Scorrier, Cambrose, Wheal Peevor – 6.18 to 7.10 miles, depending on return route from Wheal Peevor

Scorrier to Cambrose – 2.83 miles

Start from the small Mineral Tramway Coast-to-Coast car park on the lane into Rodda's Creamery at 72178/44497. Go R on the lane, passing on your L the front entrance of Rodda's, to the road at Rodda's 'milk churn' with a MT granite post across the lane to your R. (100 yards) Go L on the footway for about 50 yards to a MT granite post (Wheal Rose) on your L. Go L on to a path gently downhill, field on L, Rodda's ahead. At the end of the path bear R following a MT Cornish Way sign. *Note across the lane miniature mine buildings in a bungalow garden*. Cross the lane and follow a tarmac lane signed Public Bridleway. *You are now off-road and on the Coast-to-Coast Trail proper.* **(260 yards)**

The **Coast-to-Coast Trail** to Cambrose is well signed and needs no instructions but you may like to note the following: At 700 yards a sign on your R points to '*shop now open, drinks, refreshments*'. At 0.63 miles on your R a smallholding has rare breed cattle. At 0.74 miles you pass on your R a MT granite post (Lower Briggan). The track off to the L is signed Wheal Peevor, to be visited later. 15 yards on is a track to the R; these two tracks form part of an alternative return route from Wheal Peevor. At 70462/45388 at 1.37 miles at last you see mineral tramway evidence, granite setts in the track. At 1.59 miles you pass on your L Forge Farm, a large dairy farm complex. 100 yards further on, you cross a tarmac lane; Mawla hamlet is off to your R. **(1.65 miles)**

At 1.92 miles you are on an embankment which carried the tramway. Note that some ivy and scrub has been cleared to expose part of the original embankment wall. At 2.05 miles, by an MT granite post (Embankment), you come to the busy main Porthtowan to Portreath road. After 0.59 miles on the footway, the boredom only relieved by views to the left of Carn Brea, the footway ends at a MT granite post (Cambrose). **(2.64 miles)**

Follow direction arrow across the road and up a lane. After 25 yards, bear L on the Trail, following a MT granite post, on a tarmac lane passing occasional houses. At 68651/45386 at 2.73 miles, with a pair of white cottages (*Cambrose House and Laity Vean*) on your R and a MT granite post on your L, you leave the Trail for the return leg, going sharply L on a tarmac track downhill to the Porthtowan to Portreath road by the entrance to Cambrose Touring Park on your R at 2.78 miles. Go R on the grass verge for about 60 yards. Cross the road with care to the entrance to Pigalle. Continue forward, crossing a bridge over a small stream to a tarmac lane at 68697/45257. **(2.83 miles)** *This the low point of the walk at about 100 feet.*

Cambrose to leaving Wheal Peevor – 2.37 miles

Go L on the lane, uphill gently, initially passing houses on your L. *At 3.07 miles pass Forge Manor Cottage on the L, immediately followed by, presumably, Forge Manor.* At 3.10 miles, with the entrance to a Caravan Club site on the L, continue forward. *From here the track begins to deteriorate and can be difficult in winter and in wet weather, thanks to being churned up by horses.* At 3.17 miles track narrows to become a path between high scrubby hedges but widens out again. At 3.37 miles it bears R and continues drier. After another 300 yards or so go through a gap by a padlocked galvanised gate and on 20 yards to the Redruth to Porthtowan road. **(3.55 miles)**

At this point, theoretically, you cross slightly right to a path (224/14/3 Gold!) which goes over several stiles and through a stableyard. If this is overgrown and blocked you should cross to take a tarmac lane, passing Meadow Haven cottage on L and barn on R, up to a crossroads at 69962/45378 at 3.65 miles. Go R on the road, passing Old Forge Livery on the left, for about 100 yards to the point where the blocked path should come out at 69913/45303 at 3.71 miles. Go L on a wide well made track (FP) between wooded hedges. The track becomes a narrow path between scrubby hedges. At 3.87 miles a short section is badly churned up by horses. Continue up to a well made track. **(3.93 miles)**

Go R (FP) on the track, passing more stables on R & L (Sinns Croft Farm). The track becomes a wide path between scrubby hedges. At 4.29 miles on your L is Manor Meadows; here the track bends R to Hawkes Croft on your R at 4.32 miles and then bears L following a WM. *After a couple of hundred yards or so Carn Brea is in view off to your R, Wheal Peevor engine houses in view forward R.* At 70733/44489 at 4.44 miles at 350 feet the track becomes a tarmac lane. At that point a tarmac lane L heads for the Coast-to-Coast; this will be the point at which one of three possible routes back to Scorrier heads off. To your R a Mining Trail wooden sign points to Wheal Peevor. **(4.44 miles)**

Wheal Peevor – an interest route through the site

Go R, following Wheal Peevor sign, through (open) wooden gate downhill on well made track. The track jinks L/R at 4.58 miles then bears L at 4.71 miles, goes through an opening at 4.72 miles (gate was stolen). The track narrows and winds downhill through scrub down to T at 70372/44188 at 4.78 miles at 265 feet. *The cross track is Oliver’s Tolgus Trail.* Go L on a track winding uphill. At 70525/44154 at 4.88 miles, a path goes off R to a capped shaft. At 70538/44172 a narrower track goes off L. Much of the interest is on and near to this minor track so go L.

At 70552/44202 at 4.92 miles follow a path off R up to remains of two arsenic calciner furnaces and to a storyboard (stop point G) at 70581/4206 at 4.93 miles. Go L through low scrub to pick up the path again. Go R on the path and soon pass a truncated chimney on your R. Opposite is a capped shaft on your L with a wooden inscription around it. At 70678/44180 at 5.05 miles on your R is stop point F and a storyboard about settling tanks. Continue for about 25 yards and join the main path up through the site towards the three engine houses.

At 5.10 miles a path goes off L to the stamps engine house and a storyboard about breaking and crushing ore at stop point D at 70750/44203 at 5.11 miles. Return to the main path and go L, then where the path divides shortly at 5.13 miles bear R passing the pumping engine house and storyboard (stop point A) at 70815/44237 at 5.16 miles about count house and pumping engine house. Look to your R from storyboard to see the count house, just out of the site. Continue, leaving storyboard on L. On your R at 70854/44246 at 5.19 miles is the site storyboard. Winding engine house is off to the R (storyboard). Continue for 25 yards to entrance to site; wooden gate stolen so a gap leads to the lane and a MT granite post, points L to Coast-to-Coast trail, on your L at 70873/44257 at 370 feet. **(5.20 miles)**

Return from Wheal Peevor to start point car park – three possible routes

Direct Golf Course return route – 0.98 miles – Total distance 6.18 miles

Cross the lane diagonally to the CP and keep L to a gap (may be gate) ahead to a field. Follow a WM along the LH hedge, almost immediately passing a mine shaft on L, until hedge bends L at 160 yards. Go straight ahead (if there are crops, the path should be evident) to a wooden stile (WM). (260 yards) Stile leads directly on to a steep scrubby bank and through gorse to a bank on Radnor Golf Course, with a fairway below L. Follow the RH edge past high metal poles to your R (once carried netting) to a wooden seat at 365 yards. Look due E and you should spot, just to R of a tree, a stile in a fence, a stubby mine chimney to its R. Head for the stile (WM) at 71377/44347 trying not to interfere with golfers. **(600 yards),**

At the moment (June 2014) the route after the stile is unclear, though the WM is fairly accurate. Rodda’s Dairies are undertaking extensive works on the former grazing land of their North Downs Farm, works intended eventually to include vehicle parking and filter reed beds. While the work is under way, the route of the path seems to have been lost. Planning consent includes reinstatement of the path. Head roughly E for a short way to a cross track. Go L on this, heading ENE downhill and soon taking the L fork. You pass fenced off mine shafts to L and R on your way to the bottom and another cross track at 0.63 miles. Go R on the track into North Downs Farm, passing several shiny cylindrical tanks on L and a large barn on R to a cross track. **(0.70 miles)**

Go L on the track to a wooden stile by a wooden gate to a tarmac lane (0.73 miles). Go forward on the lane, Rodda’s security fence on your R. At bottom of a gentle slope the Coast-to-Coast goes off L towards Portreath. *Here note on your left, in the garden of a bungalow, a group of miniature mine buildings.* Keep R to a gap at 0.82 miles to a well made path (sign Coast-to-Coast Devoran) gently uphill with hedge on the L and a field on the R, up to the road at a MT granite post (Wheal Rose). Go R on the footway uphill for about 50 yards and, at Rodda’s granite milk churn, go R on the lane back to the CP start point. **(0.98 miles)**

Two more possible return routes from Wheal Peevor – see Page 3

Direct but noisy (close to A30) return route – 0.98 miles – Total distance 6.18 miles

Go R on the lane, passing entrance to the small car park (Mining Trails map), to a crossroads at 0.12 miles, opposite a large former United Methodist church. R goes to North Country, forward to Redruth. Go L on a lane following WM (Coast-to-Coast Trail) on MT granite post on your L. *At 5.40 miles pass on your L the entrance to Radnor Golf Club.* At Finnegons Rest Cottage (nice name plate) at 0.64 miles the lane ends. Continue forward on narrow wooded FP, with A30 to your R, to the lane to Rodda's at 0.92 miles. Go R on footway to CP start point. **(0.98 miles)**

Longer Byway return route – 1.90 miles – Total distance 7.10 miles

Go L on the lane, following the Coast-to-Coast direction arrow, for 290 yards and, opposite the entrance that you used previously to enter the Wheal Peevor site, go R on a lane, heading roughly NE. *Shortly, note in a field to your R the surprising sight of a trig point on the top of a low mine spoil burrow.* After a further 155 yards, at a MT granite post opposite Globe Vale holiday park, go R on a well made track, following Coast-to-Coast arrow, immediately through an open wooden gate (bridleway WM), heading at first roughly SE but soon bearing ENE downhill. *View of St. Agnes Beacon to L, converted Wheal Rose engine house straight ahead.* At 580 yards note capped shaft on R amongst gorse.

After winding down past the entrance to Lamborne Manor on the L the track then bears NNE and continues down to a junction (695 yards). L is to a house entrance, R is a grassy track; continue forward downhill on a well made narrower track following wooden Coast-to Coast Trail sign and blue bridleway WM. Go through a hunting gate at 865 yards. A track goes L but continue forward downhill following a blue bridleway WM and Coast-to-Coast sign until you reach the Coast-to-Coast Trail at 71215/44857 opposite a MT granite post (Lower Briggan). **(0.57 miles)**

Go L, following the Portreath arrow, but only for 20 yards, then go R on a wide grassy-centred track downhill. At the bottom cross what may sometimes be a small ford (0.62 miles). The track continues uphill, initially NNW and muddy in places. At 0.69 miles the track starts bearing round R, eventually coming to roughly E. *At 0.70 miles pass on your R a wooden barn and a white-washed farmhouse. More barns then a fairly elegant farmhouse on your L* (0.78 miles) The mud ceases, track becomes dry and stony between fairly high hedges. *At 0.93 miles pass on L entrance to Chy-an-Gwel (yes, it is a 'house with a view')*. Pass a car park at the back of Rose Cottages, holiday homes, and continue up to road. **(1.01 miles)** Across the road on R is a converted chapel with an illuminated Star of David (!) on its entrance front.

Go R on the road (no footway) for 40 yards and turn L uphill by the chapel on a byway (no sign) between high wooded hedges. *Pass on L at 1.06 miles Morthana Farm. At 1.10 miles pass entrance to Harmony (children & animals).* The track becomes muddy again. *At 1.17 miles, more or less opposite a track going off L, at the first of two gates, there is a nice view of converted Wheal Rose engine house with, on the skyline beyond, the Wheal Peevor engines houses.*

Continue forward, roughly E, the track still climbing very gently and rather muddy between high wooded hedges. At 1.37 miles the track becomes dryer and, at a cross track at 72188/45057 at 1.42 miles (*L sign to Ellesmere and Averish, forward byway heads northish to Mount Pleasant*) go R downhill on dry byway track, roughly SSW. *As you turn note half L Hallenbeagle engine house on the horizon. As you head down, there is a view forward to the Basset Monument on Carn Brea.* At 1.60 miles track becomes a bit steeper and begins to pass habitation. Continue down to the road at Wheal Rose village at 71993/44768. **(1.65 miles)**

Go L on the footway, passing attractive cottages on your L. The footway ends at 1.72 miles; continue along the road uphill with care. At 1.80 miles, pass on the R a lane then a footpath leading to Coast-to-Coast Trail (sign Mining Trail Portreath). Continue on the footway on the R for about 50 yards and, by Rodda's granite churn, go R along the lane following MT granite post Wheal Peevor direction arrow, leaving Rodda's on R, back to start point CP. **(1.90 miles)**