

Mining Trails – Oliver’s Tolgus Trail – Wheal Rose to Portreath Harbour – 4.83 miles

Links with the Coast-to Coast at Wheal Rose Farm marker at Scorrier and at Bridge, via Tolgus Tin

Useful Information

Parking: CP near Wheal Rose Farm marker, near Rodda’s Creamery. CP at Wheal Peevor. CP at Treasure Park.

Usage: The complete route is suitable for walkers only.

Descent: Gentle 450 feet from Wheal Rose marker to Portreath Harbour.

Transport: Western Greyhound Bus 43 runs between Portreath and North Country, Redruth – not very convenient.

Refreshments: Bridge Inn at Bridge. 2 pubs, 2 cafés, Portreath. Smokey Joe’s near Wheal Rose & 2 pubs Scorrier.

Wheal Rose Farm marker, on the official Coast-to-Coast at Scorrier, to Wheal Peevor - 1.07 miles

At the granite trail marker (Wheal Rose Farm) at 72193/44553, head south along the lane with Rodda’s Creamery on your right, passing a Portreath Tramroad storyboard in a small car park on your L. After 280 yards take the footpath (*fingerpost Wheal Peevor*) SW, parallel to the A30. At Finnagon’s Rest the path ends; continue due W on a lane, passing Radnor Golf Club, to a granite trail marker opposite a former chapel on your L at 0.95 miles. Go R on minor road 210 yards to the east entrance to Wheal Peevor Mine (*car park opposite on R*) at 70890/44258. **(1.07 miles)**

Wheal Peevor to Tolgus Tin – 1.45 miles

Go through the gate to the Wheal Peevor site. Head roughly W on the main track through the site, passing pumping and winding engine houses on L, stamps engine house on R. Track then winds mostly downhill, passing the arsenic calciner site on R. At 1.49 miles a track comes in from R from the lane NE from Radnor (*this links there with my walkers Coast-to-Coast route*). Continue down to a gate (*may be missing*) at the western entrance to the site at 1.52 miles. The track continues, heading uphill roughly W, with woodland on R, scrub on L, then through scrubby high hedges on both sides. About 100 yards before houses on L and R, come to crossing track. **(1.80 miles)**

Go R on a broad track downhill, roughly N, for about 100 yards to a FP sign on L at 1.85 miles. Go L, roughly W, on this path between hedges (*once a track but vegetation has narrowed it through lack of use*) undulating down to the road from Redruth to Lower Forge at 1.99 miles. (*View L to Carn Brea*) Go L on the road for 30 yards. Go R on a broad track downhill between hedges, passing Wheal Mary House on R at 2.10 miles. At South View House at 2.16 miles the track bears L downhill to a fork at 2.18 miles. Go R on a broad track downhill through scrub, heading roughly NW, passing a coal yard on R. The track then bears L over a bridge over a dried-up stream, then R down to The Track (*ultimate dirt jump cycle track*). Continue for a few yards to cross another bridge and continue to a road at Parc Erissey Industrial Estate at 2.41 miles, opposite Cornish Coffee. Go L on the footway, roughly W to the road from Redruth to Portreath. **(2.52 miles)**

(Here a track (barrier) goes L to the back of Tolgus Tin. You can get through this way but may prefer to use the road to the main Treasure Park entrance)

Tolgus Tin to Bridge and Portreath – 2.31 miles

If visiting Tolgus Tin (recommended) go L on the road to access Tolgus Tin on the Treasure Park site. Otherwise :- Cross the road, slightly diagonally R and follow a track through scrub, crossing a bridge over a stream (*this once powered Tolgus Tin streamworks*) to a fork at 2.56 miles. (*L fork is a tarmac lane to the N end of Treasure Park site*). Keep R on the track, passing a sign “*permissive path, walkers and horse riders only*”. Continue uphill to a concrete track at Higher Laity Farm at 2.71 miles. Go R and L through the farm and continue up to Old Portreath Road. **(2.85 miles)**

Go R on Old Portreath Road (*so quiet you almost never see a vehicle on it*) downhill, first passing Laity Farm at 3.41 miles, then passing Laity Mill (*converted*), to the main Redruth to Portreath Road (B3300) at 3.51 miles. Go L on the road for about 100 yards, passing on L Bridge Motors and passing an old milestone (*Portreath 1, Redruth 3*), to 3.57 miles. Cross the road to take a short narrow path L uphill through woods to the Coast-to-Coast trail at attractive Hillside Cottage at 3.58 miles. Follow the Coast-to-Coast Mining Trail to the far end of Portreath Harbour with its excellent Portreath storyboards. **(4.83 miles)**