

Coastal Round Walk 06 – Holywell Bay, Penhale Sands, Ellenglaze - 9.00 miles

Route Directions – Full GPS Version

Holywell Bay to Perran Beach – on the Coast Path – 2.20 miles

Start from NT car park at Holywell Bay at 76690/58763. Cross road to path towards Holywell beach, bear L to follow Coast Path towards Perranporth, climbing to 225 feet at Penhale Point. Path then undulates easily along perimeter of Penhale Camp, before dropping down towards northern end of Perran Beach. Just before path goes R (WM) down to beach, follow green permissive waymark L to cross concrete track which leads up into MOD property of Penhale Camp.

Perran Beach to Perran Round – Mostly Dunes – St. Piran’s Path – 1.55 miles

Clear path crosses dunes of Penhale Sands, undulating to a second clear path up from Perran Beach at 76376/56349 at 2.88 miles. Go L on path uphill until ‘Stone Cross’ shown on OS map in view. Continue to Cross and climb up to it at 76999/56264 at 3.17 miles. From here you can see storyboard by St. Piran’s Oratory to NNE. Head down to storyboard at 76874/56402 at 3.27 miles. Oratory marker is up 10 steps to L. Now head just N of E until you see St. Piran’s Cross ahead on a ridge. Path goes downhill SE to cross wooden FB over dry watercourse at 76988/56347 at 3.38 miles. Now go roughly NE uphill until you see St. Piran’s Church storyboard. Continue to church at 77197/56467 at 3.55 miles and on to nearby St. Piran’s Cross. Leave Cross on faint path roughly SW to clear path coming in from R. Bear L on this and soon follow line of well spaced low stone markers overall SSE, heading to R of Gear Farm on horizon. At the stone marker at 77350/55907 at 3.97 miles tracks fork, keep R, still following markers. At Coast Path WM at 77357/55644 at 4.15 miles, track continues between high banks, becomes narrow path through scrub. At 77486/55356 at 4.35 miles, by Penhales Dunes storyboard, through kissing gate to minor road from Tollgate to Mount (*small roadside CP*).

To Perran Round and on to near Mount – Tracks through Farmland and Farms – 2.54 miles

Cross road, follow lane SSE to Rose. Pass former chapel and continue for 70 yards to 77670/54776 at 4.74 miles. Go L on byway (*muddy*) to just before road at 77909/54423 at 5.00 miles. Perran Round is on L. Go L on track, signed FP, past entrance to Perran Round (*storyboard*) and continue on track, downhill, roughly NE to gate ahead at 78135/54727 at 5.27 miles. Turn L, NNW, on narrow sunken path between high hedges. At WM (*Rose Wollas*) this becomes track to minor road at Lower Rose at 78073/54903 at 5.38 miles. Cross road, follow track, down and up to Hendravossan at 77997/55114 at 5.52 miles. Go R on track (*fingerpost Stampas*) heading ENE, bearing ESE then NNW on concrete track through woodland. At bottom, at 78331/55336 at 5.85 miles, continue on concrete path past houses on L. By second house go R (WM) on grassy path through woodland. After 40 yards path bears L as stony track between hedges. At 78376/55421 at 5.90 miles, cross small bridge and continue up steeply in woodland. At WM post at 78439/55464 at 5.93 miles go L on track, downhill between hedges. At 78391/55582 at 6.00 miles, go L on track down to WM post at Stampas Farm. Bear slightly R across yard (*sign FP Treamble*) on grassy track. Go through gate at 78371/55694 at 6.08 miles. Bear R (WM) through gate into field, on grassy track, at first following LH hedge, then straight on to far RH corner. Pass WM and at 78560/55860 at 6.24 miles, go through gate to next field and follow LH hedge for 20 yards. At WM go L through gate on grassy path, caravan site on L, and up 2 steps to kissing gate to tarmac lane in The Lawns caravan site at 789613/55966 at 6.32 miles. Cross lane (*FP sign*) to path between high hedges for 50 yards. Go through kissing gate and continue to North Treamble. Cross yard, up concrete ramp, through open gate, to track at 78639/56055 at 6.39 miles. Cross track, and continue roughly N on track (*WM Holywell 2½*). Follow track downhill between hedges, up through Treworthen Farm to lane at 78651/56446 at 6.64 miles. Go L downhill, passing through bridge abutments of abandoned railway at 78535/56547 at 6.73 miles. Follow road past turning on R, signed Cubert, to where road bends L uphill to Mount at 78352/56662 at 6.87 miles.

Mount to Holywell Bay – Fields and Woodland – 2.13 miles

Go R on track for 30 yards. With entrance to Penhale Camp on L, go R (WM) on path between hedges for 35 yards. Go through gate (WM) and follow RH hedge and marsh on R, overall NNW, along large open field, to enter woodland at 78112/57197 at 7.27 miles. In 20 yards, follow WM R through narrow kissing gate and continue on path through wet woodland, crossing many streams on plank bridges and wooden FB at 78158/57289 at 7.33 miles. Go through another narrow gate (*Coast Path WM*) and continue uphill on narrow sunken path between hedges. At end, go through gate to track at 78224/57426. Go L on track (*WM Holywell*), continue uphill between hedges to gate to field at 78097/57458 at 7.52 miles. Cross field uphill to granite cattle stile at 77938/57504 at 7.62 miles. Continue for 10 yards, go through small gate and cross field, diagonally uphill, to far RH corner at 77809/57672 at 7.76 miles. Go through 2 gates, and go L (WM) in next field. Follow LH hedge to wooden gate to next field at 77772/57684 at 7.78 miles. Follow LH hedge downhill to gate at 77617/57761 at 7.89 miles at junction of tracks. Go straight across (WM) downhill on stony track, passing Ellenglaze on R at 77576/57793 at 7.93 miles. At end of track, at 77438/57442, go R (WM) on grassy path alongside field, with woodland and stream on L. At 77225/58085 at 8.33 miles, go through kissing gate and continue on path between hedge and woodland. At 77097/58304 at 8.49 miles enter Holywell Bay Holiday Park and follow tarmac lane to road at Holywell Bay at 76730/58877 at 8.92 miles. Go L on road to NT car park at 9.00 miles.

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