

Coastal Round Walk 27 – Penare, Dodman, Gorran Haven, Penare 4.71 miles

Route Directions – Full GPS Version

(a) Penare to Dodman Point – 1.04 miles

Start from the National Trust CP entrance at 99960/40413 at 280 feet. Go forward on the lane, passing Lower Penare Farm on L, and continue forward to a fingerpost (*FP Dodman Point 3/4*), through a kissing gate, uphill on a potentially muddy track to a gate at 00228/40005 320 feet at 553 yards. In a few yards ignore a gate on L (*along the eastern Balk, direct to coast path*). Follow track along the western Balk to a fork at 00204/39975 at 602 yards. *Here you should fork R along the western Balk, between hedges, grassy, to the Coast Path NW of Dodman Point but, after 100 yards, you may find deep water, making track impassable except in wellingtons.* If so, fork L uphill between hedges to a wooden stile to a field (*Open Access*) at 00251/39896 at 700 yards. Follow RH hedge to a gap on R at 00241/39827 at 370 feet at 790 yards. Bear slightly R across field to a gate at 00114/39832 at 0.53 miles. R for 20 yards to next gate and follow the path down for 25 yards then go L along the western Balk path, *massive rampart on L*, to a gate to the Coast Path at 99895/39743 at 325 feet at 0.70 miles. (*NT Dodman sign*) (*Coast Path sign Dodman 1/4*) Go L on Coast Path (*Dodman Stone Cross now visible ahead*) undulating to a WM at 00158/39333 at 375 feet at 1.02 miles. Go R to the Stone Cross at 00139/39318 at 375 feet at 1.04 miles. *Great long views W to Lizard, E to Rame Head and Devon.*

(b) Dodman Point to Gorran Haven harbour– 2.38 miles

Return to the WM and continue on the Coast Path. From a field entered at 00365/39447 at 1.26 miles long E views now include Bow (or Vault) Beach. After a second kissing gate you find a finger post (*Vault Beach 1/4, Gorran Haven 1 3/4*) at 00330/39953 at 300 feet. *Here a FP goes L up the eastern Balk and back to Penare.* At the end of the NT's Dodman Estate at 00294/40315 at 320 feet at 1.90 miles, a path goes L up to the lane to Lamledra. You enter the NT's Lamledra Estate at 00895/40913 at 225 feet at 2.35 miles. At a kissing gate at 01467/41021 at 135 feet at 2.73 miles, the first of 2 paths goes R downhill to Vault Beach. The second is at a WM at 01557/40969 at 50 feet at 2.81 miles. The coast path undulates to Pen-a-Maen Point at 01731/41234 at 70 feet at 3.03 miles, where Gorran Haven comes into view. Eventually, at the back of Gorran Haven harbour, at 01304/41542 at 20 feet at 3.39 miles, you should go R down a slipway between Watch House and Cellars to the beach then L along the beach to the seasonal Mermaid snack shack at 01303/41582 at 3.42 miles.

(c) Gorran Haven harbour to Penare – 1.29 miles

Go L and take the middle of 3 roads uphill, passing PO and Stores on R and Toilets and Phone Box on L, then Car Park on R at 01094/41527. Pass Lamledra Hill on L at 01009/41471 at 3.61 miles. Continue uphill for about 250 yards and at a R bend, at 00814/41427 at 110 feet at 3.73 miles, go L (*FP sign*) on a track. Shortly, follow a WM bearing slightly R and immediately bear L on a path for 20 yards to a gate (WM) at 00740/42375 at 3.79 miles. The path climbs easily through woodland to stepping stones over a stream and a gate at 00649/41345 into open. Continue uphill fairly steeply, at first over stepping stones over wet ground, up to a gate at 00363/41094 at 280 feet at 4.09 miles. Follow a path to Treveague, continues as a track round the back of a house, past holiday cottages, and through an open gate to a lane at 00295/41066 at 270 feet at 4.14 miles.

Go R on the tarmac lane uphill for 60 yards to 00260/41104 at 290 feet at 4.18 miles. Go L through gate (*FP Penare 1/2*) and follow a track, roughly SE, through the camp site. (*Views begin to open out over coast to W*) Go through a gate (*FP sign*) at 00175/40979 at 4.27 miles. Continue uphill on grassy track to the next gate at 00127/40875 at 335 feet at 4.34 miles. Here, ignore the stile on your L, and continue uphill on the grassy track up to 350 feet and down to a gate to a lane at 00023/40685 at 345 feet at 4.48 miles. Go forward downhill on the lane into Penare and go R at Lower Penare Farm House back to the NT car park at 4.71 miles.

The Link with Round Walk 26

On your return to Penare, follow section (c) of Round Walk 26 to Porthluney Cove then sections (a) and (b) of Round Walk 26. You can either follow the full route of section (b) for a total walk of 10.75 miles or, on reaching Hemmick Beach, return to Penare on the field path or lane for a total walk of approximately 9.50 miles.

Distances in the directions text are cumulative. A simpler version of these route directions, without the GPS data, is also available. Return to the walk page and click for it.