St. Breward Walk 01 – South from St. Breward Churchtown – 6.56 miles

Route - St. Breward Churchtown, De Lank Quarry, Jubilee Rock, Delford Bridge, Lady Down

A Working Granite Quarry, a remarkable carved Boulder, a listed Clapper Bridge, Downs and Farmland

Useful Information

Parking: Roadside parking in St. Breward Churchtown by church and on same road just further north. Or ask at Old Inn if you are returning to eat there.

Intermediate Parking: Some roadside parking near Delford Bridge.

Getting There: Simplest to follow St. Breward sign from B3266 Camelford to Washaway road. You will come first to suggested parking places.

Transport: Western Greyhound bus 561 links Boscastle, Camelford, St. Breward, Wadebridge, Bodmin.

Refreshments: St. Breward, Old Inn (food all day). Blisland, Blisland Inn (food lunchtime and evening) and café in PO and Shop, not on the main route.

Toilets: Only at the Old Inn, St. Breward and Blisland Inn.

Route Directions

St. Breward to Eddystone – 1.59 miles Start from the track to the church at 09704/77331.

Set off S on the road towards Blisland, immediately passing the Old Inn on your L and, after 250 yards, passing on your L a turning signed Bodmin. Continue to a X-roads and go straight across S on a lane (Rylands), leaving houses on your L. The lane narrows and continues S into Lower Penquite. Opposite The Paddock and The Cottage the lane bears L, still through houses. At Riverside Cottage it bears R uphill easy. At the end go straight ahead over a high cattle stile to a field. Cross on a clear path to high cattle stile to a narrow second field. Cross to a high cattle stile to a third field. Cross slightly L to a high cattle stile to L of a galvanised gate. This leads to a fenced off grassy path alongside a field. Follow the path, crossing a low damaged wooden stile, to a gap into a yard and on to a metal gate to a lane at Higher Penquite. (0.72 miles)

Go R on the lane for 60 yards then go L on a well made track. After the last cottage on the R, the track becomes grassy for 25 yards to a wooden gate. Continue for 10 yards to a second wooden gate and on between hedges to a gap to a field. Cross to the L corner to a hunting gate to scrubby ground and a WM post, the first you encounter. Go L on a clear path through furze and bracken, heading roughly SSE, to a wooden gate and a filled-in cattle stile to a lane, a little NE of Penvorder. (0.95 miles)

Go R on the lane for 25 yards and L, up a track towards a field gate, for 10 yards. Go L (FP sign now visible, was hidden before) and up a very high filled-in cattle stile to a field. Direction is now first SE, then bears SSE. Follow the LH hedge to a gap to a second field. Cross diagonally (views over Camel valley to Clay Country) to another high filled-in cattle stile and a wooden stile to a third field. Follow the LH hedge, halfway along passing an odd isolated cattle stile to nowhere, to a wooden stile, then over a filled-in cattle stile and a wooden stile (WM post but no WM) to a scrubby field. Keep a little R of the LH hedge uphill, then continue down to a substantial wooden stile (sign reads danger quarry workings). (1.25 miles)

The stile takes you into a very scrubby area, thick with bracken. Follow a reasonably clear but overgrown and often rocky and uneven undulating path (difficult going from here to the quarry). There are glimpses of De Lank quarry below L. After a while you come to a WM post, the first proper WM since leaving the lane near Penvorder. (If it is Saturday or Sunday, you will not be able to get out of the quarry so go R here, over a wooden stile and then L down a rocky path to the track at Eddystone). Continue forward; after a while the path becomes very steep with 43 uneven rock steps down. At the bottom you come to a WM in the quarry CP. Go R on the quarry entrance track between high quarried rock faces to the exit and on to a WM by Eddystone on your L. (1.59 miles)

If you fancy a bit of a challenge, you may like to try an alternative route to Jubilee Rock from the WM post in the quarry CP. You will find this at the end of these directions on Page 3.

Eddystone to Jubilee Rock - 1.03 miles

Go L on the drive to Eddystone for 30 yards and bear R (WM) downhill on a path alongside the garden on your L, then entering woodland after about 150 yards. Continue downhill a short way to a massive granite wall on your L. Go L on a track for about 20 yards and, at a gate ahead, go R for few yards to a wooden gate. Now continue forward on a grassy path through scrub downhill to a wooden gate. A clear path continues through scrub passing De Lank Turbine House on your R at 09996/74963, and bearing L through woodland to a FB over the De Lank River. 5 steps up, 4 steps down to the open bracken covered valley part of Pendrift Downs. (1.84 miles)

Follow the obvious path (WM) through the bracken. *It can be sodden here at times*. After a while, you start a fairly steep climb, *could be slippery in wet weather*, up towards Pendrift, to a five step sheep stile and wooden lift stile (WM) to a field. Follow the LH hedge, with the open land of Pendrift Downs off to your L, uphill fairly steeply. At the end go through a muddy gap to the next field. Follow the LH hedge to the top corner, then bear R and L on an initially muddy track to a wooden gate. Follow a well made track to Pendrift and, just after Sleepy Fox Cottage on the R (*track forward here continues towards Blisland*), go L uphill on a wide track, may be muddy in places, passing farmyard and cottage on your L, heading ENE between high wooded hedges, to a wooden gate. The track continues up for a short way on to the Open Access land of Pendrift Downs. From here you will see the massive Jubilee Rock. Continue up to it, reaching it at 10359/74376. (2.62 miles)

Blisland Inn Detour

If you are one of those walkers who likes to treat a walk as a journey between pubs, you could add a detour to the Blisland Inn which specialises in a good range of real ales and simple country food. At Pendrift, instead of turning left to Jubilee Rock, just continue on the track south. After a while it becomes a very quiet lane which comes out at the green in Blisland, a charming village, just a hundred yards or so from the Blisland Inn. It is best then to retrace your steps to Pendrift to follow the route up to Jubilee Rock. This will add about 1¹/4 miles to the walk.

Jubilee Rock to Delford Bridge - 1.40 miles

Return to the grassy track by which you entered Pendrift Downs then follow it heading ENE across Pendrift Downs, circumnavigating quite a lot of furze along the way. After a while a hedge turns R; continue NNE then after a while you should find yourself following the line of a low grassy bank on your L. Continue until you reach a point where the drive to South Penquite meets the lane from Blisland at 10865/74569. (4.02 miles)

Follow the line of the road NE, passing soon a rock inscribed Penquite Marsh. When you get to a T junction, where the road to Delford Bridge goes NNE, (*forward Blisland, Temple, L St. Breward, Camelford*) cross to the E side of that road and follow its line, passing a boundary stone (C, H), on the edge of Kerrow Downs. The lane climbs very gently for a little way then it's downhill all the rest of the way to Delford Bridge at 11423/75886. *On the way down, note (under Interest) the possible short detour to a cairn, not marked on O109.* (4.97 miles)

Cross the bridge and continue to follow the line of the road roughly N, passing on your R the entrance to East Rose then, after about 250 yards, go L across the grass to a high cattle stile and a 3 foot barrier to a field. The OS map shows the route roughly NW to the far field corner but a hedge is long removed so you are actually heading uphill roughly NW but to halfway along the northern hedge to a cattle/wooden lift stile, on to Lady Downs. Head NW, crossing the lane from Bolatheric, heading uphill for Hallagenna, a white gabled house. You reach the road to St. Breward by the Millenium Stone. (5.79 miles)

Cross a cattle grid and follow the lane towards St. Breward, passing immediately on the L Hallegenna Farm (B&B), on R Hallagenna Pony Trekking, with the church tower in view ahead for a while. At a X-roads, cross for 80 yards towards St. Breward Churchtown to a FP sign. Go R over a filled-in cattle stile, pass a corrugated shed on your R and follow a fenced off grassy path along the R edge of a field. Cross a very small clapper bridge and a high filled-in cattle stile to a path, initially muddy, between high wooded hedges up to a cattle stile topped by field roller to a well-made track (*FP signs*). Go L on the track, past the church on your R, to the road in St. Breward Churchtown, Old Inn to your L. (6.56 miles)

An alternative, and fairly challenging, route from De Lank Quarry to Jubilee Rock

At the WM in the De Lank quarry car park, bear L to a FP sign. Follow a track a short way to another FP sign. Go L to a WM post and head roughly E uphill in very scrubby land on a clear enough but badly overgrown path. After a WM post the path becomes very steep, rocky in places and slippery in places. It levels out for a while, now heading SSE with views over the quarry and S down the valley. Then it continues uphill again but much less steeply, the path very ill-defined through bracken but still possible to follow. Continue up to a wooden stile (WM) (beware the barbed wire) and go R through bracken to another WM post. Bear R, up easy through bracken, to another WM post. You have climbed 100 feet to this point. Bear R to a hunting gate (WM). The path follows the line of the RH fence, roughly SE, Best's Penquite with small wind turbine above you to the L, the quarry still below to the R, the valley curving away to SW.

The path now enters woodland and continues up gently, may be muddy, with a high bank on the L, and on through a wooden gate. The path now becomes grassy uphill, out into bracken again, and up to another WM. Continue for 10 yards to a wooden gate into a scrubby field. Now follow the RH hedge, roughly S, to a high cattle stile (WM) into overgrown scrubby land. Follow the RH hedge, passing another WM. In 15 yards cross a low bank and continue through bracken, keeping a track from Best's Penquite on your L, to just to the R of a cattle grid to a wooden stile (WM) and small clapper bridge over a stream onto the Open Access land of Pendrift Downs. It is not easy to find the Rock, which is roughly SSW from here. Simplest is probably to continue SSE gently uphill, crossing a double grassy bank then, when you cross a single grassy bank, turn WSW keeping, after a while, a LH hedge about 100 yards off to your L, easily downhill to the Rock.