

CIRCULAR WALKS AROUND ST. AGNES



There are many enjoyable and picturesque walks around St. Agnes most are signposted and are featured on the St. Agnes Mini-guide map. Because most of our footpaths are in their natural state, good, comfortable, flat walking shoes are recommended. There are several seats along all the main footpaths and cafes both in Trevaunance Cove and Chapel Porth for refreshments, though it is always a good idea to carry a drink with you.

The majority of our footpaths are on public or National Trust land but where they do cross farm land please close gates and keep children and dogs under control when encountering live stock.

All times are approximate -
depending on individual pace and on how many times
you stop to admire the views -

you cannot put a time limit on beauty.

1. The Coastal Path around St. Agnes Head

Time approx. 3 hours

**[Alternative route - wider and away from cliff edge]

Starting from the main St. Agnes Car Park on Trelawney Road. [1 on map]

Leaving the car park turn **right** then **left** onto Vicarage Road, pass the bank on your right and carry on down through the main village. Past P.O. Shops towards St. Agnes Parish Church.

At the junction by St. Agnes Bakery go **left** along Trevaunance Road. Take the **first right** beside the Catholic Church, you will pass a grassed area with seats [and a view of the bay] then Wheal Friendly Engine House. The path then narrows and continues down to Rocky Lane - revealing a truly wonderful view of the cove, [at the seat you can either go to the right down the steps, turn left at the bottom or go down the grass path to the left.

Cross the road to Little Orchard Village. On the right hand side of the gate to Little Orchard Village there is a footpath going up through Woodlands Chalets to the top of the cliff. At the top turn **right** follow the path until you come to a large chimney, turn **right** to the cliff path.

Turn **left** and follow this path for about 2 miles, although rugged it is not a difficult walk. Going around Newdowns Head the two rocks out to your right 'Bawden Rocks or Cow & Calf' are, according to legend, said to have been hurled there by our Giant Bolster. Stay on the path marked with an acorn or ** if you prefer a wider, flatter path take one of the grass tracks leading up to the top of the cliff, these paths become one again at St. Agnes Head. A very pleasant walk brings you to Wheal Coates Engine House with a view overlooking Chapel Porth. A wall plaque gives a potted history of Tin Mining here for more details visit our museum.

Time wise you are now about half way.

From Wheal Coates turn inland following a wide path until you come to a car park, go through the car park onto Beacon Drive.

Turn **left**.

* At Beacon Cottage Touring Park turn **right** and follow the signs. This path takes you through the farm yard and continues around the edge of a field [yellow arrows] to a stone stile. Over the stile continue straight then bear left and go up the path to the top of the Beacon.*

*Alternatively if you want a more gradual [but slightly longer] ascent up the Beacon stay on the road for about a ¼ of a mile opposite the road leading to St. Agnes Head turn **right** and go up the right hand path to the top of St. Agnes Beacon. *

The panoramic view is well worth the climb on reaching the top you will have a wonderful view of the north Cornwall coast line from St. Ives to Newquay and across Cornwall with St. Agnes village herself laid out at your feet. See map references on the trig.

Stand on the top of the beacon, with your back to the sea, take the path directly in front of you back down to Beacon Road. Turn **right**, proceed along the road take the **second left** at Cannonball Farm. This lane will bring you out on Goonvrea Road* turn **left** and walk back into the village turning **left** at the mini roundabout. **Second left** returns you to the car park.

Alternatively as you walk down Goonvrea Road* you will see St. Agnes cemetery on your right hand side. Go through the gate and take the left path down to the old chapel, which is now the St. Agnes Museum.

The museum is open from 10.30am - 5pm everyday from April to the end of September.

[Mon, Wed & Fri through October], admission free and very interesting.

Coming out of the museum turn **left** back into the village. *(Please take care this is a busy road).*

2. Coastal Walk - Newdowns Head and Trevaunance Cove

Time approx. 1½ hours

Starting from St. Agnes Village Square in Churchtown. [3 on map]

Between Churchtown Arts and Over the Moon Art Gallery is an alley way signposted the beacon. Go up past the Ope Cottage across the road at the top past the playground and follow the lane. As you follow the path round you will come to a five-bar gate with a stile beside it, climb over the stile and keeping to the trodden path, walk through 4 fields and over 4 more stiles to Beacon Road where you will cross directly to the foot path on the other side. This path will take you around the bottom edge of St. Agnes Beacon to Beacon Drive.

When you reach the road cross over and follow the road straight ahead to St. Agnes Head picnic area and the coastal path. Where the road bears left there is a car park, turn **right**, there are several grass tracks that will lead you down to the main footpath signposted Newdowns Head. Continue along this path around Newdowns Head, Polberro Cove and down to Trevaunance Cove.

Just past the row of terraced cottages on your right turn up onto the marked footpath [or turn down through car park for beach café and toilets]. Once on Rocky Lane, turn **right**, the steep ascent is on a very busy lane for about 100 yards. As you approach the second bend on the lefthand side you will see a *rough footpath which crosses the driveway of Wheal Friendly Chalets, climb up some steep steps to a seat where you can enjoy a superb view of the cove [or get your breath back] continue up the foot path past Wheal Friendly Engine House to Trevaunance Road, turn **left** and walk back into the village turning **right** just in front of St. Agnes Parish Church and back to the village square.

* to avoid the steep steps take the grass footpath just past the entrance to Wheal Friendly Chalets [3rd left] this brings you to the seat.

3. A Short Walk Around Towanroath and Wheal Coates

Time approx. ½ an hour

Leaving Wheal Coates Car Park [2 on map]

Take the first **left** hand foot path and wind your way towards the headland. With the spectacular view over the coastline towards St. Ives and Chapel Porth Beach. Follow the path bearing right around the headland and down past Towanroath Engine House.

Keeping to the footpath marked with yellow arrows climb up this steep narrow path to the top of the cliff. On reaching the wider cliff path turn **right** and follow this path back towards Wheal Coates and thus back to the car park.

A wall plaque gives a potted history of the tin mining that took place here but for a complete history why not visit our museum at the entrance to the village.

The museum is open from 10.30am - 5pm everyday from April to the end of September.
[Mon, Wed & Fri through October], admission free and very interesting.

4. A Visit to Blue Hills Tin Streams

Time approx. 2 - 2½ hours

If you are driving to Wheal Kitty from St. Agnes stay on the Perranporth Road. Take the third left [↙]signposted Atlantic Coast Bungalows. At the grass triangle turn right.

Starting from Wheal Kitty Car Park [4 on map]

Leave the car park and go left down the steep lane leading to Trevellas Porth, a small natural cove which at low tide connects with Trevaunance Cove. At the bottom you will see the remains of the Blue Hills Engine House, cross over the stream and turn right. Follow the footpath to the Blue Hills Tins Streams.

After an enjoyable and interesting visit learning all about turning rocks into metal continue up Jericho Valley. Keeping to the lefthand side of the stream passing Jericho Cottage follow this path until it crosses another path.

Turn **right** and go across a small stone bridge and follow the wide path up. When you reach the road turn **right**.

This is a busy road being the main one the main one from St. Agnes to Perranporth. When you reach the brow of the hill turn **right** and follow the footpath back to Wheal Kitty Car Park.

5. Jericho Valley and the Blue Hills

Time approx. 1½ hours

[allow 3 hours if you visit the Blue Hills Tin Streams - open March 1st - Oct. 30th not Sundays]

Starting from St. Agnes Village Square [3 on map]

Follow the main road towards the Parish Church then bear right and walk down Town Hill. On your lefthand side you will pass ‘Stippy Stappy’ the much photographed row of Sea Captains Cottages. At the bottom of the hill next to the Saffron Art Gallery turn **left**. Take Quay Road [signposted the Beach] heading down towards the beach on the **right hand** side of the road you will see a signpost for the coastal footpath.

Follow this path to the headland overlooking Trevaunance Cove a truly superb view of the cove and seats provided to enjoy it. Carry on up to the top, around the headland and down the path into Trevellas Porth Cove. At the bottom of the path follow the road to the ruins of the engine house then turn **right** on the footpath to the Blue Hills Tin Streams.

To add even more interest to an enjoyable walk why not stop at this, the last working Tin Stream in Cornwall where you can discover all about the process of tin streaming and even buy souvenirs made there from Cornish Tin. Tours usually lasts about 1½ hours. [they also do cream teas] and they are open all year except on Sundays.

Continue up the valley keeping to the **lefthand** side of the stream passing Jericho Cottage. When you reach a point where the path crosses another path turn **right** and go across a small stone bridge and follow the wide path up. When you reach the road turn **right**. This is a busy road being the main one from St. Agnes to Perranporth so when you reach the brow of the hill cross over and take the **left** turn [sign posted Goonbell]. Take the next **right** turn this will lead you down Water Lane to Peterville Square then walk back up Town Hill to the main village.

6. St. Agnes Beacon

Time approx. 1 hour

Starting at St. Agnes Village Square in Churchtown. [3 on map]

Between Churchtown Arts and Over the Moon Art Gallery is an alley way signposted the beacon. Go up past the Ope Cottage across the road at the top past the playground and follow the lane. As you follow the path round you will come to a five-bar gate with a stile beside it, climb over the stile and keeping to the trodden path, walk through 4 fields and over 4 more stiles to Beacon Road where you will cross directly to the foot path on the other side.

This footpath skirts the lower edge of the Beacon with views out across Trevaunance Cove to Newquay. Take the **3rd** path up to the top of the Beacon, this is the widest and most used [the other 2 ascending tracks are narrow and a little steeper - but they all meet at the top]. On reaching the top you will have a wonderful panoramic view of the North Cornwall Coastline from St. Ives to Newquay and across Cornwall with St. Agnes village herself laid out at your feet. The trig on the top of the Beacon gives points of interest, directions and distances.

Descend towards Chapel Porth until you reach a junction of footpaths, take the first **right hand** path. This will take you around the base of the Beacon to Beacon Drive.

On reaching the road turn **right** and continue along the road, at the crossroads by the telephone box, go straight on until you see a sign post 'footpath to village'. Turn **right** past the chimney and over the stile. Cross the center of the field the foot path is then to your left. Follow this wooded path to a stile, keeping to the trodden pathway cross over the next stile follow the lane until it rejoins the first path from the village square. Turn **left** and return to where you started.

7. Coastal Walk - Towanroath and Chapel Porth

Time approx. 3 hours

**[Alternative route - wider and away from cliff edge]

Starting from the main St. Agnes Car Park on Trelawney Road. [1 on map]

Leaving the car park turn **right** then **left** onto Vicarage Road, pass the bank on your right and carry on down through the main village with P.O., a variety of shops on the Village Square.

Turn **left** into the alleyway after Churchtown Craft Shops signposted the beacon. Go up past the Ope Cottage across the road at the top past the playground and follow the lane. As you follow the path round you will come to a five-bar gate with a stile beside it, climb over the stile and keeping to the trodden path, walk through 4 fields and over 4 more stiles to Beacon Road where you will cross directly to the foot path on the other side. This path will take you around the bottom edge of St. Agnes Beacon to Beacon Drive.

When you reach the road cross over and follow the road straight ahead to St. Agnes Head picnic area and the coastal path. Just past the first car park, leaving the road, turn **left** onto the grass path and continue towards the sea keeping to the well trodden path. On reaching the road turn **left** and follow the wide path around Tubby's Head until you reach a narrow track on the seaward side marked with yellow arrows.

** Turn **right** onto this track and descend to the lower cliff path passing Towanroath Engine House. Take the next right path going down and around keeping to the left path. This takes you past the site of the St. Agnes Well and Chapel but little remains to be seen, however, you will find information about the Chapel on the wall of the beach café. Continue down to the car park at Chapel Porth. [beach café and toilets].

To the right hand side of Chapel Porth cross over the bridge across the stream and go **left** inland up the valley. Follow this National Trust path along side the stream, on your right you will pass a ruined remains of part of Wheal Charlotte [main site of this mine is at the top of these cliffs]. After a short walk along this woodland path you reach a fork turn **left** and go through a wooden gate and over the stream, turn **right** continue until you reach a farm gate.

Through the farm gate take the **right** path up following the stream again, past some cottages on your on your left until you come to another gate. Going through the public access and keeping to the left of the wire fencing until you reach a stile, go over the stile follow the path up a short way turn **right** and keep going until you reach the road, turn **right**.

Continue along the road until you come to a signposted bridal path, turn **left**. Follow the arrows until you reach a set of gates on your left, go through the gates [please close] and continue along the path through another gate and then crossing over a series of stone stiles keeping to the left hand side of these fields. After the 4th stile cross the next field and walkover a stone cattle grid, keeping to the well trodden path cross this field until you enter the gate of St. Agnes Cemetery.

Take the **right** path down to the old chapel, which is now the St. Agnes Museum. Open from 10.30am - 5pm everyday from April to the end of September [Mon, Wed & Fri through October], admission free and very interesting.

Coming out of the museum turn **left** back into the village.
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** Carry straight on along the wider cliff path from St Agnes Head to Wheal Coates. The paths down to Chapel Porth are wider and away from the cliff edge.

