

Wendron is situated in the Hundred and District of Kerrier and lies northeast of mainland Britain's most southerly town, Helston. The parish is the largest in Kerrier and has a number of small villages and hamlets. Originally called Gwendron, the parish was an important mining area with several tin and copper mines. Much of the area of this walk is within the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site.

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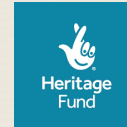


*Foliage explosion of a Cornish hedge,
Country lanes snake, and young birds fledged,
Ruminants, punctuating, quilted hill,
Buzzards soar and wise hares are still.*

*Tin mine engine house, towering stack,
Roof caved in, gorse and bracken's back,
White clay peak, geometrical and sleek,
Earth's riches gouged, canyon deep.*

*Moor-land, open, untamed, granite-strewn,
Wild ponies dance to a skylark's tune,
Tor and beacon, barrow and mound,
You're in God's own country; when you walk this ground.*

From Clive Blake, 'Cornwall Explored'



With grateful thanks to the generosity of landowners along the route. Please respect their privacy and follow the countryside code. Take care along public highways and keep dogs on leads through farmland and when otherwise requested to do so. Please do not litter our beautiful spaces. Note that this route is unsuitable for cyclists and riders.

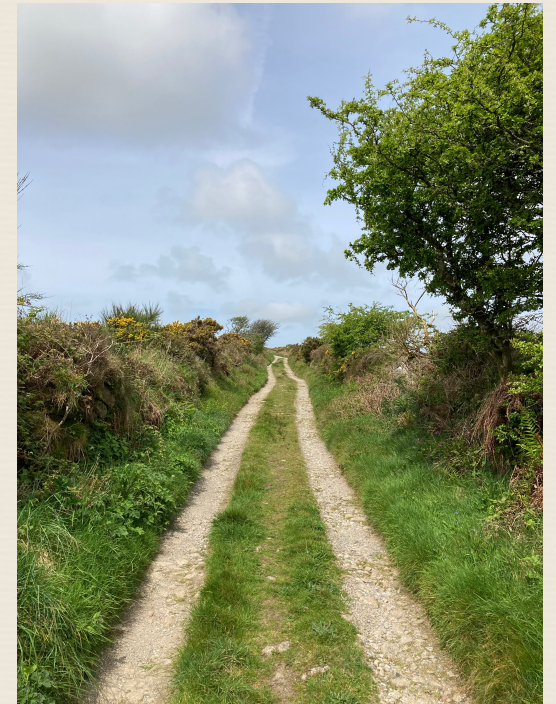
Take only memories and leave only footsteps.



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THE PLATINUM JUBILEE TRAIL



A circular walk through Wendron
Parish's unspoilt natural
environment and industrial
heritage, created in honour of Her
Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

1. Leaving the entrance of the Jubilee Garden (*Panel 1*) in Porkellis, turn right and right again up the track towards Wheal Enys Farm. Turn right once beyond the farm buildings and head for the moorland known locally as Puffet (after a mine that was located here). Follow the track through a gate, turning left onto a farm trail, passing some buildings and, in time, reaching a fully metalled road at a triangle junction.

2. Bear right at this road junction and, after about 200 yards, take the next footpath on the right, signposted to Wheal Rock. After another 300 yards, pass an old arsenic chimney at Wheal Rock Cottage, continue along the footpath and, at a track junction (*Panel 2*), take a left turn onto Calvadnack Moor.

3. Follow the track towards the prominent white house on the upper slopes of the hill, turning right up a footpath enclosed by Cornish hedging. Follow this uphill to the white house, turning right just before reaching it and following the signed footpath along an old boundary wall (*Panel 3*).

4. Cross a granite stile onto a driveway, turn right and then immediately left towards Stithians Reservoir. Proceed down this straight well-made lane past cottages to your left and right. At a T junction at the end of this track, turn left past Association Cottage and meet the road between Nine Maidens and Penmarth. Turn right, go right again at the next junction and enter the hamlet of Penmarth (*Panel 4*).

5. Proceed past the bus shelter and Methodist Hall, taking the track behind the latter to follow a stream. Pass a terrace as you leave the settlement and proceed past a caravan park. Before you reach the southwestern corner of Stithians Lake, take a right turn at Mount Wise Farm. Continue along the drive, past a cottage, keeping on a footpath enclosed with Cornish hedging.

6. Polhigey Moor is at this point ahead of you (*Panel 5*). Proceed across a field and into the moorland around the mining site. Turn left shortly afterwards onto a well-made track across the moor. As it enters farmland at Little Halabezack, turn right and avoid the boggy ground by crossing the small stream on a bridge made from sleepers. Pass through a gate, continuing south, keeping the old farmhouse to your left. Walk down this track, bearing left where necessary and emerge on the main Porkellis to Carnkie road.



7. Cross the road, pass the telephone kiosk (in which *Panel 6* provides information about the mine at Medlyn Moor) and continue due south along the track. At the first track junction, take the right fork and follow a somewhat more potholed route past Medlyn Moor mine's engine house. Continue to Gweal-an-Deeble cottage, where the road is now made of asphalt.

8. Follow this road alongside a stream and then turn left up a hill, pass a bungalow on the left and, at Pollangreen Farm (*Panel 7*), turn right onto a farm track. Sticking carefully to the marked path through farmland, pass through two gates and over a stile into an area of scrubland marking the beginning of the Garlidna Mine site.

9. Emerge from an enclosed path into an open area of equitation hurdles and stick rigidly to the path at the extreme left hand edge of the field. Follow it through another patch of scrub atop decades-old mine waste and, before emerging onto the main track to Garlidna Farm, take a right hand turn and cross a stream, some boggy ground and another stile, to reach a bridlepath. At this point, turn left.

10. After about 400 yards, having passed a small pond to your right, reach the National Trust site of Tyacke's Engine House, part of the Bassett and Grylls mine complex. At the metalled road, turn right and then immediately left at Orchard Lawn Cottage onto the Porkellis to Trenear road. Take care along this road; it is a bus route and is narrow.

11. Pass a log store and a cottage to reach a National Trust sign at the entrance to Porkellis Moor. Go through the kissing-gate and keep on this track as it skirts the edge of the moor (*Panel 8*), eventually entering farmland. Head for the cottages adjacent to the River Cober bridge, cross the stile, turn right up Chapel Hill, past the Methodist chapel and the Star Inn, to finish the walk where you started, at the Jubilee Garden.

It is possible to take short cuts on the other public footpaths, bridleways and roads that bisect this route. Following wet weather, we recommend taking the alternative routes marked in blue on the map. We hope that you enjoy this trail and are able to take advantage of the landscape along the way. The entire route takes between three to four hours to complete.



Follow the Platinum Jubilee Trail way markers, designed to combine the walk's industrial heritage and royal inspiration, and sited along the route..