

CORNWALL

# Tin Coast Cycle Trail

This out-and-back, 4-mile cycle trail from Botallack explores Cornwall's Tin Coast, and provides plenty of opportunities to jump off and get a closer look at the landscape. You'll discover the industrial mining heritage of the area, along with coastal wildlife and far-reaching views out to sea.



## Information

Address: Botallack Count House, Botallack, St Just, Cornwall TR19 7QQ.

OS map: Explorer 102

Activity: Cycling

Moderate: Rated as 'blue/moderate', with some rough, off-road terrain. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome.

Full trail: Miles: 4 (km: 6.4)

Duration: 45 mins

## Terrain

This trail is rated as 'blue/moderate' and is suitable for cyclists with basic off-road cycling skills. Most of the route is flat but is over rough, rocky terrain and is suitable for basic mountain bikes and not road bikes.

As this is a Cornish Mining World Heritage site, please do keep bikes on the main trail.

## Total steps: 11

Start point: Botallack Count House, postcode: TR19 7QQ.

1. From the Count House, turn left and follow the vehicle entrance track, keeping the sea on your right-hand side.
2. By the small shed on the right-hand side, take the track to the right with stone Cornish hedges either side.
3. Hop off the bike here and take a closer look at the buildings, which are remnants of the Tin Coast's mining industry. When you return to your bike, continue along the main track.
4. Take the hairpin turn-off to the right.
5. At the end of the track, take a moment to relax and enjoy the views across to Cape Cornwall. Turn around, back to the hairpin and turn left, back the way you came.
6. You can take a break on return to Botallack Count House. To carry on with the next part of the trail, turn right as you leave the building. Follow the main track and keep the sea on your left-hand side.
7. Where the coast path forks off to the left, you can hop off your bike to follow the coast path on foot and enjoy views over The Crowns engine houses. When you return to your bike, continue straight ahead on the main track, the byway.
8. When you see some circular stone constructions surrounding the old mine shafts, hop off the bike and take a closer look. Return to your bike and continue along the main byway.
9. Continue on the byway, ignoring the turnoffs.
10. Once you arrive at Levant Mine, take a break. You can leave your bike next to the visitor reception building and have a look around the wider site. The main site is open by pre-

booked tours only, please see the Levant Mine and Beam Engine homepage for tour information.

11. Return to Botallack Count House by the same route.  
End point: Botallack Count House, postcode: TR19 7QQ.
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