

CORNWALL

# Polperro to Looe coast walk

The walk passes an early Christian holy site and the ruins of a medieval chapel built on it. The chapel was built after a number of pilgrims drowned trying to reach its predecessor on Looe Island. This part of Cornwall had lively trading links with the Mediterranean even in prehistoric times, and it is said that Jesus visited Looe, accompanying his uncle, Phoenician tin trader Joseph of Arimathea.

**⚠ Take care with cliffs**  
 Be aware of cliff edges and unstable cliffs – keep children supervised.



## Information

Address: Crumplehorn pub, The Coombes, Polperro, Looe, Cornwall PL13 2RJ.

OS map: Explorer 107

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Narrow, stony path in places, some steep slopes, and steps. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 5.5 (km: 8.8)

Duration: 3 hours 30 mins

## Terrain

Path, narrow and stony in places, with some steep ascents and descents including flights of steps. After a steep climb out of Polperro the gradients are fairly gentle.

## Total steps: 8

Start point: Crumplehorn pub car park, Polperro, Looe, Cornwall PL13 2RJ. Grid ref: SX204515

1. From the Crumplehorn car park walk down through Polperro to pick up the South West Coast Path on the north side of the harbour and walk steeply uphill, past the seating area at the viewpoint.
2. Keep climbing the hill to follow the coast path past the mouth of the harbour and around the Warren.
3. Carry on along the coast path to Talland, taking note of the detour that guides you around the fragile cliff and leading on to Talland.
4. Following the coast path above the bay at Talland, carry on along the road beyond, dropping onto the path beside it for a short way. Follow the footpath to the right towards Hore Point at Hendersick and towards Looe.
5. Carry on around Hore Point, leaving Talland Bay for Portnadler Bay.
6. Ignoring footpaths travelling inland, carry on along the coastal path to the gate at Hannafore.
7. Going through the gate, carry on along Hannafore Road, following it along above the beach as it curves around the mouth of the harbour.
8. Carry on along the western bank of the river and into West Looe. Stop at the fire station to catch the bus back to Polperro, or continue ahead and cross the bridge to visit East Looe, with its shops and craft galleries, catching the bus from Shutta Road.

End point: Looe Community Fire Station, West Looe, Looe, Cornwall PL13 2EX. Grid ref:  
SX253531.

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