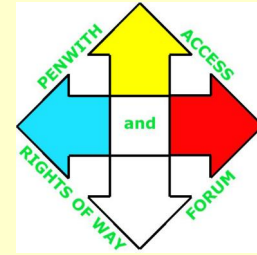


A Circular Walk from Chapel Carn Brea 4.3 Miles



A Walk Visiting Five Historic Ancient Sites

This circular walk offers the possibility of several alternatives, depending on the walker's available time and level of fitness. The walk starts from the National Trust car park at Chapel Carn Brea and goes across Tredinney Common to visit St Euny Chapel. It continues to reach Carn Euny settlement which is managed by English Heritage before continuing on to look at the remains of Caer Bran Hill fort which has recently undergone a great deal of scrub clearance carried out by PAROW. The return route takes us back via Bartinney Downs visiting the site of Bartinney Castle before crossing Numphra common, and then uses a mixture of footpaths and open access land to return to the starting point.

The walk offers the opportunity to visit a number of important historic sites and there are tremendous panoramic views from the summits of Caer Bran and Bartinney Hill. The route is mainly on clearly defined paths with some stiles and steeper sections but can be muddy in places after heavy rain.

The route does not directly pass close to any villages, but it is possible to get refreshments at several places locally, including the café at Lands End Airport. The Town of St Just is close by with a good range of local shops, pubs and cafes offering local produce and services.

Penwith Access and Rights of Way (PAROW)

This is a local community based organisation working with a wide range of partners including the West Cornwall Local Action Group and Cornwall Council to improve access to the countryside for both local people and visitors, with a particular interest in access to Penwith's diverse collection of Ancient and Historic Sites. It also aims to help encourage tourism for the benefit of local businesses and to offer people the opportunity to carry out practical conservation tasks.



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From the National Trust car park (Grid Ref SW 388 283) it is possible to start the walk with a short detour to the top of what is reported to be the 'most westerly hill in Britain'. The Trust has owned the site since 1971 and mid summers eve is celebrated by the lighting of a summit beacon. The hill top offers the opportunity to enjoy sweeping views and includes a Bronze Age Chambered Barrow and the former site of a medieval chapel.

Chapel Carn Brea to St Euny Wells

From the car park at Chapel Carn Brea, return to the road, turn right and almost immediately turn left, crossing the road and passing through a gate to join a wide track. Follow the track ahead, ignoring a left turn and continue ahead to pass between two granite posts and a sign warning of mine shafts. The track continues across Tredinney Common and passes its disused China Clay Works on your left. Ignore any paths off the main track and after some distance you start to go down hill, passing through another wooden gate and continue ahead to pass between the remains of St Euny's Chapel and its two Holy Wells.



China Clay Works



Holy Well

St Euny's Chapel and Wells (Grid Ref: SW399 289)

This is actually the site of two wells and the larger well with the stepped entrance is believed to have healing qualities, and it is reported that services continued to be held at the site into the 18 Century.

Carn Euny Wells to Carn Euny Settlement

Follow the path for a short distance after the wells until you reach a gravel track. Turn right and after approximately 40yds turn left at a sign to Carn Euny. Follow the track between houses and continue on a narrow path to emerge over a granite stile into the Carn Euny Settlement



Carn Euny Settlement

Carn Euny Settlement (Grid Ref: SW402 288)

Carn Euny is one of the best preserved ancient villages in the South West and it was occupied from the Iron Age (about 500BC) until the late Roman period (4th - 5th Century AD). It contains a 'fogou' or underground passage and also the foundations of stone houses.

Carn Euny Settlement to Caer Bran Hill Fort

Leave the settlement by a gate in the bottom left hand corner next to the main information board, cross the field keeping the granite hedge to your left and pass through a field opening, then turn right and continue ahead to reach a granite stile. From the stile, bear right following the track to reach a small wooded car park, turn left and continue ahead to join a tarmac road. Continue up hill to reach the hamlet of Brane. Follow the road between buildings and as the road takes a sharp right turn, turn left up a wide track following a footpath sign. Continue ahead passing through a narrow gap between a gate and the granite hedge. Continue ahead on the track to go over another stile and continue to reach a grassy lane. This leads on to cross another stile into a field. Cross this field heading up hill with the granite hedge on your left. Cross a further granite stile and go straight across the next field to cross another granite stile. Then bear slightly right, crossing the next field to climb a granite stile situated next to a worn Stone Cross. Turn left and follow the track up hill to pass through a wooden gate to enter the remains of Caer Bran Hill Fort.



Caer Bran Hill Fort (Grid Ref: SW407 290)

PAROW has carried out considerable scrub clearance on the Caer Bran site, which has greatly improved public access and has also made it much easier to interpret the visible archaeology. Please take time to explore the

Caer Bran Hill Fort to Bartinney Hill

From the wooden gate continue ahead along a track which runs through the centre of the Hill Fort and emerges onto a farm lane. Turn left and continue through an open wooden gate, and as the track bears left continue ahead onto a dirt path ignoring the public footpath sign. Continue for some distance until you emerge onto a gravel track and continue ahead to reach a T junction. Turn left and follow the track down hill, then turn right to retrace your route back between the Holy Wells. Continue ahead to pass through the wooden gate and turn right on to a path running up hill. The path continues to climb, crossing a wooden stile and then a granite stile. A little further ahead the path reaches a junction and continue ahead, still climbing, to reach the top of Bartinney Hill.

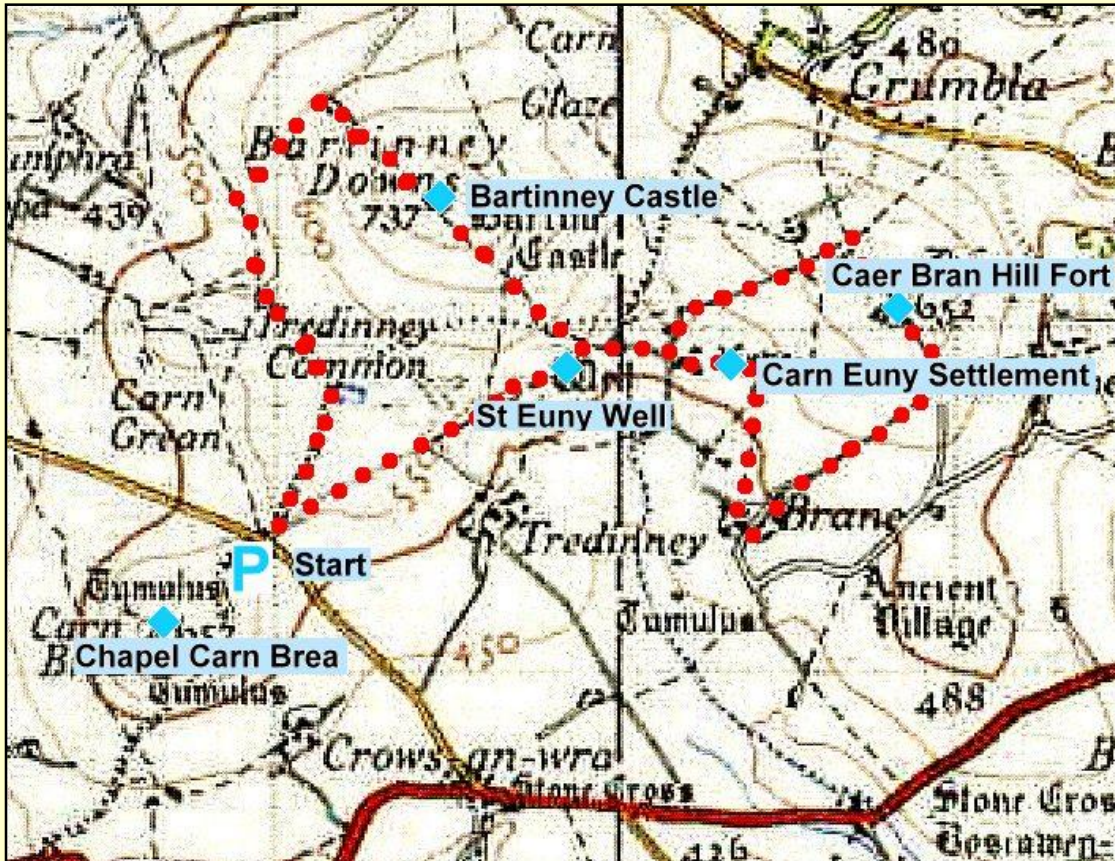
Bartinney Hill (Grid Ref: SW394 292)

Bartinney Hill offers panoramic views in every direction and it is possible to see the Long Ships Lighthouse and Lands End, the tall tower of St Buryan church, St Michaels Mount set in Mounts Bay, Carn Galva and even to the Isles of Scilly on a clear day.

Bartinney Hill to Chapel Carn Brea

Continue past the Trig point and follow the path steeply down hill. Ignore any paths turning off to the right and follow the main path as it bears left, passing a house on your right. The path continues to go left, skirting the bottom of Bartinney Hill. After some distance pass through a granite hedge and continue ahead to emerge through another granite hedge onto an open field. Go straight across the first field and then bear right and cross the second field diagonally to reach a wooden gate onto a track. Follow the track ahead which will lead you back to the start point.

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