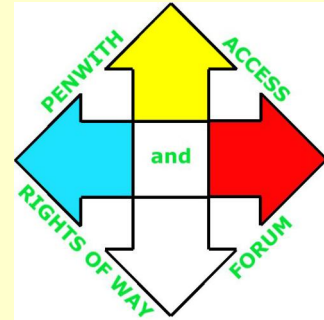


Mobility Walk, Cycle or Ride from Botallack Count House.

Also suitable for mobility buggies and pushchairs. Up to 5.5 miles.



This walk starts from the car parking area at the National Trust owned site of The Botallack Count House. This 'walk' gives people with limited mobility who use 'Tramper' or similar 'Off Road' mobility scooters an opportunity to explore this historically interesting section of coast line which also provides many stunning views and opportunities to watch wildlife. The walk is also suitable for families with young children who use 'Off Road' pushchairs, however it is rather stony and a little steep in some places and visitors must assess its suitability. The walk offers great flexibility in distance as it goes in both directions along the coastal byway from the start point, and returns along the same route. There are disabled car parking spaces at the start of the walk and there are many shops, pubs and cafes near by and toilets in the village of Pendeen, at the Levant Beam Engine, at Geevor Mine and at the Count House at Botallack, during opening hours.

PAROW

Penwith Access and Rights of Way - 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



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Count house



The Count House at Botallack dates from the mid 1860's and was used as the administrative building for the Botallack Mine and it was also used as the residence of the Mine Captain. It was acquired by the National Trust in 1995 and is now used as a base for their area Warden, and is also used for community events and education. It houses a small interpretive display.

Count House to Kenidjack Valley and return (3.0 miles)

From the Count House head back up the track towards Botallack and after 100m turn right at a red Way Marker post. Follow the track down hill and continue ahead, and at the next red Way Marker the track curves towards a Mine Engine House. Continue ahead past a further red Way Marker and follow the track for 600m. At a junction turn right onto a more grassy track and continue ahead to enjoy lovely views of the Kenidjack Valley, Cape Cornwall and the Long Ships Light House at Lands End. At a larger grassed area turn around and retrace your route back to the main track. Turn right and follow the track down hill past a house to reach a tarmac road. It is now possible to follow this quiet lane to its end. Retrace your route back to the start point.

Crowns Mine

The lower engine house dates from 1835 and was used to pump water from the mine. The higher house was used to provide winding power for the Boscawen shaft which ran under the sea, and was built in 1862.

The mine was the scene of many terrible accidents and in 1893 19 men and a boy were killed after blasting caused a sudden flood from nearby flooded workings.



The Crowns Engine
Houses

The Kenidjack Valley and Cape Cornwall



Cape Cornwall
The only Cape in Britain, Cape Cornwall is the point at which the English Channel and St Georges Channel meet. It is now owned by the National Trust. Also visible to the right of the Cape is Porthledden House which was built in 1909 by Captain Francis Oates after he made a fortune as Managing Director of De Beers in South Africa



Kenidjack Valley

Also known as the Nancherrow Valley, with the Tregeseal river running along its centre, the Kenidjack Valley has been the scene of mining activity for centuries,

West Wheal Owl Engine House



Wildlife along the route

There are wonderful opportunities to spot wildlife along the route, from Dolphins and Basking Sharks at sea, to Buzzards and Barn Owls along the coast. There are also bats in some of the old mine workings.

Count House to Geevor Mine and return (2.5 miles)

From the Count House, follow the track right and continue ahead to pass two houses. And note the old arsenic works, now restored on the left. The track now continues for 1.5 kilometers, all the way to the parking area for the Levant Beam Engine and apart from one steep section, at which you should keep to the right hand track, and some large puddles after rain, the surface is reasonably firm.

At the Levant Beam Engine parking area, head down hill towards the Engine House and then follow the track off to the right as it heads onto a narrower track. The track continues through an area of mining spoil and is increasingly rocky. Turn round when level with the chimney on your left and retrace your route back to the start point. This section of track allows views of the Geevor tin Mine

Levant Beam Engine

The Beam engine is the only Cornish Beam engine that is still run by steam and located in its original site. It was restored by the 'Grease Gang' a group of volunteers from the Trevithick Society who returned it to operating condition after more than 60 years of inactivity.

The engine was built in 1840 and carried the ore to the surface from nearly 2000ft down, where it would then be transported to Hayle or Portreath before continuing to smelters in South Wales. The mine was closed in 1930 having worked for 90 years, and was restored between 1984 to 1992.

Opening times, information and admission prices are available on the National Trust Web Site at www.nationaltrust.org.uk



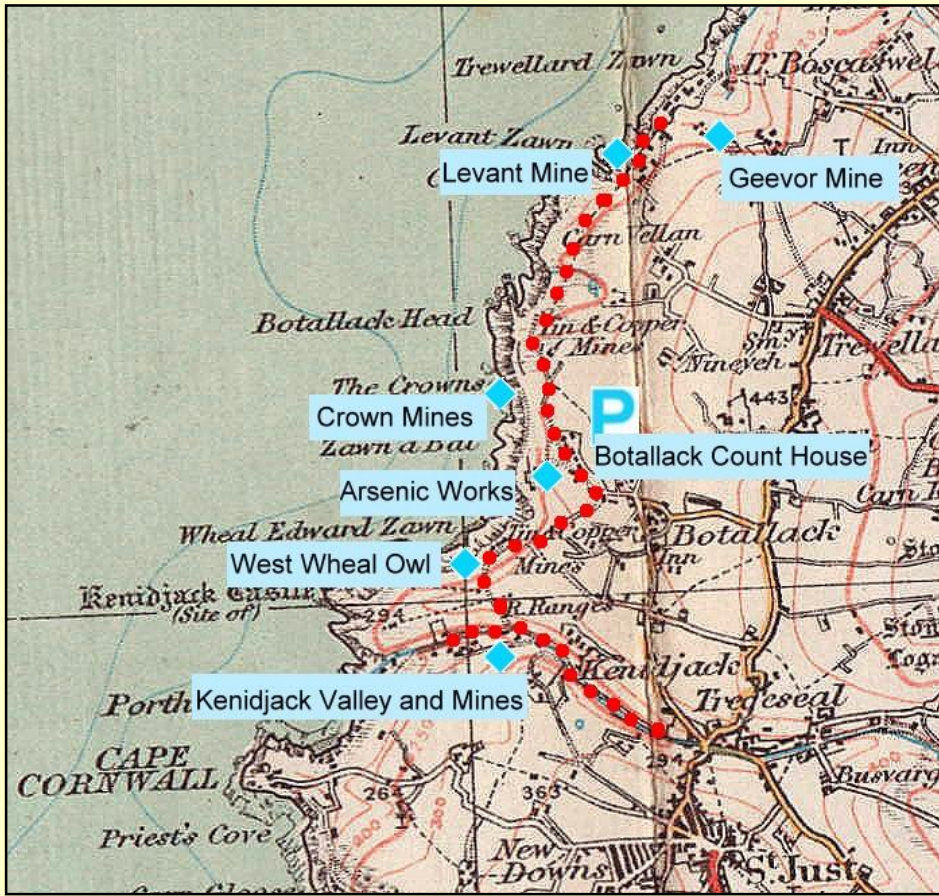
Levant Beam Engine



Geevor Mine

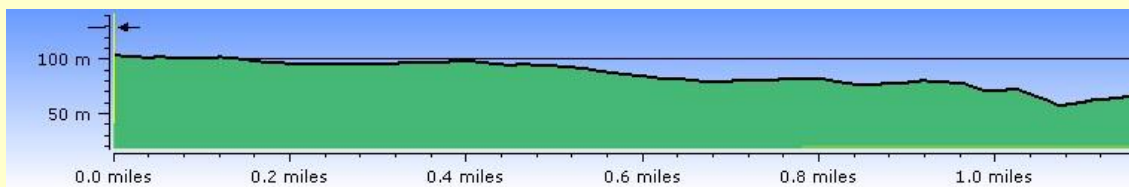
Geevor Tin Mine Ltd started as a company in 1911 in an area that had already been mined for hundreds of years. The company brought together three smaller mines and wasn't closed until 1990. Its viability as a mine was always affected by the changing world value of tin, which had an associated effect on the local workers and their families, but over its life time 4.5 million tones of ore was extracted, producing over 50000 tons of 'Black Tin'. Opening Times, information and admission prices are available on the Geevor Mine Web Site at www.geevor.com

MAP



For Detailed Map Please Use OS Explorer 102

Count House to Levant Mine (one way)



Count House to Kenidjack Valley (one way)

