

TRELOWARREN HALLIGGYE WALK

When walking on Trelowarren it is important to notice that this is a designed landscape and not a natural one. Smoke and mirrors. The Fogou is indeed ancient but The Mount has been made to seem ancient. The Ilex Avenue seems old but it is the new drive and so on. All of it, even the bits that look wild, take careful management and maintenance.

The Trelowarren Mysterious Edge...

When walking around Trelowarren pay particular attention to the design of the drives and field edges. You will rarely see a straight line but everywhere sinuous curves that lead the eye to the next part of a view or into mystery...

BEGINNING & ENDING AT THE NEW YARD RESTAURANT

THE YARD TO THE CAR PARK

Walk out of the top of the Yard past the Tack Room Loos and keeping the walled garden on your right, go to the main Car Park.

Things to See...

THE CLOCK AND CLOCK TOWER. The Trelowarren clock, which can be heard all over the Estate, was stolen to order in the early 1970s. Like all things Cornish however it has found its way home. It was taken to Sweden and then Belgium where is was spotted in an antique clock shop in Brussels by one of the Vyvyans. To celebrate its auspicious return Virginia Vyvyan sponsored the complete restoration of the tower. On top of the clock tower is a battered but effective wind-vane. The holes in its tail were put there by insouciant GIs using it for target practice in the run up to D Day.

THE PLUM TREES on the garden wall have been selected for their beautiful blossom and delicious fruit. Sweet fruit grows on south facing walls and the naturally sour fruit trees on the north and

The Turret is part of the crenelated folly wall which runs along the drive to the house and forms part of the 18th century alterations to the drives.

THE CAR PARK TO THE MOUNT

Through the car park and out over the granite stile, across the drive and follow the right hand hedge to The Mount.

Things to See...

THE TREES on your right are part of the wind break for the garden and were probably intended to be the course of the new new drive.

THE MOUNT is the spoil from the new drive (keep up) and it was landscaped to provide a view of the Channel and the Western Approaches. It was planted to appear much older and more mysterious. Do take the time to go up Mount as the view from the highest point on the Lizard, although not exactly Ben Nevis, is lovely. As you cross the granite cattle grid leaving the Mount, notice the coffin rest on your left. Coffins of course had to be carried across country to the nearest graveyard and these rest (and refreshment) ledges are often found between fields. \Rightarrow

THE MOUNT TO THE FOGOU

After the granite cattle grid, follow the hedge on your left to the farm track and then turn right to Halliggye hamlet. Walk through the cottages (bearing right) and as you come out into the field turn left again for the Fogou.

Things to See...

HALLIGGYE IRON AGE FORT is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in Northern Europe and is a scheduled Ancient Monument. The houses are grouped around the edge of the mound (not to be confused with The Mount).

THE FOGOU is a large underground set of tunnels and spaces about which all kinds of tales of the weird and wonderful abound. The most reliable source of information is probably the Scheduled Ancient Monument listing which is very detailed. The other versions which you might read or hear about need several grains of salt to be believed.

THE FOGOU TO VENTON GANNELL

Walk from the Fogou down the track to the new drive, cross the drive and after 25 yards bear right.

Things to See...

The Ilex Avenue is very beautiful and Romantic (not to mention sinuous) but it is officially post mature. The trees have been heavily pollarded once but high winds in January 2014 did a lot of damage. Quintessentially Trelowarren it is particularly lovely in the evening sun.

THE VENTON GANNELL COTTAGES are a picturesque addition to the view from the drive and at 1790 not as old as they seem. The first cottage is on a little island with a kennel running on either side to keep the water flowing past rather than through.

VENTON GANNELL TO THE NEW YARD RESTAURANT

After the second cottage, turn right into Great Tregenna (field name) and walk back up the track to the drive. Then you are in the home straight for the well-deserved refreshment in the New Yard Restaurant.

Things to See...

The Restoration Gates were commissioned by the Royalist Vyvyans to celebrate the Stuart restoration. They were moved from their position in front of the house after the failure of the 1745 rebellion (the Bonnie Prince Charlie one) as an acknowledgment that the family had given up its Royalist leanings and was prepared to accept the Hanoverians.

The permissive paths on Trelowarren are not Rights of Way and are open from February 1ⁿ – September 30th. Dogs on leads please.

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