

BUTTERFLIES & BOULDERS

south penquite Granite trail



Walk down to the end of the farm entrance lane. Just before you approach the green triangle which contains the **Farm Sign**, if you look to your right you will notice a prominent granite post with a **white arrow** painted on it. Following this, walk through the old gateway and continue across the open moor keeping an ancient broken bank on your right – *do not follow the road hedge*.

You will pass two **small ponds** on your left and eventually will come to the corner of a much more prominent Cornish hedge which you need now to keep on your left as you continue in the same direction now following some small vehicle tracks

You will now come across a famous local landmark – **Jubilee Rock**. This large granite rock was decorated in 1810 by one Lt. John Rogers whilst on sick leave to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of George III. Carved on one side of the rock are the coats of arms for Falmouth & Morshead, with the Molesworth arms on the other and the figure of Britannia (as depicted on the old penny coin) given pride of place on the front face. Climb the rock for one of the widest views in Cornwall!

Continue to follow the tracks downwards and you will come to a **sunken lane**. Pass through the wooden gate and follow the track down to the hamlet of **Pendrift**. At the bottom turn right at the **“T” junction** and continue on the track to the end, through the large wooden gate to the left of the house **Trelake**, and into the fields beyond.

You are now on a footpath, and keeping close to the hedge on your right you will cross two fields and head downhill ending up at a **charming stile and granite steps** that lead you back on to the moors.

The spectacular natural bowl before you is called **Pendrift Bottoms** and if you look across the valley to the right you will see a prominent house by the quarry in the distance. Follow the initially steep path down across the moors, weaving through the bracken whilst continuing to head in the direction of the house. Just before you pass under the telegraph wires you will lose sight of the house, but just follow the path keeping the wooded valley slope on your right until

you reach the river and then find a **wooden footbridge**. Once across the **De Lank River** the path bears left and meanders past the **Old Pumping House** – this has recently been restored and now houses a new hydro-electric plant. The path will then wind up the hill and pass **Eddystone Court**.

Pick up the footpath again through a **kissing gate** on the other side of the quarry entrance road, and continue following the fence on your right until you come to a stile.

Over the stile and follow the footpath up, turn right when it meets a new path and walk to the top of the hill.

On the quarry floor you will need to walk out of the car park, cross over the track and pick up the footpath again in a gap in the trees the other side of the **fenced settling tanks** just to the right of a small granite shed. This is a working quarry so please be mindful of heavy machinery and stick to the footpath – there are signs and marker posts to direct you.



Pendrift Bottoms

Trelake

Pendrift Bottoms

Style with Granite Steps

Wooden Footbridge

Eddystone Court

Kissing Gate

Style

De Lank Quarry

Fenced Settling Tanks

Style

Wind Turbine

FARMYARD

Bridge

Entrance Gate

Follow White Arrow here

Farm Sign

Ponds

Jubilee Rock

Gate

Hamlet of Pendrift (turn right at “T”)

Head up the very steep side of the valley and over a stile and you are back on South Penquite Farm!

Follow footpath right and then through a gate into a wooded area and then out into another field and walk until you reach a farm track. Follow this track right, over a cattle grid and stream, and it will lead you eventually back to the farm entrance gate.

By the pile of rocks on the summit you will clearly be able to see the South Penquite wind turbine on the other side of the valley. Keep on the path, over the brow, and down right into the **De Lank Quarry**. Granite from the Quarry was used for important and famous landmarks - the Eddystone LightHouse (1882), the Beachy Head Lighthouse (1900) and Tower Bridge in 1890. The Granite was transported using the local Railway from its station at Wenford, and the Granite was then shipped from ports at Padstow and Wadebridge to its destinations all over England. More recently 545 blocks of De Lank granite were used in the construction of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain in Hyde Park.

Marsh Fritillary

Sunken Lane

Small Tortoiseshell

Ponds

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2 - 2 1/2 hours at a leisurely pace