


**INFORMATION | TOURISM**

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# Walk on the WILD SIDE

JO VAUGHAN TAKES A PAUSE IN ST MAWES AND GETS HER CLAWS INTO A SIX-MILE WALK IN THE CORNISH COUNTRYSIDE

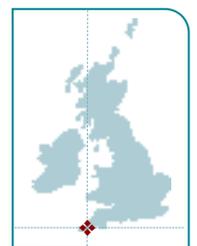
**T**HE SMALL fishing village of St Mawes in Cornwall is a true centre for marine activity, with a bustling harbour where the daily catch is brought ashore. A beautiful castle, run by English Heritage, is its centrepiece, but there are also many stunning walks and fantastic coastal views to be enjoyed.

Starting from the Club's Merrose Farm site, this is a slightly unusual walk as it not only relies on a 25-minute bus ride to St Mawes, but also involves a scenic boat trip to our starting point. The bus

from the campsite leaves every two hours from Monday to Saturday, and costs £1.70 per person for a one-way ticket. I'm afraid the boat to Place also costs – £3 to be precise – but it's always fun to take to the water! Ferries leave every half-an-hour or on demand (except at low tide), but if you have to wait there are plenty of places to get a bite to eat before all your exertion. We tried the excellent Rising Sun pub. Don't get on the wrong ferry though, otherwise you'll end up at Falmouth, although this is

another excellent day out if you've time to enjoy it.

The ferry lands at different locations depending on whether the tide is high or low, but just follow the signs to the quay (which is only 200 metres away) if you're not already landed there. There may be yet another drain in your funds during the walk – a stop at Curgurrel Farm's shop, which sells a variety of seafood including crabs, scallops, monkfish and Dover sole – to name but a few. So that'll be dinner sorted out then...



INFORMATION | ATTRACTIONS

- **St Mawes Castle**, Castle Drive, St Mawes, Truro TR2 5DE. Tel 01326 270526 or see [english-heritage.org.uk/stmawes](http://english-heritage.org.uk/stmawes). Open all year from 10am. Cost: adults, £4; children, £2; concessions, £3.20. Free for English Heritage members. Disabled access: only to the main entrance floor, although impacted gravel paths and small grass slopes are throughout the gardens. One of Henry VIII's coastal fortresses, this well-preserved castle was built to counter invasion threats from France and Spain
- **National Maritime Museum Cornwall**, Discovery Quay, Falmouth TR11 3QY. Tel 01326 313388 or see [nmmc.co.uk](http://nmmc.co.uk). Open from 10am-5pm every day. Cost: adults, £7.95; seniors (over 60s), £6.25; children (6-15 years), £5.25. Family tickets available. Full disabled access. With glorious views over the estuary, the museum has attractions that will appeal to all ages. These include story galleries, shop, reconstructions and family activities during the holidays
- **Falmouth Art Gallery**, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth TR11 2RT. Tel 01326 313863 or see [falmouthartgallery.com](http://falmouthartgallery.com). Open: Mon-Sat from 10am-5pm. Free. Full disabled access via Webber Street. Renovated with help from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Gallery offers seasonal exhibitions as well as a permanent collection



INFORMATION | GENERAL

**NEAREST CLUB SITE:** Merrose Farm, Portscatho, Truro TR2 5EL. Tel 01872 580380.  
 Open: 14 March to 10 November  
**DISTANCE:** 6 miles/9.6km (allow 4½ hours including the bus and ferry)  
**TERRAIN:** Mostly coastal path, some beach walking  
**NUMBER OF STILES:** 8  
**ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT:** Ordnance Survey Explorer 105 – Falmouth & Mevagissey, Truro and St Mawes  
**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** Moderate/strenuous  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Various available in Portscatho  
**TOILETS:** In Portscatho



**DIRECTIONS**

- 1** Leave the campsite via the main entrance and walk up to the main road. Cross over and wait for the bus, which needs to be flagged down.
- 2** From the quay in St Mawes take the small passenger ferry to Place.
- 3** If it is low tide the tiny ferry will land a short distance from the quay – walk along the jetty and up the steps. Go through the kissing gate and follow the sign 'Coast Path (Place Quay 200 metres)'. At high tide the ferry will land at Place Quay itself, so just follow the signpost marked 'Public Footpath – Bohoratha ¼ mile' (this means passing through a kissing gate if you land at the quay).
- 4** Go through a kissing gate and up the hill to a second kissing gate. Go over a

- stone stile and fork left (signposted 'Bohortha'). At the tarmac road (just past Bohurrow Farmhouse), head straight on.
- 5** At the T-junction turn right, then almost immediately take the footpath on the left, over a stile (signposted 'Porthbeor Beach'). Then turn left to follow the coast path (yellow arrow sign).
  - 6** Continue through a wooden gate. Go over a stone stile. Continue past Killigerran Head and through a lifting gate. Go through a wooden gate and past The Wreck Post. Continue following the yellow arrow (signposted 'Portscatho 2m'), then through two gates. Cross a stone stile, then continue ahead through two more gates.
  - 7** Continue into Portscatho. Pass the quay and turn right just before the Plume of Feathers pub. Continue along North Parade. At the end of the

- village the road fades out into a footpath once again. Continue along the coast path and down the steep steps onto Porthcurnick Beach.
- 8** Go up the ramp at the end of the beach, then turn right (signposted 'Pendower Beach 2½ miles'). Then go through a gate, over two stone stiles and through another gate before heading down some steps to Porthbean Beach.
  - 9** Continue along the beach and clamber over two rocky sections before going up a set of stone steps on your left. Go over a bridge and a stile.
  - 10** Turn left, signposted 'Curgurrell'. Go through a gate, then over a stile. Continue past Curgurrell Farm and its farm shop. At the road continue straight ahead. Then at the main road turn right and you will see the entrance to the campsite.

