

St. Breward

Distance: 2 miles

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 109

Start: Churchtown (Grid Ref SX 097774)

Character: a lot of variety for such a short walk - woodland, farmland, moorland scrub and country lanes. There is some uneven walking, as well as difficult stiles and one long, steady ascent. Historically, St Breward was dependant on its granite quarries and china clay extraction and the area is criss-crossed by footpaths which must have been trugged daily by men, women and children on their way to work.

Park near the church, without causing an obstruction - bear in mind that a tractor or lorry might need to pass. If no space is available, more space may be found N of the church, just past the war memorial (if public transport is required, the only way to get to St. Breward is with Corlink – Tel: 0845 850 5556 – who operate on demand between 07:00-23:00 Mon-Sat and 07:00-19:00 Sundays. Fares are reasonable).

Starting from the church, walk down to the Old Inn and, opposite the inn, turn right on a public footpath. Pass between houses to cross a farm yard, from where you enter a narrow walled path via a small gate. Where the path becomes a track, keep left, ignoring the stone stile on your right. Pass the village school then turn right to join a road.

Just before “Mor-Ray”, bear half-right over a stile to follow a public footpath which winds round and down to a footbridge. Don’t cross the bridge but continue downhill with the stream on your left.

When you reach a tarmac track turn left and immediately right down a minor road. At the foot of the hill turn right onto a public footpath. Cross the stream and walk past a large barn on your right. You are now on land belonging to Coombe Mill holiday complex. Their farm animals are to be seen all around – this stretch is especially enjoyable for children and animal lovers.

Follow the waymarks N through 2 fields to enter woodland. Keeping the river on your left, proceed through the wood and cross a field to enter a small hamlet of 3-4 houses. Continue ahead (NE) to a public footpath just left of the now closed aviaries.

Follow the main path as it heads steadily uphill keeping right and uphill at several forks. After the path levels out, you meet a path cutting across at an oblique angle. (to your left you can see a few houses around Gam bridge - this is where the path comes from). Turn up to the right and continue uphill, maintaining a SW bearing, to the war memorial and the road. Turn right back to the church, or left if you’ve parked N of the church.

Enjoy your walk!

Legend

N: North, E: East, S: South, W: West

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Thank-you.*

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