

<b>Walk no:-</b> <b>SGW17</b>	<b>Distance</b> <b>Miles/kms</b> 6 miles	<b><u>Degree of difficulty -</u></b> Moderate <b><u>Circular or linear</u></b> Circular <b><u>OS Explorer Map Number</u></b> 105	<b><u>Terrain</u></b> Around the Headland of St Mawes and up the Eastern side of the Roseland to St Just in Roseland church and then back over to the Percuil river shoreline path to St Mawes. Undulating coastal path, woodland and pavement.
<b>Walk name</b> St Mawes to St Just in Roseland			
<b>Grid ref start point</b> 847 330 Circular			
<b>Grid ref finish point</b>			

**Brief description highlighting character of the walk**

Fabulous views of the Carrick Roads across to Falmouth walking to the site of the 5<sup>th</sup> Century Celtic chapel and 13<sup>th</sup> Century church of St Just in Roseland followed by a steep valley walk in woodlands opening up onto the Percuil river and around the shoreline for a visit to St Mawes.

**Public transport information**

Ferry ride from Falmouth to St Mawes

**Nearest Toilets and Nearest Disabled Toilets**

Toilets in the main car park in St Mawes

**Nearest Car parks and Nearest Car Parks with disabled provision**

Main car park in St Mawes

**Nearest refreshments**

All in St Mawes.

**Further information**

1. TIC's in St Mawes at the Square 01326 270440, Falmouth on Prince of Wales Pier TR11 3DF 0905 3254534 and in Truro Boscawen Street TR1 2NE 01872 274 766 .



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## Detailed description highlighting character of the walk and what to look for.



Stepping off the ferry from Falmouth onto the quay the direction to head for to start the walk is left, west looking over to Pendennis headland and the nearby St Mawes castle. To get to the main car park and the toilets turn right for 50 metres and it is up on your left. Walking back to the quay continue along the road towards St Mawes castle.

St Mawes was known as Lavada or Lavousa in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century with the chapel of St Mawes going back to 1381. It is named after Saint Maudez of Brittany whilst inevitably other sources would say that the original Saint Maudus came from Wales. Originally part of the parish of St Just, St Mawes did not have its own parish church for centuries but it did have its own holy well, which cured many complaints.

The over riding task of St Mawes castle built around the same time as Pendennis between 1540-45 was to protect the Carrick Roads (Fal River) from invasion along with the larger more prominent Pendennis Castle. Both are more artillery forts that castles although St Mawes is more decorated with gargoyles, Renaissance type and ineffective gun loops and windows. One must remember that at the time of the building Falmouth as a town did not exist whilst St Mawes, Penryn and Truro did. It became a borough town in 1562 sending two elected members of the district to Parliament.

Walk past the Tresanton hotel up the road to the Castle. Then follow the coast path up the Fal River to St Just in Roseland ignoring the path signs to your right. The church within sub tropical gardens is a site of a 5<sup>th</sup> century Celtic chapel where St Just is lestin son of Geraint who was the King of Cornwall (Gerrans is very close by). John Treseder set up a nursey after a visit to Australia in 1897 and originally planted the gardens. There are Gunnera, Western Red Cedars and tree ferns in amongst the native flora. Walk up through the lychgate (toilets are on the left) and opposite is a footpath sign that takes you up a windy path. With the farm on your right go into a National Trust signed lane through a five bar gate. The views further up are wonderful across to Falmouth, up the Fal river and back up St Just creek. After half a mile one reaches the main road. Take the stile to your right and walk parallel to the road.

After a few fields there is a disused water tank on stilts, quite a feature of the local area. Cross over the busy main road and 50 metres down opposite the Halwartha garage is a footpath to take you down to Bosloggas and the Percuil River. Go down the drive way and veer right through the gate that has letters spelling "Privat" on the 5 bar gate. Immediately veer left down the track and not into or across the farmyard.

Continue along this track until you get to Bosloggas where a gate and various signs will inform you to turn right over a stile. This takes you down through a barbed wire alley. The leat running through this beautiful valley and the trees either side are worth the walk through the very narrow public access thoroughfare. There are steps and stiles down to the fabulous views one gets of the upper reaches of the Percuil River and Polingey creek. Unfortunately there are no public paths to the left up the river but there are on the opposite banks at Percuil leading up to Gerrans and Portscatho.

Follow the wooded path around the river to open land with views of both Polyn and Porth Creeks. Just think of the opportunities for smuggling around these hidden creeks. Go around two boat yards and then take the main road into St Mawes.