

GIANT QUOIT WALK 2

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Our winter walk from Treslothan to Copper Hill starts at Treslothan ‘model’ village SW650381.

All along this route, the landscape is rich in features that help us to imagine what life was like in the past. Passing through the mining country around Carwynnen Carn, with stunning views from Copper Hill, we are walking on land that has been mined since medieval times.

2.79 miles (4.49 km)



Medieval Cornish cross, St John's church

1. START

See St John's church and the mausoleum of the Pendarves family, built to the designs of George Wightwick. The miner-poet John Harris is buried in the churchyard.

Walk uphill and turn right at the well

Go past 'the Hound' field where a black spectral dog is said to walk abroad. Carry on walking through Stennack Woods down 'Lovers Lane' and look for the undulations formed by early tin streaming that are still visible in the wooded landscape.

2.

Emerging from Stennack ('tin ground'), turn right on the road to pass Frying Pan Field and the newly restored quoit (a good spot for a picnic). Then head downhill to Carwynnen, a hamlet that was originally part of the Pendarves Estate.

Turn left and fork left past the houses. Here in the valley where the river Connor runs, wooden shovels were found and there are 'hulls' (food storage hollows) in the bank.

Turn right at the end of the path and then left through Rock Villa.

3.

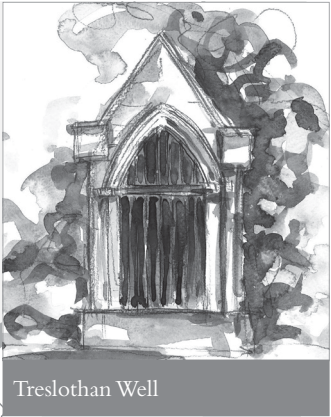
Continue along the path until you reach a farmhouse on the right. Turn left to ascend the hill following the edge of the fields. Look for the Hut Circles on the left-hand side as your climb the stile into a field of bracken.

- The walk
- Church
- River
- Road
- Minor road
- Track
- Good view
- Key archaeological site
- Houses
- Wood
- Trees
- Bracken
- Field system
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Bell heather Erica cinerea found on Copper Hill in the winter

The Hut Circles on Copper Hill are the remains of Iron and Bronze Age houses. Charles Thomas, now a patron of the Sustainable Trust, wrote an article about them in the 1950s in which he reported that the circles were visited by 'the Camborne Students' Association' in the summer of 1896. In 1951 Charles Thomas began excavations and pottery was found. Today the site is within an area of moorland. It overlooks the Carwynnen Valley, which leads down to the sea at Gwithian.



Treslothan Well



Lover's Lane

4. Finish

Turn left at the intersection, then right onto a footpath. At the road take a steep downhill path back to Stennack, and then retrace your steps to St. John's church, Treslothan.



Early tin streaming



Hut Circles, excavated in 1951

Our curious cromlechs! Let no hand of man
Destroy these stony prophets which the Lord
Has placed upon the tarns and sounding
downs With tones for distant ages.
John Harris

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