

Trail Information

Poldice: Riches and poison in the old Copper Kingdom

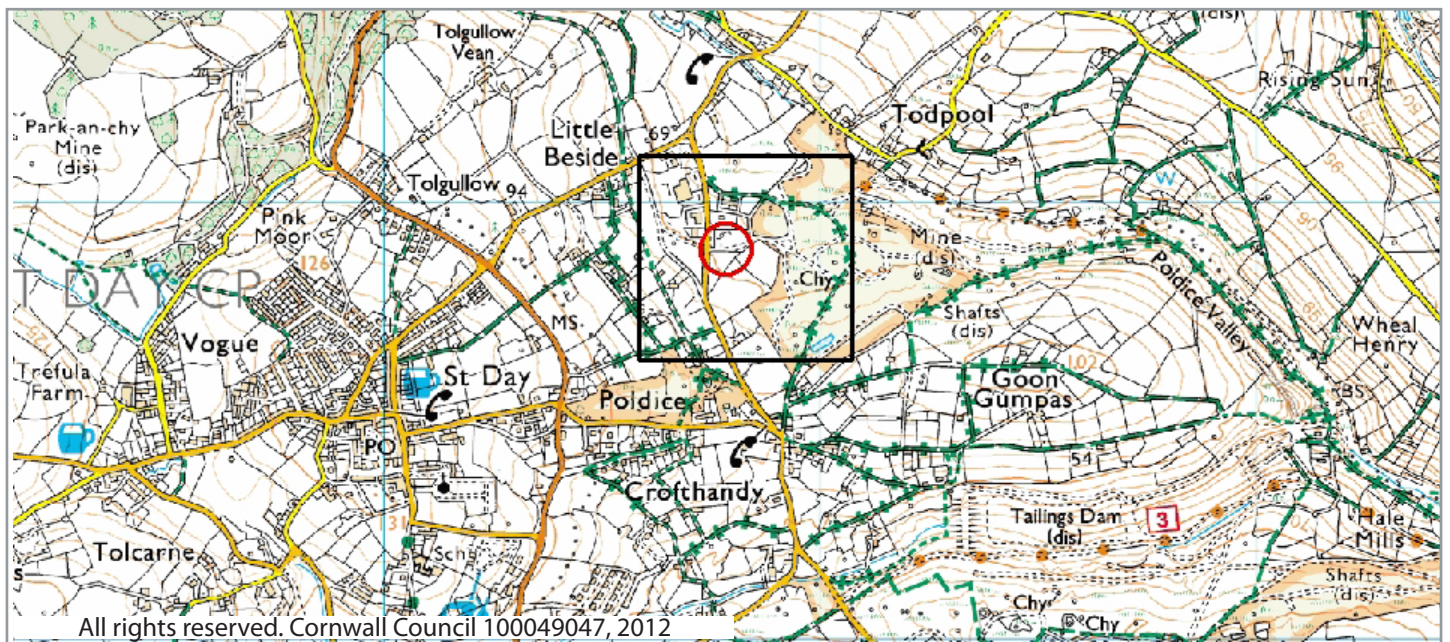
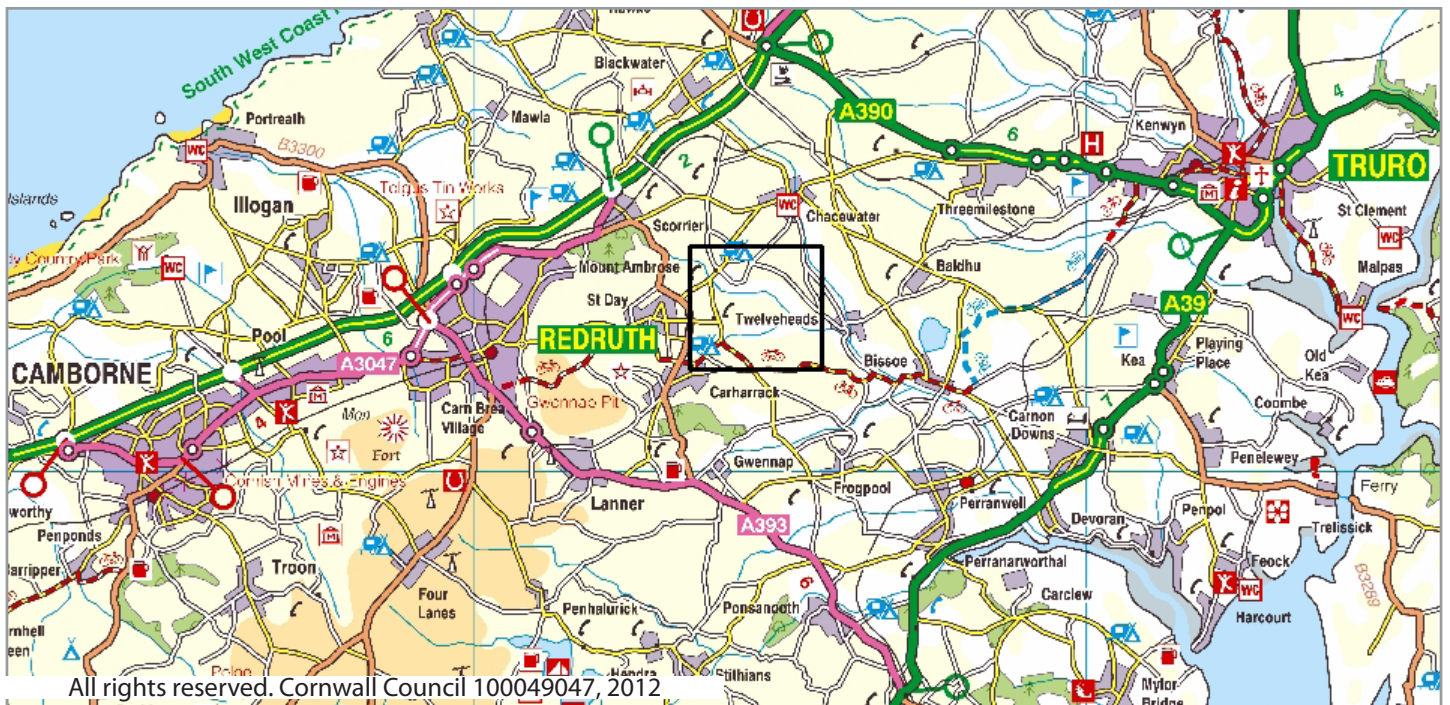


Approximate trail length
1½ km (1 mile)



Time required
Allow 1 hour

On this trail, you'll travel back to the days when the Poldice valley echoed with the sound of mining machinery. Poldice lies in the parish of Gwennap, once described as the 'richest square mile anywhere on Earth'. And Poldice was the wealthiest mine in Gwennap.





Starting point

OS Explorer Map: 104 SW737430

Post Code: TR16 5PZ

GPS: 50° 1' 33.93"N

5° 10' 26.94" S

How to get there

For all latest public transport information please refer to www.cornwallpublictransport.info



By train

- 2.5 miles from Redruth station.



By car

- From Truro leave the A390 at Chacewater. Continue onto the High Street and turn left to stay on High Street. After 1 mile turn left (signposted United Downs 1½ miles). Take the next left to reach the small car park.
- From Redruth head to and cross over the A393 (via two roundabouts) and join St Day Road. Continue onto Vogue Hill and then left onto Scorrier Street. Join Telegraph Hill and cross over the B3298. Take the next road on the right and then the first left to reach the small car park.
- There is a small, free car park at the start of the trail.



By bus

- Truro - Redruth No. 40. provides the nearest service to Poldice - stopping at St Day and Carharrack

About the trail



Approximate walking time: Allow 1 hour.

Grade of Walk: Moderate. The terrain consists of uneven, unmade tracks with some steep climbs.



Accessibility: Not suitable for wheelchair users.



Toilets: Public toilet facilities are not available.



Health & Safety: Please don't climb on the buildings, nor allow children to do so. Be aware that the paths can be waterlogged in wet weather.



Other trails: South Wheal Frances is part of the Mineral Tramways Great Flat Lode Trail. Maps and information about the trail are available as free downloads from www.cornwall.gov.uk.



Facilities: There are a no establishments serving refreshments in the immediate area.



Remember that you can find out more - and see photos - on the Delve Deeper guide available at www.cornishmining.org.uk. There are also downloadable children's activity sheets to ensure a fun outing for all the family!

Further information concerning the World Heritage Site:

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