

R15 Scenic Drive Spring 2018

Welcome to the 2018 Spring drive, where we will gird our loins and venture into Cornwall!

Our starting point is **Whiddon Down Services, EX20 2QT @ 0930**

The morning route is about 70 miles (2 hours) to Port Isaac and the afternoon shorter at 50 miles (1.5 hours) to Lifton Down Farm Shop for tea. There are some narrow bits but in Cornwall if you are off the main roads that's what you get! If you don't fancy the wiggly bits after Callington just follow the A388 to the A30, the A395 to the A39, through Delabole to Port Issac.

Let's go!

Turn right out of the services on the A382 towards M'Hampstead. At the roundabout take the 2nd exit to South Zeal/Sticklepath etc. Follow the road ahead through these villages, pass the BP station and join the A30 westbound. At SOURTON CROSS leave the A30 on to the A386. At the end of the slip road turn left towards Tavistock.

Follow the A386 and look for the right turn to Lydford just BEFORE the "Dartmoor Inn at Lydford", signed Brentor 5.



Now follow the obvious road ahead through Lydford, past Brentor Church high up on the left, and eventually drop down into Tavistock between the two banks (TSB and HSBC) to a mini roundabout. Go straight over to the next mini roundabout with the big church on your right. Turn right to pass in front of the Bedford Hotel (A386, Plymouth Rd) At the end of Plymouth Road there is Drake's Statue. Take the 2nd exit on the A390 to Gunnislake and Callington. A very short distance later follow the A390 left at the mini roundabout (SPAR opposite).

Now follow the A390 into the Tamar Valley, take care crossing over the Tamar Bridge (Devonians have your passports ready) and climb up into Gunnislake. Follow the A390 through St Ann's Chapel and look for the right turn on the B3257 signed to Launceston. Turn right here.



Follow this road to the T junction with the A388 and turn right towards Launceston. Now look for the left fork back on to the B3257 signed to Bodmin. Take this fork. Follow this road through Bray Shop, Congdon's Shop to the A30 junction. Tricky bit now! After a short distance look for the exit to Five Lanes/Trewint/Altarnun and take it. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit which goes under the A30 towards the same 3 places. At the T junction turn left towards Trewint/Altarnun (or you'll be going back to Exeter!) After a very short distance turn right to Altarnun.

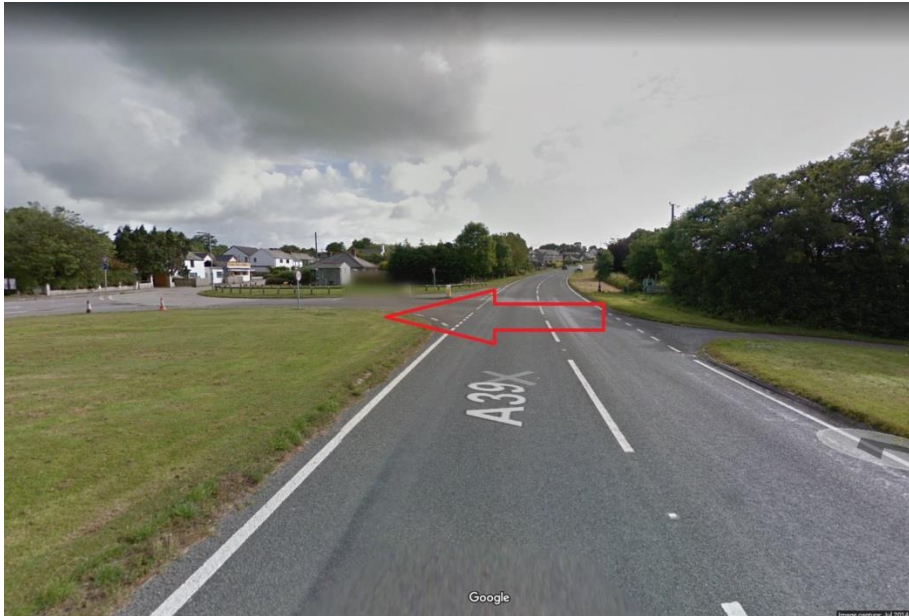
Then immediately take the left turn signed to Camelford, in front of the King's Head pub. The road narrows now and the next section is single

track in many places. Follow the road ahead through pretty Altarnun, passing the church on the left. Follow the road and pass the Treween sign. The road signs still pointing to Camelford! The roads will get wider soon, promise! You will come to a crossroads (Give Way sign and sign to Rising Sun pub opposite). Turn left towards Camelford/Davidstow. Follow the road around to the right in front of the pub. Just follow the road ahead now, across Davidstow disused airfield, to the A39 (Phew!)

Turn left and follow the A39 through Camelford. Pass the BP garage on the left and TURN left on to the B3266 towards Bodmin. Follow the B3266 (good road this) to a crossroads near St Mabyn. Turn right here (and don't miss this one!) signed St Mabyn

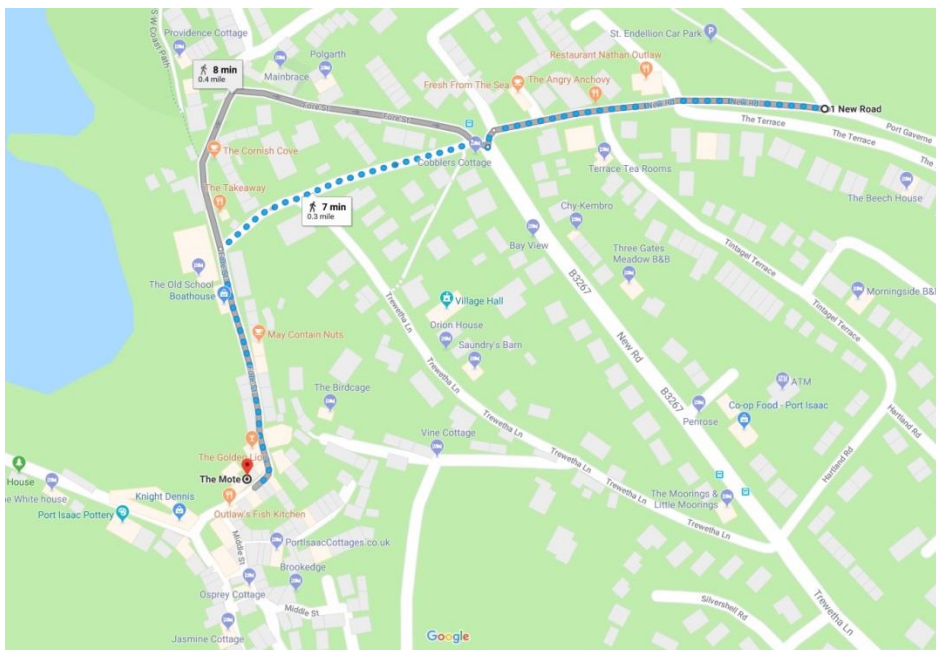


Follow the road through St Mabyn and it narrows down again (sorry!) Not for too long though and ahead to the A39. At the A39 turn right. Now, if you're feeling brave you can take the left through St Kew to the B3314, then left and right on the B3267 to Port Isaac (this goes through a ford!) or carry on the A39 to St Kew highway and just past the services take the left turn signed to Trelill



Follow the road ahead past the Red Lion towards Trellill. It's narrowish along here in parts but follow the obvious road ahead all the way to the B3314. Go straight across the crossroads to Port Gaverne. Nearly there! Follow the pretty but narrow road through Port Gaverne and as it climbs up the hill, just past the Port Isaac sign, look for the St Endillion car park on the right. PL29 3SG.

Park up!! Hope you made it through the narrow bits ok but now you can enjoy a short walk to lunch in The Mote restaurant, by the harbour. It's around 400m.



Hope that was good!

PM – back Lifton! This is much simpler with hardly any narrow bits!

Turn right out of the car park and follow New Rd as it swings around to the left (B3267) At the junction with the B3314 turn left. Follow the B3314 to the cross roads with the B3266 and turn left signed to Boscastle. Follow this road down into Boscastle and out the other side on the B3263. Stay on this road (signed Bude) to the A39 and turn left. Follow the A39 for some distance and look for the left turn to Widemouth Bay



This road will take you into Bude. Follow the road as it swings around to the right to a mini roundabout. Take the second exit towards the A39 (Wadebridge/Bideford) Up the hill, past Morrisons on the left to the A39 and turn left. Almost immediately look for the right turn on the A3072 (Holsworthy/Launceston) Follow the A3072 to Holsworthy. Opposite the church in Holsworthy turn right on the A388 towards Launceston. Follow the A 388 all the way to Launceston. At the first mini roundabout go straight ahead to Town centre. At the next take first exit towards the Castle. Straight ahead at the T lights. Up the hill and BEFORE you get to the Castle turn left on the A388 to Polson



Follow the A388 out of town, past the rugby ground, under the A30 to Lifton Farm Shop and Restaurant on the left. PL16 0DE

Time for tea!

That's it folks, hope you enjoyed it and safe journey home.