

At **J** you may take this alternative there and back route suggested by Michael Ives a pupil at St Mawes County Primary School, for the views over Carrick Roads.

At the stile, turn right and walk down the track heading towards the Carrick Roads again.

This is a high point where one can look across the surrounding countryside in all directions from Nare Head to the open sea through Froe gap. As you continue down past the farm buildings, the Carrick Roads, Trefusis Point and Falmouth can be clearly seen.

The path from here can be slippery as it descends to a post with a blue arrow directing you left. Take this path down to where it meets the waterside just north of the castle. **E** You can either return the way you walked earlier through St Mawes or you can retrace your steps to the road to continue with Walk (1 mile).



St Mawes Holy Well
(Image courtesy of Dave McCree)



Lamorran Garden Gazebo
(painting by Yvonne Fuller)

Back at **J** you now have a choice of two return routes.

Cross the road, turning left and then right into Hancock Lane by the 30mph sign. Follow this lane down to the end and turn right into Newton Road and Grove Hill. You'll pass The Chalet on your left. Keep going down hill, passing the School and Catholic Church on the right. You'll pass a red brick Georgian building on the right and end up at a road junction: Commercial Road/Bohella Road. St Mawes Holy Well is on the right.

The Catholic Church was built in 1875 and used as a Bible Christian Chapel until 1935. The building later became the present Catholic Church. The 6th century Holy Well on the right at the junction of Commercial Road and Bohella Road **L** is actually a spring. Saint Mawes lived and taught here. A chapel existed on the site of the present Holy Well cottage from 1381 to 1600. For many years the well was 'lost' and

formed part of a garden wall, but in 1938 it was rediscovered and re-consecrated by the Bishop of Truro. The burial ground was built-over a long time ago. The arch at the entrance to the well dates from the 15th century, the 1938 door has a carving of St Mawes with the Latin inscription stating "St Mawes Well". **L**

Looking down the steps (Victory Ope) towards the water is the Victory Inn – it became a tavern after receiving a licence in 1851. In recent times, it is thought to be so called, not after the famous victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, but after the winning of a spirit license over the strong opposition from local Methodists.

A Victorian Letter Box can be seen on the left corner, above a shop and alongside a private house.

Turn left, into the narrow Bohella Road, then next left, before reaching the waterfront, into another narrow road leading to The Emporium and taking you back to the entrance to the car park.

The word BOHELLA comes from the Cornish meaning Estuary Homes. Before moving to a new station at the entrance to the village in the early 1990's, The Emporium was the home of the St Mawes Fire Brigade

Alternative return route via Lamorran Gardens

From here **J** follow the road to the right towards the Castle and walk down the hill.

Pass beneath the scented branches of the Monterey Pines that dominate the skyline. On the left is the entrance to the gardens **K** which are Italianate in style with terraces of subtropical planting. Open to the public from April to September every Wednesday and Friday (admission charge) Contact: 01326 270800.

On leaving the gardens continue towards the castle and then retrace your original route back to the car park.

Further reading and web resources:

OS Explorer 105
The Roseland Between River and Sea by Laurence O'Toole 1978
St Mawes Back Along by Dave McCree 1997
National Trust Coast of Cornwall Series: 18/19 The Roseland and St Anthony Head
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Walk 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 St Mawes-Carrick Roads- St Mawes

Walk 2 is an extension of this walk



THE CARRICK ROADS



St Mawes-Carrick Roads-St Mawes

2 miles, 1½ hours, one moderate climb

Start and finish at St Mawes Car Park
Walk 2 extends this walk by 3 miles, 1½ hours

Front Cover Image
St.Mawes One Design class yachts
(image courtesy of Miles Carden)



- Z** point of interest mentioned in text or a photo
- cafe/shop
- pub/hotel
- public toilets
- directions
- look around
- nature notes

Turn right out of the car park entrance and walk all the way along the waterfront (Kings Road, Marine Parade and Lower Castle Road) until reaching the Castle.

As you start walking along the waterfront note the old petrol pumps, outside the buildings on the right, they indicate a garage was at this spot from 1958 – note the AA mileage sign on the wall - but originally, in 1914, it was a coal store for the St Mawes ferry. Today it is a home for the local gig club. With the coming of Victorian tourism, St Mawes started its next phase with the reconstruction of several cottages and a tavern into the first hotel **A** (The Ship and Castle Hotel) by the Hicks family, owners of St Austell Brewery. Silvanus Trevail, said to be Cornwall's greatest architect, designed the hotel. Prior to this many beer houses existed, where anybody could brew and sell ale. To sell spirits a license was required and by mid 1800's seven public houses were open for business.



Tavern Beach
(painting by Yvonne Fuller)



Kennerley Memorial Fountain. Originally erected on the quay. Wells existed around the village, but a supply of fresh drinking water was a rare gift. Due to changes to the quay it was repositioned at the Haven. (photo 1985 courtesy of Dave McCree)

The Spry family from Place owned a good part of St Mawes before 1841 including St Mawes Hotel then known as The Fountain Inn. The Old Court House in Marine Parade was home to the last mayor of St Mawes, William Fittock. The late Queen Mother stayed frequently at the Hotel Tresanton, note a slab in the building alongside the road showing 1760 as the construction date. A memorial to a St Mawes worthy, Joseph Charles Kennerley, is on the left **C** before the next bend, as the road starts to rise. You may now wish to visit St Mawes Castle, **D** in the care of English Heritage, it is open for visitors on most days (admission charge). Contact:01326 270526

On reaching the Castle, walk down the lane between the Castle and the Castle car park, (Castle Drive). You'll pass houses on your right and then reach a gate **E** (Newton Cliff NT). Go through the gate into the field. Following this footpath, with the estuary (Carrick Roads) on your left through several fields. On reaching a gate with granite steps go into a further field where the footpath forks **F**.

(You can join Walk 2 at this point by taking the lower path)

To continue Walk 1, take the upper path from the fork. You'll see a finger post on the right in a clearing in shrubs, continue for 25 yards past this to a short footpath on the right leading to a post with a blue arrow marking a public bridleway to the left.

After climbing up through a gully into a field, turn around and take in the view.

Falmouth's Docks, where ships of all sizes are repaired, is also a port for visiting cruise ships.

Follow the path to the Main Road (A3058) (Walk 2 rejoins Walk 1 at this point) **G** and turn right, BEWARE OF ROAD TRAFFIC You'll pass the large tower on your right and enter the small hamlet of Halwartha.

The large tower was built in 1931 to supply water for St Mawes, eventually becoming redundant in the 1980s and its now used for mounting various electronic antennas.

Halwartha means High Moor in Cornish.

Pass the garage **H**, on the right and turn right, onto Upper Castle Road. Just after passing the Football Ground, take a footpath on the right **I** which follows the road inside the hedge. Shortly after passing a new development of houses on the left look out for a stile on the left. Climb over the stile to reach the road again.