

*Guinear & District Footpaths & Bridleways
Association*

Saturday 13th February 2016 Today we meet at South Carpark in Tehidy Woods, lucky to escape rain although the state of some footpaths shows the extent of recent storms. Tehidy was chosen to guarantee a pleasant, unhurried afternoon's walk, compared to some of the bridleways and footpaths we had checked out a few weeks earlier to find them impossible choices! We hope for some drier weather to help our footpaths and countryside dry out.

We muster a hardy nine walkers and were not disappointed in our walk, in fact the car park was full and lots of folk took advantage of the dry afternoon for exercise and fresh air! Richard Saundry leads us off, out of the carpark, across South Drive and up the permissive footpath alongside the south side of the golf course. Oops! Someone's sole became detached from the boot - quickly and happily sorted by binding it round the foot with the long lace - lasted the whole walk!

The golf course is clearly closed no doubt due to the wet conditions and we walk along its access drive to the Portreath Road. A few yards along to East Lodge then we head down Pine Walk, back towards and soon into the Woods. Here we are following the Tehidy North Cliffs Circular Walk which is totally within the North Cliff Plantation, eventually arriving by the North Carpark.

From here we pick up the Cycle/Horse Trail and follow it back towards Tehidy Woods "proper" and then branch off on a path through them, coming down to Kennels Hill and its steep gradient down towards Otter Bridge.

Turning east we follow the path alongside the Tehidy Stream which is full and fast flowing with its many cascades, through Beech Wood arriving at the main lake with its swans and ducks hoping to be fed as they notice us and paddle towards us. Having crossed over several footbridges along here we cross the last one into our carpark.

So, we had enjoyed a real pleasure walk, keeping warm, with plenty of chat - some with fond memories of previous walks and happy times here, including the bluebells which will be showing themselves all too quickly. Just three and a quarter miles and taking one and a half hours we felt somewhat rejuvenated after a period of jaded stormy weather! Looking forward to the real springtime now.

Thanks Richard for leading our walk today. Some of us eagerly made for the café and enjoyed good coffee and even a piece of carrot cake! Explore more about Tehidy at the following link: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/parks-and-open-spaces/tehid-country-park/>

Fancy coming on our next pleasure walk? We shall meet at Hall for Gwinear, 2pm Saturday 12th March for a Polkinghorne/Connor Downs circular walk.

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