

# Land's End to John o'Groats

## Via the Four Sides of the British Mainland

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Dist	Destination	Route Details
		For up to date ferry times in Cornwall see <a href="http://www.destination-cornwall.co.uk/ferry.htm">http://www.destination-cornwall.co.uk/ferry.htm</a>
0.0	Lands End	A30 to
10.0	Penzance	continue on A30 to
12.0	Long Rock	TR onto minor road through Marazion to Goldsithney RA, then TR onto A394 to
24.0	Helston	TL into town at bottom of hill, cross river; at end TR, then at main road (by museum) TL then R. Rejoin main road, keeping SA After ½ mile TR onto A3083. SA to
37.0	The Lizard	Return towards Helston. After 2 miles from the village TR (Mount Hermon) for 2miles then TL over Goonhilly Downs. At B3293 SA then FR. After 1 mile TR then L to Tregidden, then SA. After almost 1 mile TR(?) at next junc. TL at next XR then R to
50.0	Helford	Ferry to Helford Passage. Up v steep hill then SA at next junc through Mawnan Smith. FR in village to Carlidnack/Bareppa. Keep SA (past junc to Budock Water). At TJ TL then R to Swanpool Beach. At junc after end of Swan Pool TL over rly. Keep SA to front then L to pier in
56.5	Falmouth	Ferry to St Mawes, then opp harbour SA up steep hill then TR onto A3078 to
68.0	Tregony junc	TR onto B3287 (steep hill up into village). After 5 miles TR onto A390. [If traffic bad take next on R, then 2E at next junc. ShR bend in Commerce Common then SA. Take 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit at next junc then SA to B3273 at London Apprentice. TL to ]
77.0	St Austell	Leave on A390 then after 1½ miles TR onto A3082 to
82.0	Par	TR to Fowey. After 3 miles TL onto B3269 to
86.0	Fowey	Ferry to Bodinnick. SA up hill to Lanreath (6 miles) then TL onto B3359. After 2 miles TR to Herodsfoot (steep hills). At 1st junc L into village, R at next, then L (SA) at next. through Killigorrick. At TJ TL (sp Dobwalls), then after 1½ miles TR through Coombe to B3254 and TL to
101.0	Liskeard	[NB staying on A390 saves 4 miles]  A390 to

119.0	Tavistock	S through town onto A386 to Okehampton [if road busy FL 1mile+ outside town through Brentor and Lydford, adds 2.5 miles]
134.0	Okehampton	Join A30 then B321X into town. Leave on B3215 to (North Tawton) then TR onto A3072. Join A377 at Copplestone to Crediton.
154.0	Crediton	TL onto A3072. At A396 TL to
166.0	Tiverton	On approach to town TR onto B3391. After 1 mile- TR to Halberton then L to
171.0	Sampford Peverall	Leave town and branch left to A361 intersection. SO then R for Westleigh. At Westleigh TR to A38. At A38 TL onto DC. At end of DC TR onto minor road to Sampford Arundel.  TR there then L via Pleamore Cross (SA) over A38 (R then L) to
180.5	Wellington	Leave on B3187 to join A38. After 1 mile+ TL to Bradford-on-Tone. Bear R past church (on L) then L through Hele and Upcott to Bishops Hull. At church bear R to main road, then R and L to join A38 by college, then stay on A38 (follow one-way) to
189.0	Taunton	just before ring road TR by church (tower) onto B3170 (sp Corfe/Honiton/racecourse). After 1 mile FL for Stoke St Mary (R then L after ½ mile). SA through Stoke for Ash. At A358 TR then shortly L onto A378 then shortly L again for North Curry and Meare Green. ½ mile after Meare Green TL through Curload and Athelney. At Burrowbridge TL to A381. TR to Othery then TR onto A372. Next on L (1 mile) then SO (L) at next jn. At TJ TL then next on R (1½ miles). At end, facing Walton Hill windmill TR then R again at next TJ at top of hill to B3151. TL to
214.0	Street	At RA before A39 TR onto minor road, R again by church, then L to Glastonbury. SO over A361 through town then leave on A39 (sp Wells). Take next on R at Hartlake Br. At TJ at end TL At next jn TR then L, then (RB at next jn) to A371.TL to
224.0	Wells	Leave town behind cathedral on B3139 (sp Chilcompton/Radstock) but TR through East Horrington, then after 1 mile FR (SA) (sp Maesbury?). SA A37 to Chantry, then SO to Whatley and
238.0	Frome	Take B3092? to Oldford, then TR onto minor road to A36, TR then L onto B3099 to Westbury [or TR just after rly through Clink then TL at TJ through Berkley. At A36 TR to join B3099.]
245.0	Westbury	B3098 through Bratton and Lavington (SA at A360) to join A342 at Wedhampton. At Marden turning (2L) TL then R through village. At next TJ TR then TL for Woodborough. SA for
265.0	Pewsey	B3087 to Burbage. 2E at RA through village then TR for Crofton and
273.5	Gt Bedwyn	In village TL then R for Hungerford. On approach to Little Bedwyn take RFthen TR over rly and canal and follow road to L. At TJ at end (1.5 miles) TR and follow road to Hungerford. TR then L following signs for Kintbury. Through village then as road begins to curve L TR. After ¼ mile at 3-way fork, take 2E. Keep left at next two jns, through Hamstead Marshall, then at 2nd XR bear left through Enborne, under bypass and into Newbury.
290.5	Newbury	TL onto A339 over river to RA then take B4009 to Goring.
305.5	Goring	TL, still on B4009, then A4074 to Wallingford (RA with A4130). Take 3E for Ewelme. At TJ TR, L and round to L to Ewelme. L into village, round to R, then

		ShL up Firebrass Hill. At B4009 TR to Watlington. Continue on B4009 (R then L) crossing over M40/A40 after Lewknor to
324.5	Chinnor	Stay on B4009 (L then R in village), Cross A4129, staying on B4009 to Little Kimble, TR onto A4010 for ½ mile-, then L through Ellesborough. SA, crossing A413 to
332.5	Wendover	Rejoin B4009. Continue to junc with B489 and TL to Aston Clinton and A41. SA, still on B489, past Marsworth, through Ivinghoe (round to R then TL) and then SA over A4146 to edge of
344.5	Dunstable	Just after junc with B4541 (goes off to R) TL at XR. Follow road round to R to junc with A5. SA onto A5120 for 1- mile, then TR into Houghton Regis. SA over two RAs then follow on over M1. to B579. TL then R to Lower Sundon. (TL) then R to Streatley. TR then FL over A6. At TJ after 2 miles TL then at B655 TR to
358.5	Hitchin	Head E through town onto minor road to Great Wymondley (off B656), then keep SO to Graveley, passing under A1M. TR onto B197 then L, At Halls Green TR then at next TJ TR to B1037 and TL through Cromer. At Cottered TR onto A507 into
368.5	Buntingford	Take B1038 to
378.5	Newport	TR then L at B1383 onto minor road then SO to BB184. TR into Howlett End then L and next L through Wimbish to B1053. TR through Radwinter then BL onto B1054 through Steeple Bumpstead and on to A604 (maybe renumbered). TR to Wixoe and L onto A1092 through Stoke-by-Clare and Clare. At Cavendish TR onto B1064 through Foxearth. TR at Rodbridge Corner to join A131 into
402.5	Sudbury	TL at approach to centre and L again onto B1115 through Great Waldringfield and Little Waldringfield to Monks Eleigh, then TR onto A1141 for ¾ mile then L back onto B1115 through Chelsworth to Bildeston. TL into village then R onto B1078 through Nedging Tye to
423.0	Needham Market	into village TL onto B1113 then ShR by stn onto B1078 to join A14 link road to intersection RA. TL onto A140 then R onto B1078 through Coddenham to Otley Bottom. Join B1079 for ½+ mile then ShL onto B1078 again. After 400 yds TL to Monewden and Hoo. (At TJ after 3½ miles TR.) Bear L at Hoo to Kettleburgh. TL at TJ into Kettleburgh then TR and round to R through Lampardbrook to join B1116 into
438.0	Framlingham	TR onto B1119 then L onto B1120 to Badingham. TR onto A1120 then L into Badingham village. KL in village then at next TJ TR to B1117 to
449.0	Halesworth	Join A144 into town then TR onto B1124 through Holton towards Brampton. After 4 miles (soon after ShL bend) TR at XR. At A145 TR then L through Uggleshall. At following XR TL to Stoven. TR through Middle Green and Sotterley to B1127. TL then R through Mutford: SA at XR then FL to Carlton Colville.  TR onto B1384. At RA SA into
463.0	Lowestoft	Return by same route to B1127 then TR. At RA SA into Beccles then take B1062 to Bungay and Homersfield. Just before main road TL onto old road through Wortwell to Redenhall.  At A143 RA SA onto B1134 but after ¼ mile TR to Starston. TR onto B1134 through Pulhams, over A140, through Tivetshall to TJ with A1077. TR to

- 497.0 New Buckenham XR then continue on B1077 to Old Buckenham turning off to left on approach to village. At third XR TL then keep SO over LC to A11. SA through Shropham, then TR at B1111. At A1075 TR to
- 513.5 Watton TL onto B1108 then after  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile TR onto B1077 through Saham Toney, then take next left (at ShR bend after church) TL to Great Cressingham. At TJ at end of village TR. At A1065 at Rowley Corner TR then take next on L. At next junc TR into Cockley Cley, then TL for Oxborough. SA through village then at next TJ TR then shortly L for Boughton. Through village then L. At A134 SA for West Dereham. FR in village, then R at next junc then R again for Bexwell. At A1122 TL into
- 538.0 Downham Mkt Leave town by station onto A1122 to Outwell, then onto A1101 to
- 551.0 Wisbech Continue on A1101 through town then TL onto B1169 through Leverington. After 3 miles TR onto B1166 through Church End and Gedney Hill to Holbeach Drove, then TR onto B1168 through Holbeach St Johns. At B1165 XR TL through Whaplode St Catherine. At B1357 junc follow B1165 to R then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile L. At A16 bypass RA SA then L at TJ and (R) at next junc. Cross river into
- 578.0 Spalding TR along far river bank then R to join A151 at RA by station. At ShR bend SA onto B1180(?) to Pinchbeck then L, still on B1180 sp Pinchbeck West. Ride alongside river then take 2nd on R (about 2 miles). After 2miles follow road round to L (two turnings go off to R in succession) to Gosberton Clough, then TL onto B1397. Continue for 5 miles to Dowsby and TR onto B1177. After Horbling TL onto B1394. Cross A52 and continue on B1394 to
- 603.0 Heckington SA at B-road after LC, TR at TJ then round to L and over A17. TL for Howell to Ewerby Thorpe, then TL for Ewerby. In village TR. At A153 TL then R to Ruskington. At TJ (?) TL then SA to B1188. Follow this all the way to Lincoln via Metheringham and Branston.
- 627.0 Lincoln Keep SA then join A15 past station into city centre. Cross B1308 then L into Pottergate towards cathedral. L into Eastgate (walk?), then R into Bailgate, L into Westgate, and R onto Burton Road. SA ober inner ringroad (B1273) onto B1398.
- Over A46 (FO) then SA to A1500. TR then L to Brattlebury, then TL through Thorpe le Fallows to Sturton by Stow. TR onto B1241 to Kexby, then at ShL bend TR for Upton. At Upton R then L to Heapham. At Heapham TL, R then L to Springthorpe. TL for Corringham. At A631 TL to Corringham then R off main road.
- At TJ TL then R at next TJ for Pilham and Blyton. At Blyton TL onto B1205 then R onto A159 for 1 mile, then L through Laughton. Keep L through village then at far end TR for Susworth. TL at next TJ into Susworth, then TR along river bank through Butterwick to Burringham, where TL onto B1450 for 1 mile, then L onto A18 to cross river, On far side TR onto B1392 through Keadby and Ancotts.
- As road bends ShL away from river TR onto minor road. At next TJ TR through Garthorpe, Fockerby, Adlingfleet, Reedness etc to Swinefleet. TR onto A161 into
- 677.0 Goole When A161 turns ShL TR into town centre, over LC then veer L, then TR onto A614 (for Howden). At RA just over river bridge TL onto B1228 into Howden; follow road round to R then L to junc with A63. TR then L still on B1228 and follow it all the way for 20+ miles, crossing A163 and through Sutton upon Derwent to A1079 junc TR then L onto NCN66 to A166, then R and L to

		Murton. In Murton L for Osbaldwick. Round to R by church then R into Metcalf Lane then L onto cycle track to city centre, using A1036 for last leg.
704.0	York	Through city and just before bridge TL into Lendal Street >> Coney Street then TR over bridge and into Micklegate. SA to Micklegate Bar then SO into Blossom St at Nunnery Lane. TR onto A59 (sp Harrogate). After 1 mile TL onto B1224 to Rufforth and Long Marston. TR there for Tockwith (L at the junc just outside Long Marston). SA at XR, then through Cowthorpe to A1 (SA) then TR onto B6164 to
724.0	Knaresborough	TL onto A59 through town then TR onto B6165 near station and A6055 junction (head for Ripley). At Ripley TR onto A61 then L onto B6165 again through Summerbridge. Join B6265 through Pateley Bridge then (steep climbs) to Greenhow to Hebden and
751.0	Grassington	Take 2nd minor road on R to Conistone and Kettlewell, then join B6160 to Buckden. TL there onto minor road though Hubberholme and Oughtershaw to Hawes (White Hart, High St?). TL onto A684 for 5 miles then TR onto B6259 to
791.0	Kirkby Stephen	TR onto A685 then L back onto B6259 through Warcop to A66 and TL. After 2 miles TL onto B6542 into
802.0	Appleby	TL onto B6260 (sp Tebay) then nr edge of town TR onto minor road to Colby, where TR for Bolton. TL at TJ there, then after 2 miles take next on R for Temple Sowerby. At A66 TL, then after 2 miles TR onto B6412 to Langwathby. TL onto A686, then after 1 mile R back onto B6412 to Lazonby. Just at start of town TL onto short minor road, L again onto B6413, then R onto minor road to Armathwaite. Keep L at fork then R at XR. After 3 miles TR, R, and R again to
827.0	Armathwaite	either: TL past station on minor road to Cotehill and Cumwhinton. TL onto B6263 then next R and FL to Carleton, then TR onto A6 into Carlisle. Take A7 out of city but just over river TL for Cargo and Rockcliffe. Join A74 for last 3.5 miles to Gretna. (20 Miles - saves 8 miles on following distances.)  or: Just after station TR onto minor road then FL and L again. Take L Option at next three junctions but at turning to Hornsby (phonebox) keep SO. The SO past turns to Faugh (L) and Castle Carrock (R). FR at next junc, TR at TJ, and L at B6413 into Brampton, then TL onto A6071 to Longtown. TR onto the A7 then just outside town TL onto A6071 to
847.0	Gretna	Join B721 to Annan. Leave Annan on B723 (sp Lockerbie) but after 5 miles TL onto B7020 for Dalton, then continue on B7020 to
870.0	Lochmaben	Continue N on B7020 until it joins the A701. TR then L into Beattock. Through town to motorway intersection, then L onto minor road alongside motorway, Join B719 to
902.0	Crawford	Join A-road to Abington and Jn 13, then TL onto B7078 to
922.0	Kirkmuirhill	Continue on B7078 through Larkhall to A72 and TL for
932.0	Hamilton	take A724 to Rutherglen and
944.0	Glasgow Centre	take A814 to Partick, Clydebank and Dumbarton (Clydeside Expressway). Note: cycleway runs close to main road as an option, but watch for the broken glass!

959.0	Dumbarton	Through town then just after R Leven bridge veer R for Balloch. Then TL to join A82 to Crianlarich. TL for
1005.0	Tyndrum	continue up A82 through Glen Coe (40 miles, 53 via Kinlochleven)
1045.0	Corran Ferry	(01855 841243) TL onto A861 to Salen, then TL onto B8007 to Ardnamurchen Point. At end of B road TL onto minor road to lighthouse.
1093.0	Ardnamurchan	Return along B8007 to
1114.0	Salen	TL onto A861 to Lochailort then TR onto A830 to Banavie then TR onto A82 into
1162.0	Fort William	Return to Banavie then TR onto B8004 to nr Spean Bridge, then TL onto A82 to Invergarry and
1197.0	Fort Augustus	<i>either:</i> continue on A82 to Drumnadrochit and Inverness <i>or:</i> TR onto B862 then L after Whitebridge onto B852 to Inverness
1231.0	Inverness	Through city centre, then follow signs for A9 Kessock Bridge.  Stay on the A9 over the Cromarty Firth bridge to
1253.0	Alness	continue on A9 via Tain, over Dornoch Firth bridge, through Golspie and Brora to
1299.0	Helmsdale	Continue via Berriedale (steep climb out of Helmsdale, then big drop down at Berriedale and climb up afterwards) to
1319.0	Latheron	Take A99 (sometimes signposted as A9) via Lybster to
1336.0	Wick	Continue on A99 to
1353.0	John o'Groats	then take A836 to XR near Barrock. TR to Brough, then TR again onto B855 to
1370.0	Dunnet Head	  Either take the same route back to Wick, or return along B855 to Dunnet village, then TR onto A836 to get to Thurso.

#### KEY

TL	Turn Left
TR	Turn Right
FL	Fork Left
FR	Fork Right
SA	Straight ahead
TJ	T-Junction
XR	Cross roads
RA	Roundabout
RF	Right fork
LF	Left fork
ShR	Sharp right
ShL	Sharp left
1E/2E etc	1 <sup>st</sup> exit at junc (counting from L), 2 <sup>nd</sup> exit, etc
DC	Dual carriageway
Br	Bridge
>>	road becomes ...

## CAVEATS

This route was developed from maps before I set off. Needless to say, parts of it differed on the ground from the way they appeared on the map. I have updated the route to avoid most of the major errors but a few may remain, especially if I was running out of time or the weather was too bad to stop and note down the changes on my instructions.

In a few places I deviated from the planned route, usually in search of accommodation. I have not added these deviations to the planned route – if you don't need accommodation at that point, you won't want to divert – but, obviously, I have not been able to check the directions on the bit I missed out.

From time to time, in their infinite wisdom highways authorities make changes to the road layout. New bits of road get built, the priorities at junctions get changed. What was a “follow road round to R” becomes a “TR at TJ”.

The moral of the story is, don't expect this route to be 100% accurate and don't follow it slavishly. Use an up-to-date map to guide you along the way.