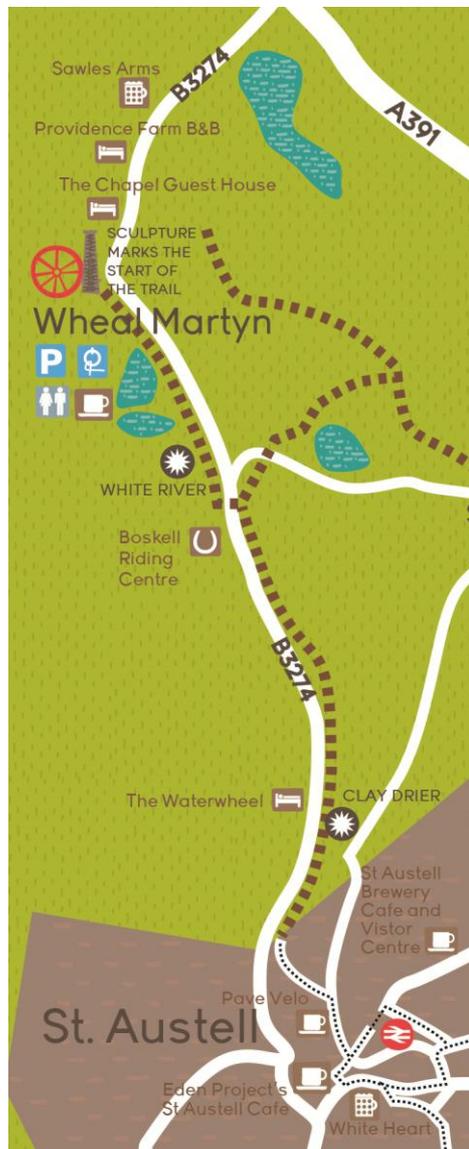




Wheal Martyn to St Austell



Suitable for
Walking
Cycling
Horse riding

Distance
5.0 miles (8.0km)

Cycling grade
Moderate

Terrain
Mostly flat with no major inclines. The majority of the trail surface is paved with some gravel sections.

Cycling grade
Blue, Moderate

Highlights
Industrial remnants, including a kiln drier and a railway line
Riverside paths

Start point
Address: Wheal Martyn, Carthew, St Austell, Cornwall, PL26 8XG
OS grid reference: SX005554
GPS coordinates: 50.36455, -4.80564

End point
Address: Tremena Gardens, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5QH
OS grid reference: SX011530
GPS coordinates: 50.342386, -4.795854

Recommended maps
Explorer 106

Parking

Car parking is available at Wheal Martyn, where visitors are invited to make a small donation towards the museum's charitable work. St Austell town centre has some on-street parking as well as pay and display car parks.

Public transport

[St Austell train station](#) is within a short walk of the start of the trail. [Travel Cornwall bus 423](#) stops at Wheal Martyn and St Austell town centre.



Directions and points of interest

Join the trail at the bottom of Wheal Martyn car park. After a few metres you'll pass a metal chimney sculpture, created as part of a collection of art to celebrate the rich mining history of the area.

The trail runs for half a mile along wooded paths and through the small village of Ruddlemoor parallel to the road. As you leave the village the trail runs alongside a White River (so named because of the clay run off that turned it white, the white colour can still sometimes be seen).

Once you have crossed the William Cookworthy Bridge you'll round a corner marked with carved granite boulders. At the boulders head right along the path. Continue following this path for the rest of the trail.

After a small bridge you'll spot the towering chimneys of an old clay drier on the left side of the path. Now overgrown with vegetation, Carlyon Farm Kilns were once the largest coal-fired china clay drying kilns. Look out for remnants of the internal narrow gauge railway system, which served the drier running along the loading platform edge.

The trail continues on to run parallel to the modern day railway. Behind you there are pleasant views over the railway viaduct and of the clay hills on the skyline. The trail finishes in Tremena Gardens, a short walk from the centre of St Austell.

Note: Horseriders should be aware that as you approach Tremena Gardens, St Austell, there is a gate that will need opening and closing.

Extending the route

Extend the route by following the trail from [Wheal Martyn to Eden Project](#).

Facilities:

[Eden Project](#)

Food and drink, free wifi, accessible toilets

[Wheal Martyn](#)

Horse tie-up, café, accessible toilet and baby changing facilities

[St Austell Station](#)

Cafe, toilets

[Pavé Velo](#)

Bike hire, cafe

St Austell town centre has Shops, cafes, ATMs and car parks

Attractions:

[Wheal Martyn](#)

China Clay Museum and country park

[Eden Project](#)

Biomes with plants from all over the world

[St Austell Brewery](#)

Take a tour around one of Cornwall's largest independent breweries