

# The Clay Trails

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Above St Austell Bay



## ► The Clay Trails

Whether you cycle, walk or horse ride, these tranquil, mostly traffic-free trails, 3-5 miles long are perfect for you and your family. Explore Cornwall's Clay Country on the Bugle, Wheal Martyn and the Par Beach Trails. The Wheal Martyn and the Bugle Trails both lead to the Eden Project too.

You'll discover the stunning colours of mica dams, peaceful lakes, clay tip peaks reaching to the sky and how the china clay industry has shaped the landscape seen today. You can take the trails at your own pace, and because they are surfaced they are accessible all year round. The Clay Trails are integrated with Imerys' large scale environmental restoration programme.

The trails connect with local towns, bus stops, railway stations and with Route 3 of the National Cycle Network

## ► How to get there

**Rail** - [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) Tel: **08457 484950**

St Austell and Par are all situated on the main line. Bugle Station is on the Par to Newquay branch line.

**Public Transport** - [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

Tel: **0871 200 2233**

**Car** - These routes make use of existing car parking facilities.

## ► Further Information

For more detailed information refer to OS Explorer map **106** and **107**. Other guides are available including the Sustrans Cornwall Clay Trails route map from the local Tourist Information Centres.

## ► Tourist Information Centres

**St Austell**  
Southbourne Road.  
Tel: **01726 879500**

## ► Contacts

**Cornwall Council**  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornishway](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/cornishway)  
or tel: **0300 1234 202**

[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)  
[www.visitcornwall.com](http://www.visitcornwall.com)



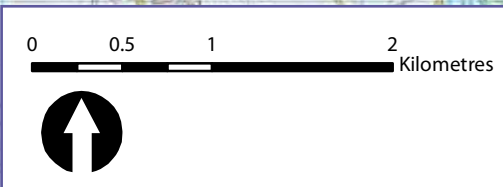
Clay workings



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**2 3 National Cycle Network Route Number**

**67 Regional Cycle Network Route Number**

**Off Road**

**Minor Road**

**Urban Road**

**Other routes**

**Cycle hire**

**Gradient:**

- ▲ 1:7 to 1:5
- ▲▲ 1:5 and steeper

**Take Extra Care**

**Trail crosses a busy road use crossing provided**

**Off road section crosses a road**

**Railway/station**

**Places of interest**

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**China Clay.** Also known as white-gold, it was originally used to make porcelain but its present use is mainly as glazing for glossy paper, in paints and in medicines. The scale of the workings has produced a unique, moving landscape dominated by spoil heaps ('White Alps'). Get in amongst it on 'The Cornish Way' and you will find that the landscape, towering over quiet, wooded valleys and blue flooded pits, has a beauty all of its own.

Wheal Martyn Museum

**Eden Project.** Cornwall's largest Millennium project, the Eden Project has reclaimed and transformed a fifteen hectare (34 acre) china clay pit creating two climate-controlled plant biomes. They recreate the climate of the humid tropics and warm temperate regions, enabling plants to grow to a similar height and diversity as in their country of origin.



China Clay Country Park



Par

