

Cromwell's Castle, King Charles's Castle and Old Blockhouse

Isles of Scilly



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Note: this map is intended as a guide only. We would always advise you to use these guides in conjunction with the OS maps referenced below. Please check the opening times of properties at www.english-heritage.org.uk before setting off.

Need to know

- **OS reference:** OS Explorer map 101
- **Distance:** 3.5 miles/5.6km (1 hour 15 minutes walking, plus time to look at the sites)
- **Difficulty:** 1/5
- **Terrain:** coastal paths and beaches
- **Opening times:** Cromwell's Castle, King Charles's Castle and Old Blockhouse all open any reasonable time during daylight hours
- **Access:** suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs
- **Dog walkers:** suitable for dog walkers
- **Refreshments:** a pub in New Grimsby and a café in Old Grimsby
- **Grid reference:** starts and ends at New Grimsby quay (SV888153)
- **Sat nav:** not applicable as there are no cars on Tresco

Directions

- 1 Start from the quay at New Grimsby and then take the low coast path until you come to Braiden Rock.
- 2 Continue on the main coast path straight ahead to Cromwell's Castle.
- 3 Head inland from Cromwell's Castle and follow the coast path to King Charles's Castle.
- 4 From the castle continue north, ignoring the wider paths off to the right, and walk to Gimble Point, the most westerly point of the island. Continue to the next headland, Kettle Point.
- 5 Continue walking past Cork Porth beach and follow the coast path, with the sea on your left. You'll then reach the north east point of the island where you'll see a cavern called Pipers Hole.
- 6 Continue following the coast to Gimble Porth. At the south end of the beach, take the right fork and join the road, following it east to Old Grimsby Harbour. Follow the road along the back of the beach, in front of the houses, to the old Quay. Turn right, then take the track off to the left, heading towards Green Porth.
- 7 Take the smaller track off to the left and when it splits again, stay on the left. The path goes to the Old Blockhouse.
- 8 Return to the path and bear right on the smaller fork that goes around the bottom of the hill and closer to the coast, rounding Block House Point.
- 9 Pass Borough Beach and continue on the coast path, keeping to the left when it splits. Continue to Rushy Point, Lizard Point and follow the path alongside Pentle Bay.
- 10 When the road forks, take the right hand path, which is Pool Road. You'll walk past Great Pool Bird Hide 1 and 2.
- 11 When you reach the junction with Racket Town Road, turn left and then first right. Follow this road, past the Tresco Island hotel and then back into New Grimsby.