Mount Edgeumbe Country Park

The City of Plymouth lies just eight minutes across the Tamar from Rame Head, connected by the Cremyll Ferry, which has been running since the eleventh century. The ferry brings hundreds of day trippers across to Mount Edgcumbe Country Park during weekends and bank holidays to enjoy the quiet grounds, woodland trails and secluded shores.

Described by Samuel Pepys in 1683 as "the most beautiful place as ever was seen", Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park is jointly owned and managed by Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Councils and also runs several events throughout the year in addition to having cafes and craft shops.

However many visitors from Plymouth rarely venture deeper in to the remainder of the Rame Head peninsula, which is also known as the "forgotten corner" of Cornwall, because of limited transport links with Devon and the rest of Cornwall.

This route delivered by the Cornwall AONB Unit is designed to improve access for cyclists and pedestrians to the wider Rame Head section of the AONB.

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Maker Heights comprises 11 hectares of unimproved grassland, rich in wildlife, which is managed by the Rame Conservation Trust in a setting of eighteenth century fortifications consisting of five scheduled forts or redoubts and many

listed buildings. The cycle route makes this unspoiled haven of wildlife and heritage so much more accessible".

There is also a camp site during the period April to October and The Canteen, which serves hot and cold food and drinks.

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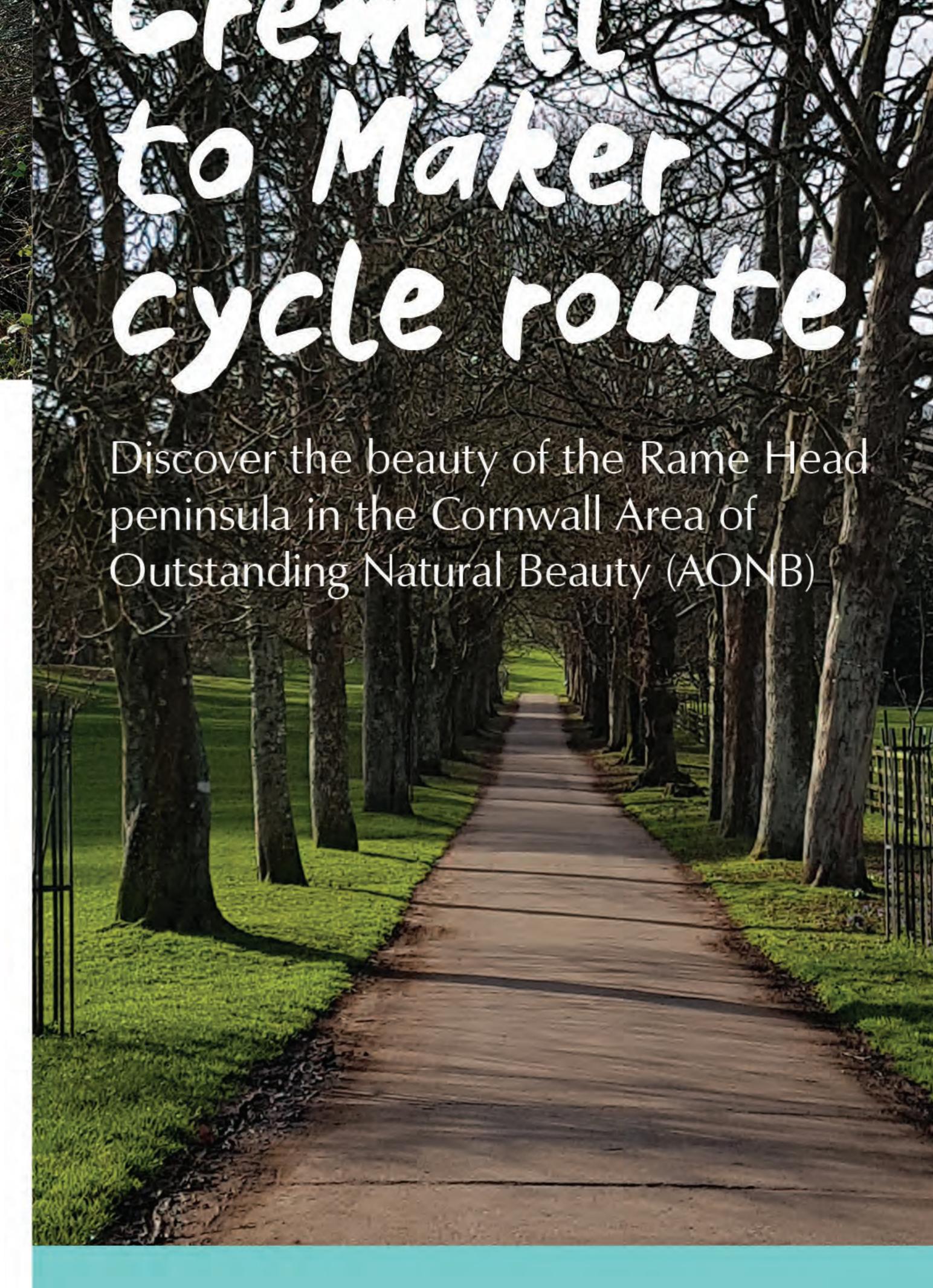






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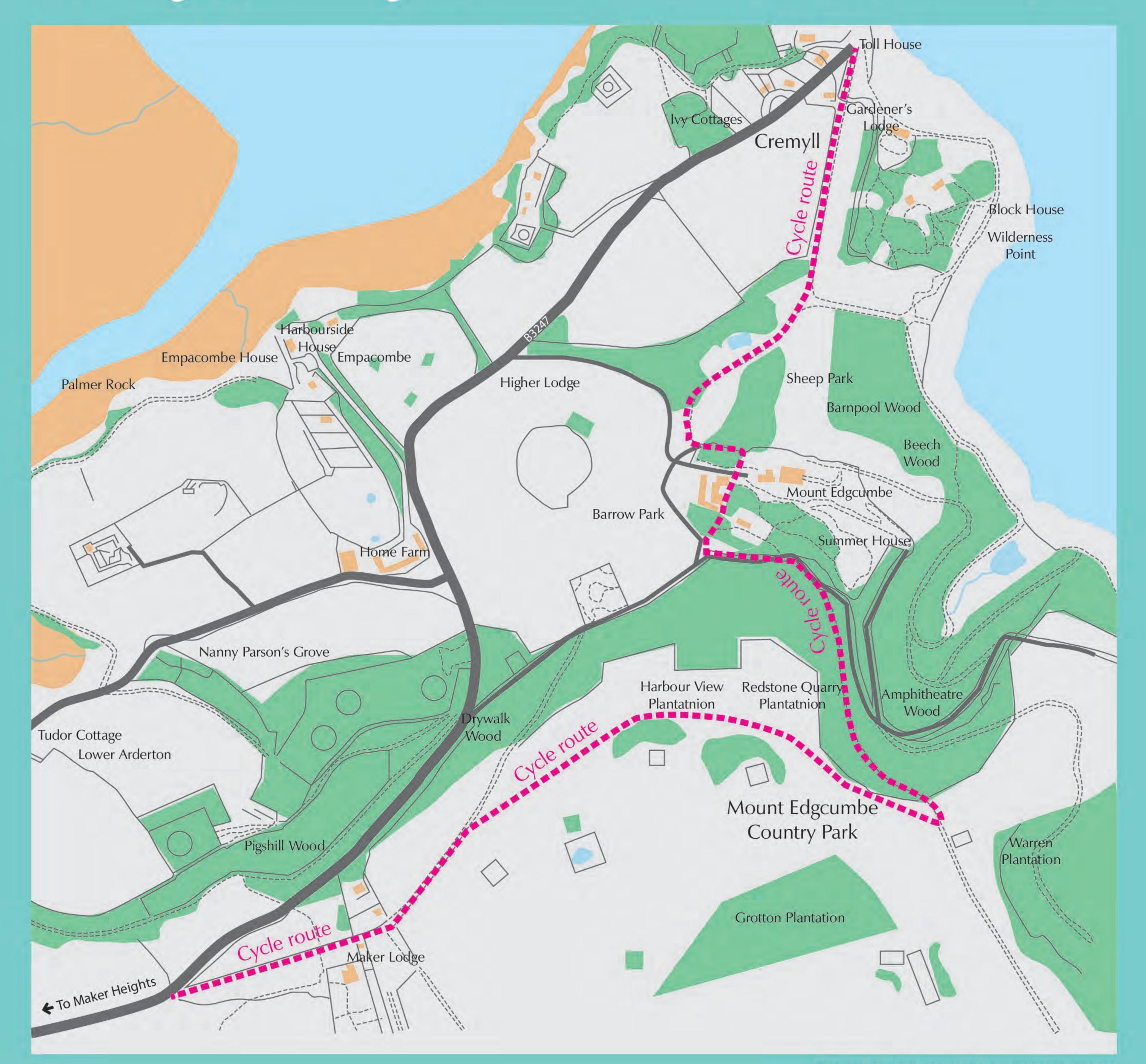








Gremyll Quay to Maker Church route





The route

This traffic free cycle route (part of National Cycle Route 2) starts at the Cremyll Ferry Quay, where there are also regular bus links to Plymouth City Centre via Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula and pedestrian ferries to Stonehouse and Royal William Yard in Plymouth.

The Ferry brings in hundreds of day trippers across to Mount Edgcumbe to enjoy the quiet grounds, woodland trails and secluded shores The Cremyll Ferry service runs approximately every 30 minutes and has charges for both bikes and pedestrians. Starting at the Cremyll Ferry follow waymarked signs up through Mount Edgcumbe Country Park via the Barrow Centre and the Deer Park to Maker Church. Cycle parking is located at the Barrow Centre.

At that point cyclists can continue along minor roads to Maker Heights and the villages of Cawsand and Kingsand. Cycle parking is also available at Maker Heights and at the car park in Cawsand village.

Onwards to Looe

Cornwall Council and Sustrans have plans to extend the route onwards towards Looe along the coast road beyond Rame Head and ultimately to Liskeard and Bodmin via the Looe Valley.