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Resurfacing works enable year-round access at Penrose near Helston.

A final kilometre stretch of pathway improvement has been completed on the National Trust's Penrose estate in Cornwall.

This is the latest in a programme of improvements has seen a total of 3.2 km of pathway upgraded at the popular country parkland and woodland around Loe Pool near Helston.

In total the National Trust has invested over £150,000 in restoring the path network at Higher Penrose. The project was also supported by the Paths for Communities European Fund.

The improvements mean the 3.2 km trail can now be enjoyed by the wide variety of users such as horse riders, cyclists and dog walkers, the route is also Trammer and buggy friendly. Approximately 300,000 visitors enjoy Penrose each year, and the newly resurfaced path will also mean year-round access to areas of the estate that were previously difficult for visitors to access in the wetter months.

Gregory Cross, National Trust Area Ranger for Penrose comments 'We're always working to improve the accessibility of the places we care for, and we want our visitors to feel welcome and have a great experience when they come to Penrose.

The completion of the path surfacing at Higher Penrose will enable year-round access on a well surfaced, multi-use path and we're delighted to be able to extend access to Penrose to all visitors, come rain or shine, and no matter the season.'

Another new addition to Penrose is the indoor seating area at The Stables cafe, where visitors can shelter from the elements and enjoy a light lunch, hot drink or cake. Dogs are welcome and there are water bowls and even free dog biscuits for all furry friends who visit. The cafe is open daily.

Gianluca Floris, Food & Beverage Manager, says: 'The new indoor seating area at The Stables cafe extends our offer from just take-away drinks and light snacks to a place where people can sit and relax while enjoying a light lunch or tea and cake.'

'We've been really pleased to hear from visitors about how much they appreciate having the space to take a break from a long walk with their dog, no matter the weather, come rain or shine. With the addition of second-hand books in the same space, people can also enjoy having a browse with their coffee.'

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Images:

Images can be downloaded here  [Improved access at Penrose](#). Only to be used in conjunction with this press release. Credit and caption as per file name.

About Penrose

Penrose is a mixture of open parkland, rich farmland and woodland around Loe Pool, Cornwall's largest natural lake, and is met by the coast at Loe Bar. There are many miles of footpaths to be discovered, as well as multi-use trails suitable for exploring on foot, bike or horseback. Penrose is open all year, from dawn until dusk.

The Stables cafe is now open every day 10am – 5pm serving sandwiches, hot toasties, hot & cold drinks, cakes & scoop ice cream.

Website: nationaltrust.org.uk/penrose

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