

Where to visit wind farms

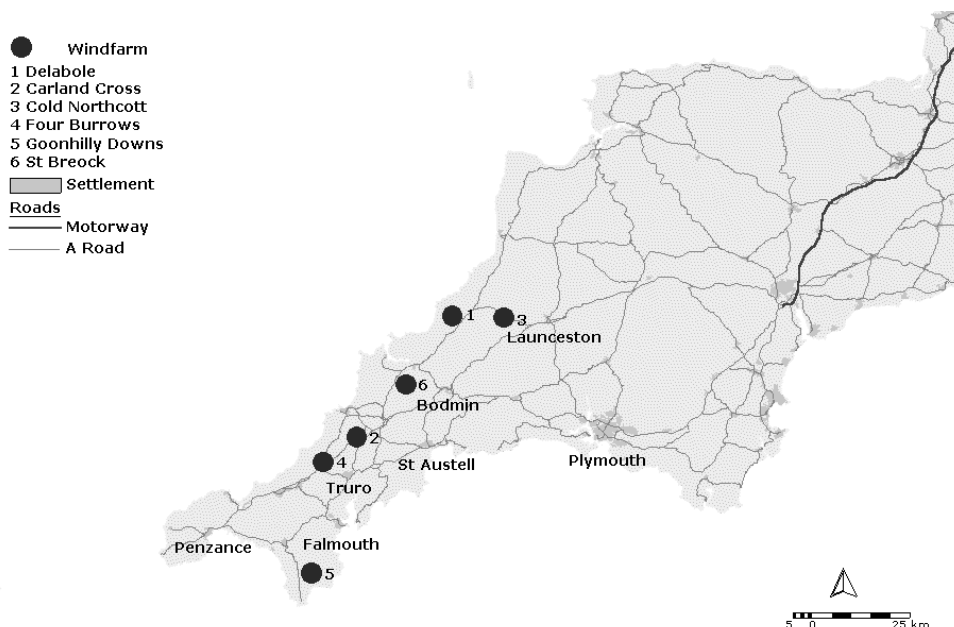
Wind Energy Fact Sheet 10a

At the end of 2000 there were 76 operating wind farms in the UK, with a total of 862 turbines providing a total generation capacity of more than 408 Megawatts (MW). Consistent with the availability of high-grade wind resource, the majority of the wind farms are segregated regionally in Cornwall, Northern England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. This Fact Sheet provides information on the location of typical wind farms in Cornwall and the best places to see them. It provides a selection of wind farms in the area rather than a comprehensive list, as the number of wind farms is steadily increasing. It is one of a series of five such fact sheets covering those regions given above (Fact Sheets 10a to 10e). Directions, parking and access information are provided. Where no access is specified it may be difficult to get close to the wind farm. Use of an Ordnance Survey map is recommended for details of public footpaths and bridleways.

Wind farms in Cornwall

This Fact Sheet covers six of the wind farms in Cornwall: Delabole, Carland Cross, Cold Northcott, Four Burrows, Goonhilly Downs and St Breock. Together they provide over 31MW of generation capacity. Information on the relationship between generation capacity and average domestic requirements is given in Fact Sheet No. 13.

Delabole is highly recommended for people wishing to visit a wind farm in Cornwall.



Wind farm	Operation started	Turbines			Additional information (parking, map grid reference etc)
		Number	Rating (kW)	Total capacity (MW)	
Delabole	November 1991	10	400	4.0	[SX 088 855] 3km NW of Camelford. Temporary visitor centre during 1999/2000 whilst a new visitor centre is under construction. Large free car park signposted on B3314. Public able to walk right up to turbines.
Carland Cross	August 1992	15	400	6.0	[SW 845 545] 7.5km SE of Newquay. Good view from A30. Parking available at nearby service station and in lay-by on eastbound carriageway. No visitor centre, information or parking on site. No access to site.
Cold Northcott	April 1993	21	300	6.3	[SX 220 850] 10km West of Launceston. Wind farm straddles the A395 Launceston to Hallworthy road, just past the village of Piper's Pool. No access to turbines. Parking at site. Good views of wind farm from car park.
Four Burrows	March 1995	15	300	4.5	[SW 760 482] 7km NW of Truro. Some turbines clearly visible from lay-by on westbound A30. No visitor centre or information board. No parking at site.
Goonhilly Downs	April 1993	14	400	5.6	[SW 730 200] 10km SE of Helston. Good views from nearby BT Satellite Earth Station. No public access to wind farm. Closest public road is a minor road running east from A3083 Helston to Lizard road at Cross Lanes. Limited parking on minor road. No visitor centre or information boards. Views also available from various footpaths and bridleways that run over the downs.
St Breock	July 1994	11	450	4.95	[SW 970 680] 5km SW of Wadebridge, Cornwall. Wind farm visible from A39. For closer view, park in lane near Standing Stone. Wind farm lies on the Saint's Way, a waymarked route. No visitor centre or information boards.

The summary information provided above is derived from "Wind Farms of the UK" by Paul Hannah, a comprehensive illustrated guidebook available from the British Wind Energy Association (see below).

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