



BEACON COVE

A semi circular small sandy Cove set between high cliffs north of [Watergate Bay](#) (1.7kms) and south of [Mawgan Porth](#) (1km). Facing west it has Berryl's Point on its northern side and Griffin's Point with its Iron Age Fort on the other. Access to the bottom of the Cove from the Coast Path is not easy, so much so that the author had to clamber down the steep slope partly using a rope and could not risk taking down the camera. At the bottom, the Cove is very special and quite awe-inspiring.



The Cove at low water with Griffin's Point

  **TR8 4AL** - On the B3276 coast road from Newquay to Padstow, 5.5kms north of Newquay is the hamlet of Trevarrian; 200m north of the cross roads in the centre of Trevarrian is a footpath on the left and a farm gate with a public footpath sign to the Coast Path close to a property called 'Highwinds'. Parking is by the roadside (where that is possible without blocking gateways and obstructing the busy road). The straight path (500m down a green lane) leads to the Coast Path; turn left and the Path skirts around the Cove. There are two paths down to the beach which are difficult to detect; it is suggested that the southerly one which is indicated by a break in the vegetation cover is the better. It is recommended that the descent is only considered by those with confidence and the ability to deal with the conditions. If parking is a problem it is only a relatively short walk (900m) from [Mawgan Porth](#) where there are car parks; follow the Coast Path southwards past the former Coastguard Cottages, Grange Point and then Beryl's Point; the walk has stunning views along the North Cornwall coastline. Alternatively it is possible to park at Trevarrian and in the centre at 'Shrub Cottage'



Sandy beach and Berryl's Point

there is an overgrown track which goes to the Cove although the status of the track is not known.



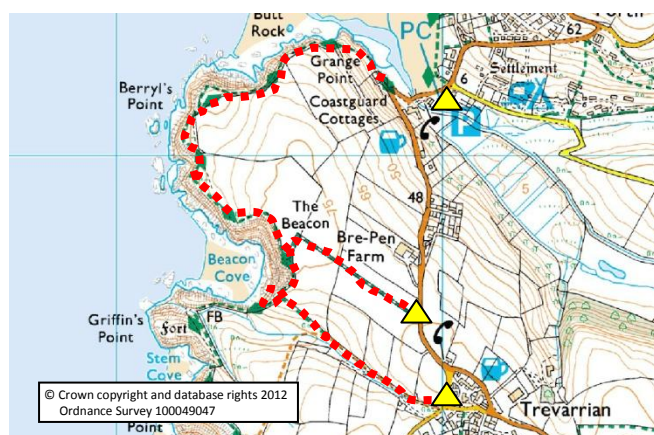
There is no beach at high water. The top of the beach has rocky ledges which give way to fine flat golden sand as the tide goes out. At low water the beach is nearly 200m wide.



There is no safety equipment. It is not safe to swim at low water due to strong currents; the swell and surf should make it good for surfing but getting a board up and down to the beach is well nigh impossible. Unless conditions are particularly calm snorkelling is out of the question. There are a few small rock pools at low tide.



Technically there are no restrictions on dogs but this may be seen as academic. The nearest toilets/facilities are at [Mawgan Porth](#).



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 106



Water quality is believed to be good. There is an outcrop of an iron lode in the cliffs which was mined. According to a Newquay resident, in 1846 a ship drifted ashore with ten bodies frozen to death.