

WHIPSIDERRY

Although it is situated close to [Newquay](#), Whipsiderry Beach is often little known and different in character and use than all the other more well known beaches associated with the resort. Stretching from Trevelgue Head (next to [Porth Beach](#)) in the south to Zacry's Island (and [Watergate Bay](#) beyond) in the north; it is over 600m long. It faces west and although exposed to the Atlantic swell can be quite sheltered. Its name is derived from mining terms 'Whips' and 'Derrick'.



Early morning in summer with Trevelgue Head on the left



TR7 3LX - Take the B3276 coast road from Newquay to Padstow. After 800m at [Porth](#) is the nearest car park (capacity 310 cars) for Whipsiderry which is 400m further on up the hill (Watergate Road) with the access to the beach clearly marked on the left hand side next to the road. There are a few roadside spaces next to the access point otherwise roadside parking is restricted. The only way to reach the beach (except at low water) involves a lengthy flight of steps (with handrails and a smugglers hole halfway down) which has been carved out of the cliffs. The steps are not for those who suffer from vertigo!



There is no beach at high water but the tide



Zacry's Islands beyond



the steps down the cliff face



Flight of steps



Cave in Flory Island

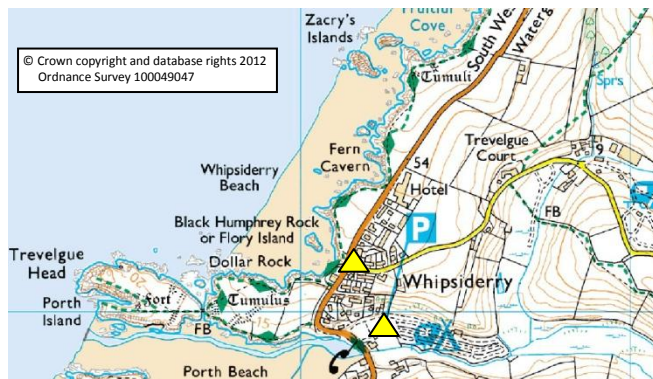
goes out over 300m to reveal a wonderful stretch of flat golden sand. At normal low tide it is possible to walk on the sand around the prominent Zacry's Islands to the north of the beach to [Watergate Bay](#) and the sheltered Fruitful Cove. There is a small area of stones at the access to the beach and nearby is Flory Island or Black Humphrey Rock with one of many caves one which is known as Cathedral Cavern.



There is safety equipment on the access steps. There are no lifeguards. It is dangerous to swim at low water because of strong rip currents. Swimming is possible in calm conditions on a rising high tide but then with care. It is a good surfing beach but not as crowded as others along this stretch of coast. It is not a snorkelling beach but there are a few rock pools.



Dogs are allowed all year. The nearest toilets and other facilities are at [Porth](#).



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 106



Water quality is very good. It is a quiet beach but if the tide is in, the Iron Age Trevelgue Head Hill fort next to the beach is well worth a visit.