

CROOKLETS BEACH

(Bude)

Close to the centre of Bude it is a fine popular beach enclosed by Wrangle point to the north and rocky outcrops to the south. It offers a large expanse of golden sand at low water when it joins up with [Summerleaze Beach](#) on one side and [Maer Cliff Beaches](#) on the other. It is possible to walk north to [Northcott Mouth](#) and [Sandy Mouth](#) along one of the longest stretch of sand in Cornwall at low water (4.5kms). Above the beach is a promenade with beach huts. It is owned by Cornwall Council and received the Blue Flag award in 2011.



At low water looking towards Wrangle Point



EX23 8NE - It is 600m from Belle Vue, the main shopping street in Bude, along Crooklets Road which runs across Summerleaze Down. There are two car parks; one (capacity 190 cars + overflow 300 cars) and the other (capacity 150 cars) are both next to the beach. There is wheelchair access.



It is generally a sandy beach in summer but in winter and the spring it can be a mixture of stone and shingle, especially around the high water mark. There is a small area of beach at high water that can be incredibly crowded in the height of summer.



Views of the beach at low water with an expanse of golden sand



Sand amongst rocks



Sandy pools when the tide is out



Stone and shingle in spring



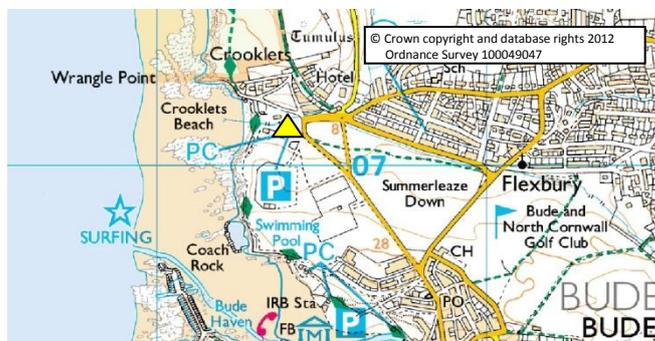
Excellent facilities



There are safety equipment points above the beach. RNLI Lifeguards are on duty from the end of May until the end of September and are located in a lookout on the cliffs on the southerly side of the beach. It is not a swimming beach because of the normal swell and surf. Bathing should only take place in the designated areas because of strong rip currents especially at low tide. It is an excellent and popular surfing beach for all types of surfers and at all tides. Bude Life Saving Club is located above the beach. It is not a snorkelling beach but there are numerous rock and sandy pools.



Dogs are not permitted from Easter Sunday until the end of September. There are excellent facilities adjacent to the beach including toilets (plus disabled), showers, a cafe, a play area for children and small skate park and amusements all set in a modern promenade area. There are a full range of facilities in the centre of Bude close by. The Summerleaze swimming pool in the rocks is 400m to the south and the beach huts can be hired.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 111



Water quality has been variable in recent years but the beach is cleaned regularly. It is a fine westerly facing beach with easy access and good for families, if somewhat exposed at times.