

MARSHLAND MOUTH

This beach is the boundary between Devon and Cornwall with the river, Marshland Water, marking the boundary. Unfortunately, the best part of the beach lies in Devon, with the Cornish section, (although much longer), largely confined to rock platforms and stone but with sandy areas in summer. It is not an easy beach to get to and involves a walk.



The Marshland Valley



The Beach in winter

an attractive walk through the Welcome and Marshland Nature Reserve. Another way without going into Devon is by parking on a track north 100m north of Marshland Manor – **EX23 9ST** -and following the footpath (750m) to the beach.



A wonderful setting but the beach is somewhat unappealing. There is sand and shingle on the Devon side but south of the river it is dark grey stone, although patches of yellow sand are often exposed at low water. In the summer months there can be a build up of sand on the higher levels of the beach. At low water it is possible to walk along the foreshore to Welcome Mouth (in Devon).



There is no safety equipment. Swimming is dangerous due to rip currents especially at low water; occasionally when there is no swell and surf it is possible to swim at high tide reasonably safely. There is good surfing at most stages of the tide for those who are experienced and know the location. There are good rock pools at low water. It is not a snorkelling beach.



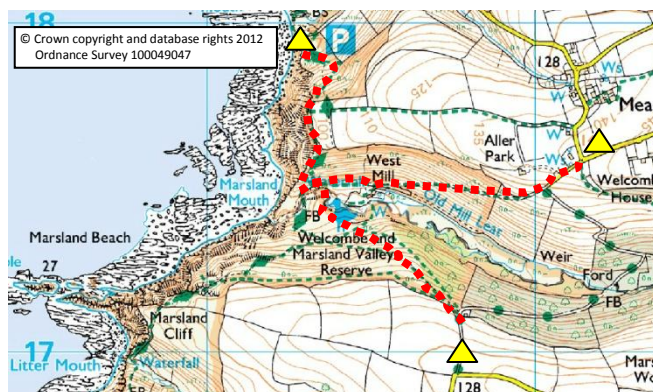
Dogs are permitted all year. There are no facilities, not even nearby, except a pub at the hamlet of Darricott, south of Welcome.



The mostly stony beach in summer at low water



EX39 6HT - There are three ways to get to the beach, the easiest being to follow the signs to Welcome Mouth from the A39 just over the county boundary where there is a small car park (25–30 cars). Then follow the Coast Path in a southerly direction and after 500m there is access to Marshland Mouth (on the Devon side of the river). An alternative, which involves a walk of about 1km, is to park on the roadside south of the hamlet of Mead at Mead Corner - **EX39 6HH** - and follow the sign to Morwenstow which is a footpath down the valley to the beach and



Location- part of OS Explorer Map 126



The water quality is unknown; the adjacent nature reserve is important for butterflies and is of national importance.



Footpath to the Beach



The river marking the boundary