

# PORT QUIN

A small north facing rocky inlet that in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century had a thriving fishing industry but in the great storm of 1698 the entire fishing fleet perished and it was known as 'the village that died'. It is now a small collection of cottages and former fish cellars owned by the National Trust and has a stony and shingle beach with patches of sand. Doyden Castle, a folly built about 1830, stands on the headland on the westerly side of the inlet. It is Porthgwynn in Cornish.



The narrow inlet at low water



**PL29 3SU** - From the A39 at Wadebridge take the B3314 which is signposted to Delabole and Port Isaac. After 7kms take the road signposted to Polzeath and after 500m go straight ahead at the cross roads and Port Quin is a further 1.5kms. There is a small car park (capacity about 35 cars) next to the road above the beach. From nearby [Port Isaac](#) take the B3267 and then the B3314 and turn off at St. Endellion where the road is signposted. Access on to the beach by the slipway is straightforward and suitable for the less mobile.



The mouth of inlet from the Coast Path



Views showing the beach, slipway and cottages



There is a small area of sloping shingle and stones above high water. At low tide the sea retreats over 200m out into the inlet exposing a variety of rocky ledges and patches of fine yellow sand. There are some small caves and a stream crosses the beach. Despite being located along a wild and windswept stretch of coast, Port Quin can be very sheltered by Doyden Point and it is usually secluded and quiet.



There is safety equipment above the beach. When the tide is high it is a great place to swim and snorkel as conditions are often suitable in summer; however it is not advisable to go further out into the mouth of the inlet as there are strong currents. It is not a surfing beach but there are many very interesting rock pools to explore at low water. Port Quin is used for supervised kayaking trips and Coasteering. There is also kayak hire.



Dogs are permitted. There are no toilets or other facilities, the nearest being at [Port Isaac](#) (8kms by road).



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 106



The slipway can be used to launch craft (for a fee). The sea water quality is believed to be good but the stream is unknown. Despite being 'tucked away' it has a surprising open feel to it.