

# PENDEEN COVE

or Boat Cove

This small fishing cove nestles into a stretch of wild and windswept coastline. A short distance off the Coast Path it is quite unexpected even though it is only a short walk from [Portheras Cove](#) and Pendeen Lighthouse. It is the most accessible beach along this whole stretch of coastline.



The beach at low water looking towards Chypraze Cliff



Boats above the beach

  **TR19 7ED** - From the B3306 at Pendeen, follow the road to Pendeen Lighthouse (1.5kms) which is signposted; take the right fork by the Lighthouse for 100m to a parking area (about 30+ cars). Follow the gated track (which is also the Coast Path) for 300m down to the Cove and the collection of fishermen's buildings. There is a slipway on to the beach. The walk is not too strenuous. An alternative means of access is to park at Chypraze for [Portheras Cove](#) and take a wonderful walk along the Coast Path (1km).

 The small 'inlet' beach disappears at high water but at low water there is usually an area of coarse white sand at the bottom of the slipway which gives way to a mixture of sand, shingle and stone. It faces North East and can be remarkably sheltered although outside high summer some of the beach can be in the shade. The dark 'killas' rock (a form of slate) can make the cove seem eerie in certain weather conditions. It is a working cove so respect is needed at times when fishing activities are being pursued.

  There is safety equipment. It is not really safe for swimming especially at low tide due to strong currents, although in calm conditions it can be possible on a rising high tide if care is taken.

   Surfing is not possible and neither is snorkelling except when it is very calm. There are numerous interesting rock pools at low water on either side of the beach.

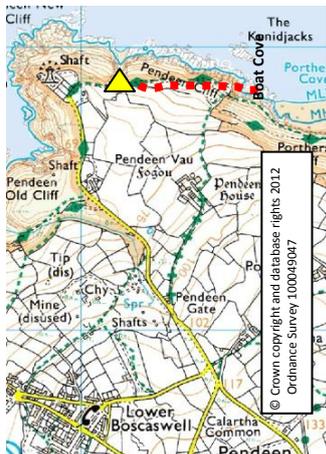
    Dogs are permitted but there are no facilities. There are toilets, shops and pubs at the village of Pendeen.

 The slipway is not for public use and cannot be accessed due to the gated track next to the parking area.

  Water quality is excellent. It is a quiet beach that is better than it might appear at first. Of interest nearby is an ancient 'Fogou' (man-made cave) at Pendeen Manor Farm which is also the birthplace (1696) of William Borlase the famous Cornish historian, geologist and naturalist.



The slipway on to the beach



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