

# PORTHMEOR COVE

Not to be confused with Porthmeor Beach in St.Ives, a short distance along the coast, this northerly facing beach is so completely different. It is a truly a remote beach even though the Coast Path from Zennor to Pendeen passes next to it and is little known and visited. It is, however, a cove full of the 'wild' character of this magnificent stretch of coastline.



At half-tide on a quiet autumnal day

  **TR20 8YX** - On the B3306 mid-way between St.Just and St.Ives is the hamlet of Rosemergy. 1.5kms east of Rosemergy there is a cattle grid above the point where the road crosses the Bosphorthennis stream. There are a few places you can park by the roadside then take the footpath which is just below the cattle grid which follows the valley to the cove, a distance of about 750m. If parking is an issue, an alternative is to use parking areas at either Rosemergy or Treen and follow the respective footpaths to the Coast Path, then on to Porthmeor



Boulder strewn beachhead



Towards Porthmeor Point



Views of the beach

Cove which involves a walk of about 2kms in both cases. Access from the path to the beach involves negotiating a boulder strewn beachhead.



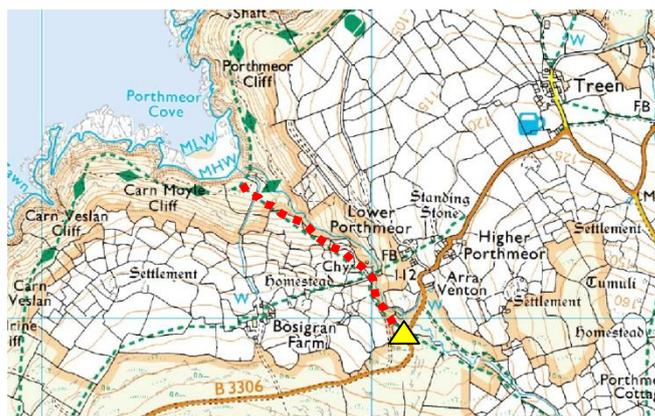
It is a horseshoe shape that makes it feel like a real cove. At high water the beach consists of large smoothed, granitic stones and boulders but at low water there is usually a stretch of sand.



There is no safety equipment. Swimming is not recommended because of rip currents but there are occasions when the weather is calm that swimming on a rising high tide is possible with care, although this is not easy because of the rocks and boulders. The surf here can be excellent but it is again not recommended because of the rocks.



Snorkelling and diving can only be considered when the conditions are calm. There are a few rock pools at low water but they are not really a feature.



Location - Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Dogs are permitted but it is not a beach that is especially dog friendly. There are no facilities at all. There is a well known pub at Treen (1.8kms) eastwards on the B3306.



The quality of the water in the stream is unknown but a wonderful cove if solitude is required.