

PORTHMINSTER

(St. Ives)

Despite being the furthest from the Town Centre, it is the most popular of all the beaches in St. Ives and this is understandable when it is glimpsed for the first time with its wonderful sweep of golden sand, very sheltered aspect, and glorious views across the Bay. Arriving at St. Ives by train which terminates right above the beach is truly a memorable experience.



The Beach from the Coast Path with the harbour in the distance



TR26 2EB - Access and car parking are detailed in the overview for [St. Ives](#). It is a straightforward walk (about 550m) from the Town Centre. From the Harbour, take Pednolva Walk by the Lifeboat Station and carry on along the Warren and there are steps down to the beach at the northern end or by continuing past the Putting Green there is a gentle ramp on to the beach by one of the cafes and the beach shop. There is a great walk from [Carbis Bay](#) (1.3kms) along the Coast Path.



Facilities next to the beach



The main access point



View from the Putting Green



Dry sand above high water



Without doubt a breathtaking beach that is an integral part of making the beaches of St. Ives so special. Even at high water there is a fine stretch of fine golden sand over 500m long. At low water a wonderful expanse of sand makes it seem less crowded than it really is at the peak of the summer. It is very sheltered except from easterly winds.



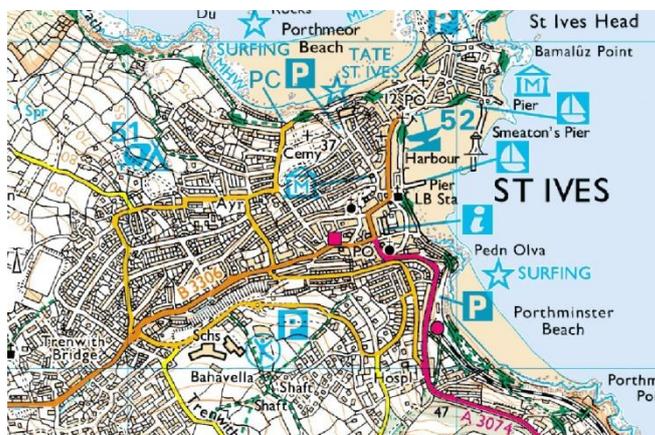
There is safety/rescue equipment above the beach. RNLI Lifeguards are on duty from mid May until the end of September.



Details are shown in the overview for [St. Ives](#).



Dogs are permitted from November until Easter Day and 19.00 to 8.00hrs all year but are not allowed during the spring and summer months from 8.00 until 19.00 hrs. There are toilets above the centre of the beach that are open all year. There is a beach shop and cafes/restaurants next to the beach which have a high reputation. Use of the Putting green can be made from the Beach Office.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality is generally good and the beach is cleaned regularly. It is an excellent family beach with much to offer, especially its safety for swimming and bathing together with its facilities.