



PORTHZENNOR COVE

and Veor Cove

Two coves a short distance from the village of Zennor set in the wild granitic coastline west of St.Ives and surrounded by an ancient landscape full of mystery and Cornish legends. Porthzennor Cove is tucked in to the east of Zennor Head and despite facing north can often be relatively sheltered. Veor Cove is to the west of Zennor Head (beyond the inaccessible Pendour Cove). Both Coves can be reached from the Coast Path



Porthzennor Cove at low water & devoid of sand in early summer

  **TR26 3BY** - Take the B3306 coast road from the St.Ives to St.Just and some 7kms west of St.Ives there is the village (little more than a hamlet) of Zennor with its church which is so prominent in the landscape. Turn off the main road and there is a small car park (capacity 130 cars) between the Museum and the pub. There is also a limited amount of roadside parking. Take the public footpath which runs along a vehicular access track between the Church and the pub for 600m where it joins the Coast Path. For Veor Cove turn west along the Coast Path (past the private residence of Carn Cobba); cross over the stream and after 280m there is a path on the right which is difficult to see which winds down to the beach. To reach Porthzennor continue northwards past Carn Cobba and after 120m turn right along a footpath



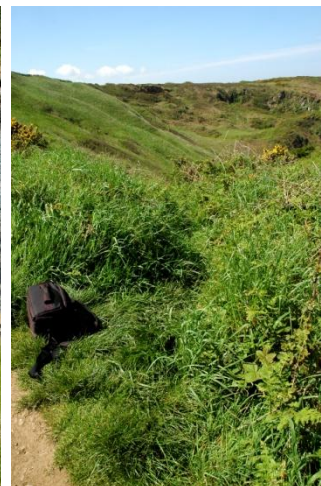
Veor Cove from the access path



Stony Veor Cove



Porthzennor access path



Veor Cove access path

which after some 400m joins up with the Coast Path; turn left and about 180m on the right there is a path down to the beach.



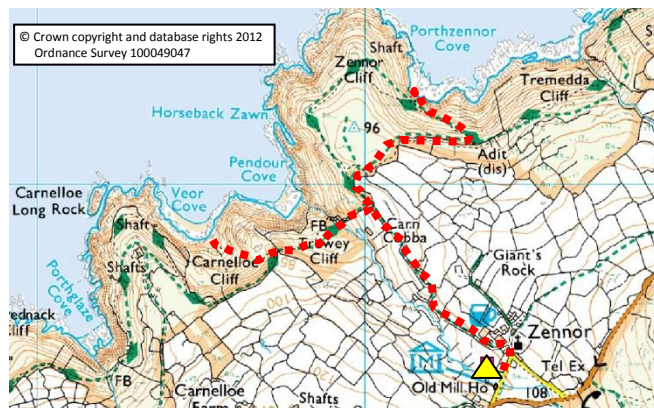
Normally both Coves have fine white sand from high water down to low water in the summer months which usually disappears after winter storms.



There is no safety equipment at either Cove. It is not advisable to swim except on a rising high tide and then only when conditions are favourable. They are not regarded as surfing beaches even though there can be good surf. There are some rock pools. Snorkelling can be interesting at high water in both coves but conditions are rarely favourable.



There are no restrictions on dogs. The nearest toilets are next to the car park in Zennor with refreshments at the pub and Museum.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality is believed to be good. They are surrounded by wonderful cliff-land scenery.