

TREGERTHEN BEACH and Wicca Pool

Two remote beaches set in the spectacular historic landscape of the North Coast of the Penwith Peninsula. Tregerthen is a small beach right next to the Coast Path whilst access to the granite boulder strewn Wicca Pool is not easy and to many is not really a beach as such; it has associations with DH Lawrence who lived nearby for a time.



Tregerthen Beach a mixture of shingle and boulders



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 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 and continue northwards for about 120m then turn right along a public footpath which after 400m joins up with the Coast Path again; carry on walking eastwards for 900m and the path abuts Tregerthen Beach which involves a short scramble down across rocks. Wicca Pool is a further 250m along the Coast Path around Carn Porth then down the grassy slope and involves a difficult scramble down the rocks to reach the shore



Boulder Strewn Wicca Pool



Access to Wicca Pool



Tregerthen at low water



The Rocks down to Wicca Pool

from where granite was shipped in the C15th.



The upper part of Tregerthen Beach is a mixture of shingle, stones and boulders and gives way to rock platforms at low tide. There is little or no beach at high tide and despite being fairly exposed can be a good place for a picnic or stop if walking the Coast Path. Wicca Pool can take some time negotiating a way across the boulders which dominate the beach at all stages of the tide but it is a wonderful bay. There is unlikely to be anybody on either beach even in the height of summer.



There is no safety equipment. Swimming at either beach is not recommended at any stages of the tide but in calm conditions should be possible on a rising high tide as long as care is taken with submerged rocks. Neither are recognised surfing or snorkelling beaches but there are numerous rock pools at low water.



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 good. Wicca is part of druid folklore and associated with witchcraft.