

BLACK HEAD

A delightfully secluded small cove, (seemingly without a name), that nestles into the westerly side of Black Head and involves a walk from Trenarren with wonderful views along the coastline.



The Cove with Drennick headland beyond



PL26 6BH - From the A390 at Mount Charles, St.Austell, follow the signs to [Porthpean](#) (but do not turn off) and continue along the narrow road with passing bays signposted to Trenarren (3.7kms) where there is small parking area next to the road (capacity about 20 cars). Then take the left-hand fork in the road which is a public bridleway (and farm track) and continue for about 850m and turn left at a junction with a public footpath which joins the Coast Path and at the Memorial stone to A.L. Rowse (the Cornish Historian); follow the path to the headland where there is a narrow path on the right which goes down to the Cove. The path above the beach is not for the feint hearted but quite safe if care is taken.



Narrow path to the beach



Memorial Stone



There is little or no beach at high water, but at low water a gently shelving beach comprising of sand shingle and stone is exposed. Although it faces south-west it is extremely sheltered having Black Head on one side and the headland of Drennick on the other.



There is no safety equipment. It is relatively safe for swimming close to the shore at all stages of the tide when conditions are favourable. It is not a surfing beach.



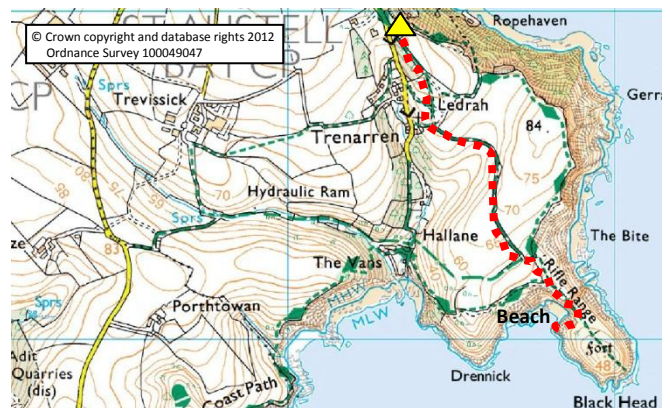
There is good snorkelling in the Cove and out towards Drennick. There are a few rock pools at low water.



Dogs are permitted but there are no facilities at all, the nearest being at [Porthpean](#) which is over 1.5kms from the parking area.



Views of the beach



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 107



Water quality is good but water borne litter above the high tide line mars an otherwise charming cove. The nearby Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve at Ropehaven makes a great contrast.