

COOMBE HAWNE

and Little Coombe Hawne

Two small south easterly facing coves between [Readymoney Cove](#) and [Polridmouth](#). Coombe Hawne, like so many coves on the south coast, is associated with smuggling in the mid 19th Century and is fairly accessible but involves a walk. Access on to the beach at Little Coombe Hawne is more difficult.



Coombe Hawne at low water



PL23 1HW - At the confluence of the A3082 and the B3269 at the Newtown roundabout on the outskirts of Fowey, take the B3145 and then immediately first right along a narrow road to Coombe. After 1.1kms there is a small National Trust car park (capacity about 30 cars) above Coombe Farm. At the entrance to the car park take the farm track down past the farm and after 200m there is a stile in the hedge on the right; this leads to a well marked permissive path which winds down the valley and after 380m joins up with the Coast Path immediately above the main beach where the access is straightforward. To get to Little Coombe Hawne involves a walk westwards along the Coast path for about 130m where there is a narrow path down to the beach. An alternative way to the beaches is to park above [Readymoney Cove](#) and walk (850m) along the Coast Path past St. Catherine's Castle.



Grey sand and shingle



A gently sloping beach



Access to Coombe Hawne



Rocky area at Coombe Hawne



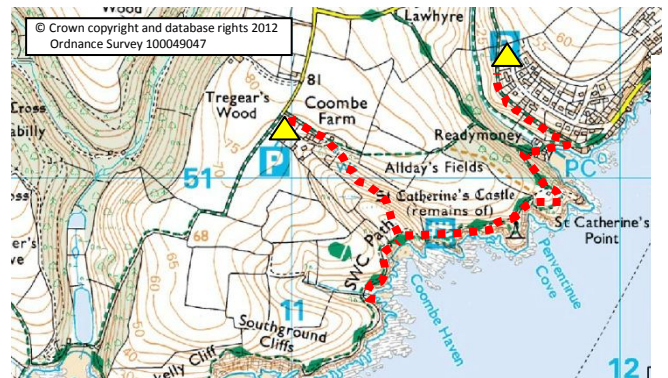
The upper part of Coombe Hawne is mostly grey sand and shingle which becomes stonier at low water with rocky areas either side forming an inlet. Little Coombe Hawne which is much smaller has rock platforms at high water and in summer there is usually some sand/shingle sloping down to stonier areas at low water. Both beaches are very sheltered.



There is no safety equipment. Swimming is relatively safe on a rising high tide. It is not advisable to swim out beyond the beach inlets especially at low water. They are not surfing beaches. There is some excellent snorkelling and diving both in the coves and on either side along the coast. There are many rock pools at low water.



There are no restrictions on dogs and there are no facilities. The nearest toilets and cafe are at [Readymoney Cove](#). There are tea rooms at Coombe Farm.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 107



Water quality is believed to be good. Coombe Hawne (also known as Coombe Haven) is a quiet beach in an attractive stretch of coastline.