CRINNIS BEACH

Shorthorn & Polgaver Beaches or Carlyon Bay

Carlyon Bay was once one of the top beaches in Cornwall with over 1km of fine white sand but a series of poor Planning Decisions over many years has had a hugely detrimental effect on the place. Although it is

Crinnis Beach in late summer

one long beach, the westerly end is known as Crinnis Beach and is the most accessible and popular. The middle section is Shorthorn Beach and the easterly more secluded end is Polgaver Beach. Crinnis and Shorthorn are currently marred by lines of steel shuttering piles, unsightly boulders and fences which mark out future development proposals.

PL25 3SJ – On the A390 east of St.Austell at the roundabout junction 2kms east of Holmbush take the A3082 to Fowey (Par Moor Road). After 500m turn right along Cypress Avenue; go under the railway into Sea Road then turn right past Carlyon Bay Golf Club into Beach Road and the large car park (capacity 250+cars). There is a pathway from the far end of the car park (210m) down steps and a fenced route-way on to Crinnis Beach close to Crinnis Island. It is a 700m+ walk along Crinnis Beach to Shorthorn Beach and still further to Polgaver. An alternative is to
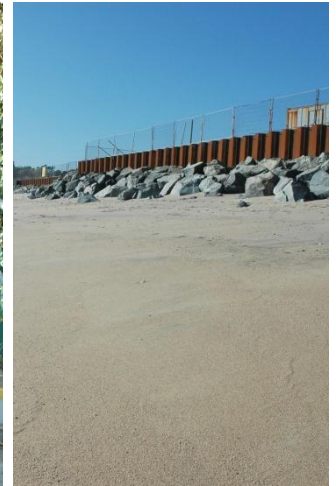

Shorthorn Beach

Polgaver Beach

Steps down to the beach

Unsightly backdrop at Crinnis

park further along Par Road by the Garden Centre and take the public footpath across the Golf Course to the Coast Path; turn left for 580m to a path on the right which goes down to the beach at Fishing Point.

It is flat and sandy above high water mark and then slopes quite steeply down to low water mark along the whole length. There is no safety equipment. It is a relatively safe beach for swimming on a rising tide. It is not a surfing or snorkelling beach and there are virtually no rock pools. It is a popular beach for fishing.
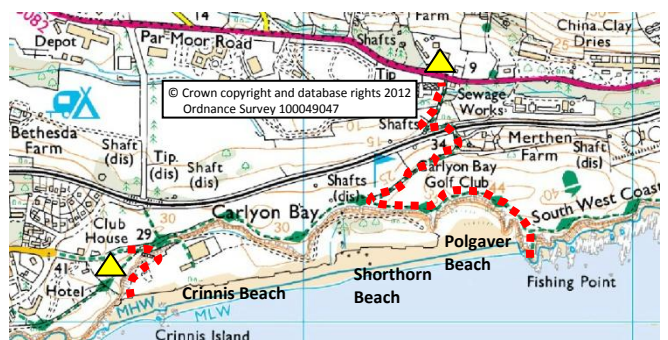
Dogs are not allowed all year. There are currently no facilities at all.

Shorthorn awaiting development

Fishing off Crinnis Beach

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Water quality is good. The jury is out on whether the development will be beneficial or not.