



DUPORTH

A fine sheltered easterly facing beach that is privately owned but can be accessed by the public although the status of public access is currently confused. Above the cliffs that back the beach there is a former holiday complex and private houses. Duporth means ‘Two Coves’ in Cornish.

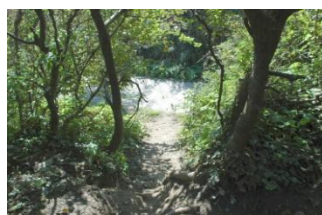


A sandy beach at half tide looking towards Polmear Point

  It is recommended that vehicular access and parking is either from [Porthpean – PL26 6AX](#) – or from [Charlestown - PL25 3NJ](#) - (see pages for details). There used to be access from Duporth Holiday Park but this is currently not possible. Porthpean is nearer, involving a walk along the Coast Path of 550m from a southerly direction whilst Charlestown is 900m (from the car park) along the Coast Path from a northerly direction. Access from the Coast Path is at the southerly end of the beach by a bridge over the Coast Path (with a path to the beach under it); there is a short makeshift way through the undergrowth from the Coast Path down to the access path and on to the beach. There is a sign on the beach informing the public that they are welcome but it includes certain restrictions. It is not recommended but the author has accessed the beach from Charlestown by walking along the foreshore at low tide past Polmear Point but the window of opportunity is very short.



The beach from the Coast Path



Access from the Coast Path



The southern end of the beach







Notice to visitors



It is a gently sloping beach of sand mixed with patches of shingle. At high water there is a narrow strip of sand. At low water there are a number of flat rock outcrops but this does not affect entry into the water. There have been a number of serious cliff falls on to the beach in recent times so care needs to be taken.





    There is no safety equipment and no lifeguard service. It is relatively safe to swim on a rising high tide when conditions prevail although real care needs to be taken at other times. It is not a surfing beach although occasionally when there are sufficient waves bodyboarding is possible. There are rock pools at either end of the beach at low water. Snorkelling can be good towards Polmear Island and southwards around Carrickowel Point. Inflatables should not be used when the wind is offshore.



Despite some public information stating that dogs are not permitted the sign on the beach says dogs should be under control.




  There are no facilities, the nearest being at [Porthpean](#) and [Charlestown](#).



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 107



 Water quality is good. It is a fine beach but the access issues need to be resolved.