

GORRAN HAVEN

and Little Penhaver

These are two easterly facing beaches, which are joined at low water, are next to the small fishing harbour and village of Gorrán Haven, or 'Porthyust' in Cornish. With former fishermen's houses nestling around the road access to the harbour, the beaches have a picturesque backdrop despite a sizeable amount of more modern development. The beaches are easily accessible and popular with families.



Gorrán Beach with Little Perhaver beyond



PL26 6JG - From St.Austell, Gorrán Haven is 13.5kms along the B3273 and just before reaching Mevagissey turn right and follow the signs; although the road does a large loop around Mevagissey it is simpler and quicker. On entering the village continue down the hill and the only car park (capacity over 380 cars) is on the left. There is little or no roadside parking in the summer months. Gorrán Beach is a 300m walk down the road to a slipway access on to the beach which is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. To get to Little Perhaver Beach walk down the road from the car park and turn left up Church Road and after 90m there is a path on the right next to Zion Cottage which after 100m leads to steps down to the beach. Alternatively, at low tide access can be the short walk across Gorrán Beach.



Gorrán Beach in summer



Gorrán Harbour at low water



Views of Gorrán Beach



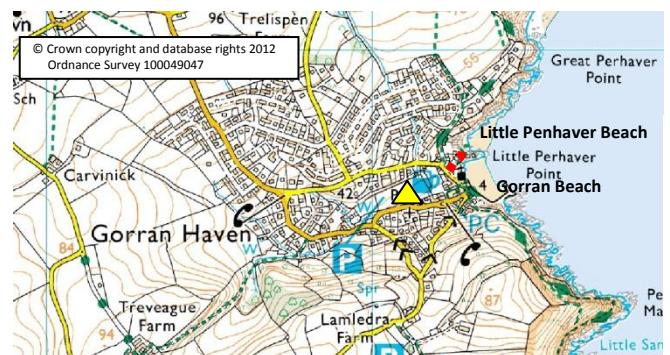
Both beaches are covered at high tide but as the tide goes out flat mostly sandy beaches are exposed which have small patches of shingle. Unless there is an easterly wind blowing they are sheltered.



There is rescue equipment above Gorrán Beach. Both beaches are good for swimming but are not suitable for surfing. There is some good snorkelling on the other side of the harbour around Cadycrowse Rocks and also on the far side of Little Penhaver. There are a few rock pools. It popular for kayaks, sailing dinghies and small craft. Angling trips take place from the Harbour.



Dogs are permitted. There are toilets opposite the Old Custom House 50m from the beach. There is a village shop, a pub and cafe close to the beach.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 105



There is slipway access for small craft. Water quality has been variable in recent years due to the stream which crosses the beach. Gorrán Beach is cleaned daily in summer. It is a short walk along the Coast Path to [Vault Beach](#) and a short boat trip to Great Perhaver Beach (not accessible on foot).