

MEVAGISSEY

Well known as a picturesque fishing harbour, the small beaches at Mevagissey are not really much of a draw to this popular and visitor destination. There is a sandy beach in the Outer Harbour and a shingle and stone beach on the other the far side of the Harbour.



A sandy beach next to West Pier in the outer harbour at low water



PL26 6RZ - From St.Austell take the B3273 past [Pentewan Sands](#) which after 7.6kms ends up in Mevagissey. There are three major car parks (the largest with a capacity of over 340cars) which are easily accessible and signed when approaching the centre of the village with them all being on the left-hand side and less than a 300m walk down the road to the harbour. To get to the sandy beach next to West Pier turn right and there are steps down to the beach at the bottom of Polkirt Hill. The shingle and stone beach, sometimes known as Island Beach, can be reached by walking along East Wharf past the Museum and Harbour Office on to North Pier where there are steps down on to the beach.



The shingle and stony Island Beach next to North Pier



West Pier Beach



The Island Beach



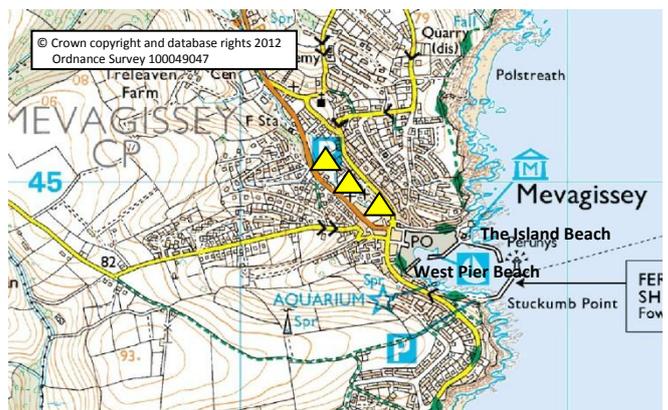
The sandy beach disappears at high water but at low water is exceptionally sheltered with interesting views out across the outer harbour, known as 'The Pool' with all the boating activity. The Island Beach is also covered at high water but faces east with fine views out to sea and with some interesting rock formations.



There is rescue/safety equipment on West Pier and North Pier. Swimming is not recommended in 'The Pool' although at high water it is safe enough if care is taken with all the boat movements. It is better to swim off the Island Beach which is relatively safe if sea conditions are right. They are not suitable for surfing but there is good snorkelling from Island Beach northwards to [Polstreath Beach](#). There are also many rock pools at The Island Beach.



There are no restrictions on dogs. There are toilets next to West Pier and along East Wharf. There are numerous shops, cafes, restaurants and Pubs in the centre of Mevagissey close to the harbour.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 105



Contact needs to be made with the Harbour Master for use of the slipways. Water quality is generally very good. There are angling and boat trips from the Harbour. It is a short walk along the Coast Path northwards to [Polstreath Beach](#) and southwards to [Portmellon Cove](#).