

# SPLIT POINT BEACH

The industrial surroundings of Par Docks and large China Clay Works gives this rather secluded south facing beach an unusual setting.



At low water looking across St.Austell Bay



**PL24 2BP** - On the A3082 from Par to St.Austell, the road passes under the main railway line where there are traffic lights; 200m beyond is a car park (40 cars+) on the left hand side. The path to the beach (600m) goes under the railway line and joins the Coast Path which runs alongside the China Clay works and over a metal bridge (with works below) and then on to the beach with the Carlyon Bay Golf Course on the other side of the path. There is easy access on to the beach from a number of points.



Path on to the beach



The Coast Path to the beach



The beach is divided by a large concrete disused pipeline. To the west is the better beach,

which is over 200m long and sandy at high water, has a small area of embryonic dunes, and backed by the Golf Course. To the east the beach is smaller but with an area of coarse white sand and backed by the China Clay works. At low water the whole beach is sandy and slightly shelving to a rocky platform. It is liable to seaweed inundation after periods of onshore winds. It is possible to walk westwards to [Polgaver Beach](#) along the foreshore at low water.



There is no safety equipment. Swimming is not recommended at low water because of the rocks but from a rising half tide it is good for swimming under most conditions. It is not a surfing beach.



It is quite good for snorkelling when the tide is high. Conversely, at low water it is a great place for rock pooling especially along the foreshore towards Fishing Point. The beach is popular with locals for fishing.



Dogs are permitted all year. There are no facilities at all. The nearest toilets and local shops are at Par Green, 1.5kms from the Split Beach car park.



Towards Fishing Point



Beach below the Clay works



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 107



The water quality in recent years has been variable. Despite the industrial backdrop and unusual access, it is a better beach than it might appear – it is certainly popular with locals.