

COLDEADON BEACH and The Skerrish

This is a wonderful stretch of south facing beach between [Downderry](#) and Portwrinkle beneath the imposing Battern Cliffs. It stretches for 1.5kms at low water but access is not that easy and hence is a closely guarded secret by locals. The Skerrish Beach is often called ‘St.Germans Hut Beach’ after a small former Victorian lodge perched above the cliffs.



From Coldeadon Point looking towards Downderry at low water



PL11 3LF – For Parking and access see [Downderry](#). At the easterly end of Downderry along Main Road is the Primary School and Church. It is best to use the limited amount of unrestricted roadside parking close to the School and access the easterly end of Downderry Beach (known as Camps Bay) along a footpath that runs next to the school. Once on the beach turn left and it is a 480m walk along the foreshore to Bass Rock; continue for a short scramble across the rocks and the first part of Coldeadon Beach known as ‘The Pit’ is reached. This can only be done at low water; the alternative being to walk eastwards along main road to the hairpin bend and the Coast Path where on the right is a steep narrow path down to ‘The Pit’ enabling access at all times. A 500m walk across Coldeadon Beach leads to Coldeadon Point and



Views of Coldeadon Beach



Beach below The Skerrish



Access path to Skerrish Beach

beyond to Skerrish Beach. At high water The Skerrish section of the beach is cut off by the tide but there is access down the cliff from the Coast Path along a steep and winding path through thick vegetation from St.Germans Hut. This involves a walk along the Coast Path of over 1.3kms to the edge of Downderry but there are a few car parking spaces on the B3247 2kms east of Downderry close to Cargloth Farm – **PL11 3BZ** – it is then a short walk across the field to St.Germans Hut and the Coast Path and down to the beach.



The beaches are mostly gently sloping stretches of a coarse grey sand inter mixed with small stones, shingle and rocky outcrops. There is an intermittent strip of beach above high water except at Coldeadon Point. It is best to swim on a rising high tide when condition permit. It is not a surfing beach. There can be some good snorkelling off Bass Rock, Coldeadon Point. There are many interesting rock pools at various points. Bass Point is a popular place for rock fishing.



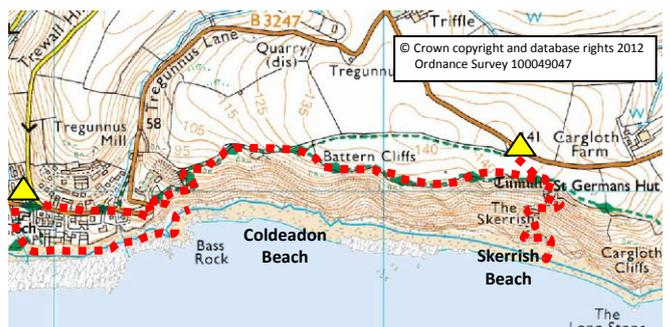
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There are no restrictions on dogs. There are no facilities the nearest being at Downderry and Portwrinkle ([Finnygook Beach](#)). Water quality is good. These are much fine beaches that are quiet and never crowded.



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