

HANNAFORE

West Looe & Wallace Beaches

A series of beaches and very accessible foreshore from the small beach at the mouth of the river at West Looe round to Hannafore and Wallace Beaches, with the Town and [East Looe](#) beach across the river.



Hannafore Beach at low water with St. George's Island offshore



PL13 2DH - From the A387 at West Looe

next to the bridge over the river, take the road to Hannafore. After about 700m there are small areas of beach at the mouth of the river which are accessible from the road but parking is further along Hannafore Road which becomes Marine Drive. Hannafore Beach is from the Point along Marine Drive and in front of along sea wall to the Coastguard Lookout where it morphs into Wallace Beach. There is considerable roadside parking all the way along Marine Drive. The nearest car park is at West Looe over 1.3kms away. There are numerous access points on to Hannafore and Wallace Beaches by ramp or steps from the road.



Wallace Beach



West Looe - beach by the river



The main area of beach at Hannafore is a mixture of shingle, rocky reefs and patches of sand which are more frequent at the Chimney Rock or northern end of the beach. There is little beach above high water except the area of shingle below the



Hannafore Beach



Ramp down to the beach

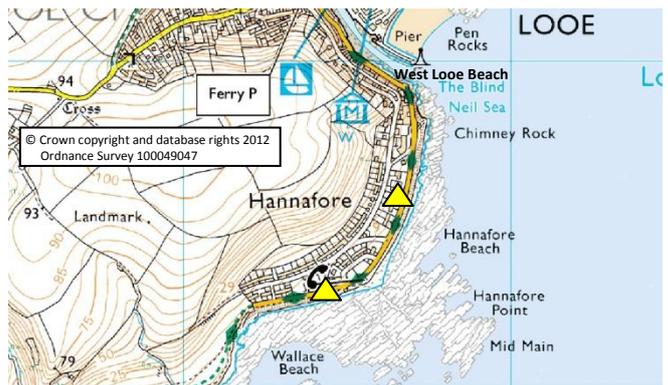
Coastguard Lookout. The beach at the mouth of the river is mostly a coarse grey sand and is covered at high tide whilst Wallace beach is mostly rocky foreshore with patches of shingle. There are grassy areas suitable for picnicking above the sea wall all along Hannafore and part of Wallace Beach.



There is no safety equipment or lifeguards but swimming can be good and relatively safe at Hannafore/Wallace. The small beach at the mouth of the river is not suitable for swimming and can be quite dangerous. None of the beaches are suitable for surfing but there is excellent snorkelling off the reefs at Wallace Beach. Hannafore Beach has a marvellous array of rock pools.



Dogs are allowed at all the beaches. There are toilets and a cafe 40m to 70m west of the Coastguard Lookout. [East Looe](#) (1.3kms) has shops, pubs and restaurants in abundance. Water quality by the river can be very variable, even poor at times, but improves at Hannafore and Wallace Beaches. Hannafore is owned by Cornwall Council and cleaned in summer. There is a putting and bowling greens above Wallace Beach. Nearby [East Looe](#) is famous for its boat trips.



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