LEKROCK COVE

This small easterly facing sandy Cove is part of Talland Bay and close to Talland Sand. It is also known locally as Leakrock (pronounced Lakerock) as there was supposed to be a leak in the rock which let in the sea. It is tucked in below Talland Cliff and Downend Point and as a result is both sheltered and secluded. Access is relatively straightforward from the Coast Path between Talland Sand (500m) and Polperro (1.4kms). It is part of a National Trust holding.



Lekrock Cove at low water

PL13 2RY - This is for Talland Sand which is the closest for access and parking for the Cove. There are two access roads from the A387 (the main road between Looe and Polperro) both of which are narrow with steep hills and sharp bends but end up very close to the main beaches of the Bay. For details of parking see Talland Sand. To get to the Cove follow the Coast Path westwards: this rises steeply from the beach and then flattens out towards Downend Point with great views across the Bay. After about 500m there is a small path on the left which goes down to the Cove; the path and scramble down across the rocks is not recommended for those less mobile.



There is often little or no beach at high water

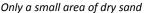




Looking across the Bay

Sand and rocks







The path down to the beach

and this is not accessible from the access point. However, as the tide recedes a delightful gently sloping sandy beach is exposed with a number of low rocks at low water.

There is no safety equipment. It is relatively safe to swim within the Cove but it is advisable to do this on a rising high tide. It should be remembered it a fairly remote beach and there can be strong currents out in the Bay and around Downend Point. It is not a surfing beach.

There can be some excellent snorkelling either side of the Cove. There are a few rock pools but it is a good spot for rock fishing.









There are no restrictions on dogs. The nearest facilities are at Talland Sand and a full range of facilities at Polperro.



Location - Part of OS Explorer Map 107

Water quality is believed to be good although the nearest testing station at Looe has been variable in recent years. It is a wonderful little Cove that never gets crowded. In some publications and websites it is wrongly referred to as Donkey Beach which is a small beach next to Talland Sand.