

COVERACK

Perprean Cove and Pedna-myin

As well as being an attractive village and an active, but small, fishing harbour, Coverack has a popular and very accessible part-sandy beach that nestles in below the road and line of cottages at the heart of the village. The main beach is at the southerly end of a wide sweeping bay but with much of the foreshore to Pedna-myin to the north is only accessible from the Coast Path; immediately to the south of the village at Dolar Point is the stony cove of Perprean.



The part- sandy beach at low water



TR12 6TF - Take the B3293 south from Helston, (across the Lizard Downs), the B3294 branches off to Coverack some 2kms before reaching St.Keverne. On the hill approaching the village there is a car park on a right hand bend by the side of the road (capacity 40 cars). Immediately above this is an access road to the main parking area (capacity approx 120 cars). Both involve a walk of about 500m to the harbour but in the height of summer are the best places to park. There is a small parking area at Dolar Point at the far end of the village (capacity approx. 25 cars) which is more suitable for Perprean Cove and the harbour area. There is a limited amount of roadside parking in summer, although restrictions are less in winter.



Access on to the main beach depends on the parking location. From the 2 main car parks it is about 250m along a roadside pavement and then down a flight of steps – there are a number of flights of steps along the road frontage. Access to Perprean Cove is a short walk from the Coast Path at Dolar Point and



Perprean Cove from the Coast Path

involves a scramble over the rocks.



At high water there is very little of the crescent shaped beach at Coverack. However, at low water there are large areas of sand interspersed with rocks and a band of stone and shingle towards high water mark. Perprean is stone and shingle and the foreshore towards Pedna-myin and Lowland Point is mostly shingle with stone and rocky ledges at low water. The main beach at Coverack faces east and is very sheltered especially towards the harbour area. It is a popular beach with families although it is not good for pushchairs.



There is safety equipment at the harbour and along the main beach frontage. There is no lifeguard service.



The harbour at low water



The main beach is generally safe for swimming when the sea conditions are favourable because it is sheltered from the Atlantic swell although it is advisable to take care at low water. Perprean is less suitable especially at low water and it is not advisable to swim off the foreshore at Pedna-myin except on a rising high tide.



It is a favourite spot with windsurfers and can be good for surf kiting; it is not a surfing beach. It is also used by sailing dinghies and kayaks. In summer there is boardsailing hire and tuition off the main beach.



Looking towards the harbour



Coverack is an excellent centre for diving and snorkelling, the latter being best between Dolar Point and Chynalls Point and the rocky outcrops around Pedn-Myin in the direction of Lowland Point.



At low water there are rock pools in abundance with much of interest to be found. Their easy access are ideal for children and make up for the lack of sand.



The wide sweep of the bay from Coverack to Lowland Point



Dogs are permitted all year at all the beaches and foreshore.



There are toilets next to the main parking areas at the entrance to the village (but are seasonal) and also opposite the Harbourmasters office above the Harbour which are open all year.



There are a number of cafes and restaurants above the main beach and the majority are open all year. There are also beach, and other shops, including wetsuit hire. There is a pub (Hotel) overlooking Dolar Point which is named after a passenger liner which ran aground off Lowland Point in 1899.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 103



The slipway in the harbour can be used by the public after contact with the Harbourmaster's office.



The main beach is fairly clean as it is tidal. Perprean Cove usually has considerable water borne litter above high water mark as has the foreshore out to Lowland Point. The water quality is excellent.



The main beach might not be the best but it has some important qualities that are not found elsewhere on the Lizard Peninsula.



Views of the beaches