

HOUSEL BAY

It is a cove with a fine sandy beach at low water but there is no beach at high water. Surrounded by high cliffs it is surprisingly sheltered given its location.



View of the Bay looking towards Pen Olver Point



There are 2 ways to get to House Bay each having its merits. The first is to park in the centre of Lizard village (capacity over 160 cars) – **TR12 7NZ** - and walk towards Lizard Point; after 500m there is a track and public footpath marked House Bay (a further 500m). The second way is to park in the National Trust car park (capacity over 120 cars) – **TR12 7NU** -above the Point and head for the Coast Path below the lighthouse; once on the Coast Path head east for approx. 750m and the steep path and steps to the beach is self apparent.



Sign from the road to the Point



The path and steps to the beach



The cove is a classic Cornish 'inlet' beach with a fairly large expanse of good sand that somehow belies



Views of the beach

its size. There is a foreshore of stones and boulders above high water but normally there is no sand.



There is rescue equipment and under most conditions it is relatively safe for swimming although care needs to be taken as it is a fairly remote beach. Although there can be a swell producing conditions for body-boarding, it is not a surfing beach.



There is some good snorkelling around the bay at all stages of the tide. There are few rock pools that are accessible.



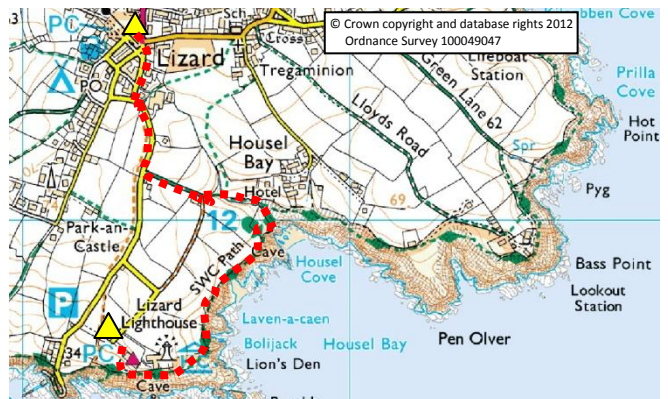
Dogs are permitted but there are no facilities; the nearest toilets are at the NT car park and Lizard village. There are refreshment facilities at Lizard Point and the village centre.



A fine smooth sandy beach at low water



The water quality is believed to be good. It is a fine beach that is never over-crowded. The walk to the beach along the Coast Path has glorious views along this stretch of coastline.



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