

LANKIDDEN

This is one of the hidden gems of the Cornish coastline. It is a secluded south facing cove surrounded by high cliffs but access is not easy.



Lankidden at low water



TR12 6SH - On the B3293 from Helston to St.Keverne at Zoar Garage, follow the signs to Gwenter. At Pensongarth turn left and after 750m turn right along a concrete track and through a farm gate and follow the very rough track until it meets the Coast Path at Lankidden Cliff. Parking is on the grass (capacity about 12 cars). Walk along the Coast Path in an easterly direction for about 80m and there is a narrow path on the right that is not always easy to see; follow the path, (which becomes quite steep) down the cliff for about 120m. To get on to the beach involves a 5m scramble and abseiling down a rope.



Lots of sand at low water



At high water there is a small stony beach but

at low water a wonderful gently shelving beach with fine white sand is exposed. Generally it is very sheltered and when the sun is out it has an exotic feel. The beach is often visited by craft from along the coast who weigh anchor in the azure blue water just off the beach. Seaweed can be a problem if the wind persists from the south.



There is no safety equipment.

Swimming is fairly safe at all stages of the tide. Lankidden Point to the west of the beach shelters the cove from any heavy swell. At low water a short swim eastwards to the little beach of Zawn Vinoc which is only accessible by sea is well worth it. It is not a surfing beach.



It is one of the best snorkelling locations in Cornwall all the way from Lankidden Point to [Downas Cove](#) with outstanding underwater serpentine rock structures and a wide variety of fish and sea life. There are some pools in the rocky areas at low water on either side of the beach.



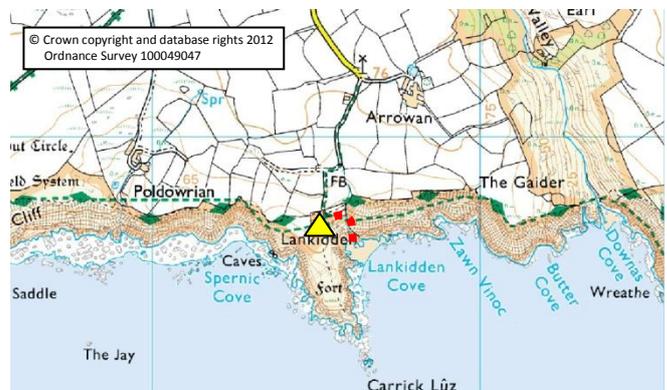
There are no restrictions on dogs and there are no facilities, the nearest being 4kms away at [Coverack](#).



Looking towards The Bees



Small cave at low water



Location - Part of OS Explorer Map 103



The water quality is excellent but the beach does suffer from water borne litter on occasions. The access is not easy but well worth the effort as the Cove clearly is a piece of Cornish magic.