

MULLION COVE

A small picturesque fishing harbour with a sandy beach within it at low water. It is 2kms from Mullion, the largest village on the Lizard Peninsular. Unusually there is a cave within the Harbour that gives access to the rest of the Cove and a sandy beach called Porth Pyg. The Harbour was completed in 1895 and was acquired by the National Trust in 1945. It takes a hammering from winter storms and constantly requires expensive repairs. Fishing is still carried out from the Cove; the old pilchard cellar and net store give much character to the Harbour. Its name is derived from Porth Mellin, meaning Mill Cove.



The sandy beach below the slipway at low water

  **TR12 7EU** - On the A3083 road from Helston to the Lizard, 7kms south of the Culdrose Naval Base take the B3296 to Mullion. Go through the village and follow the signs to Mullion Cove. After 1.3kms there is a car park (capacity 100+cars) on the left hand side – this involves a walk of 560m along the road to the Cove. There is a smaller car park on the right slightly further on (capacity about 35 cars) and 370m from the Harbour. Access on to the Harbour beach is down the slipway. To get to the beach the other side of the southern harbour wall (Porth Pyg) means going through the cave which is about 30m long and dark with rocks and pools to negotiate but can only be undertaken when the tide permits.



View from the outer pier



Porth Pyg



Cave to Porth Pyg



Still a fishing Harbour



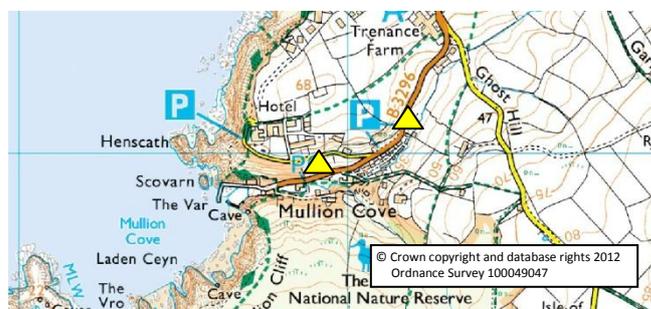
There is a sandy area at the bottom of the slipway that gives way to a stony area where a stream enters the Harbour on the northern side. The beach the other side of the harbour is a mixture of sand and stones; there is little or no beach at high water.



There are safety equipment points on the Harbour walls. In relatively calm conditions on a rising high tide it is possible to swim in the harbour relatively safely but it outside the Harbour is more circumspect and certainly not recommended on an ebbing or low tide. The Cove is not suitable for surfing. When conditions are suitable there is good snorkelling round the northern side of the Harbour around Scovarn Island to the Henscath Headland. There are few rock pools of note.



Dogs are permitted. There are toilets 140m from the Harbour with a cafe and shop close by. There are pubs, restaurants and a range of shops in Mullion village.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 103



The slipway can be used to launch small craft such as kayaks. The sea water quality is believed to be good. The beach is not the best but the surroundings certainly are.