

PENZANCE

Promenade & Wherrytown Beaches

This is the closest beach to the centre of Penzance (about 600m). It is essentially one beach that stretches from Newlyn to the Jubilee Swimming Pool at Battery Rocks. By Cornish standards it is perhaps not the most attractive of beaches because of the grey shingle and fine silt exposed at low water.



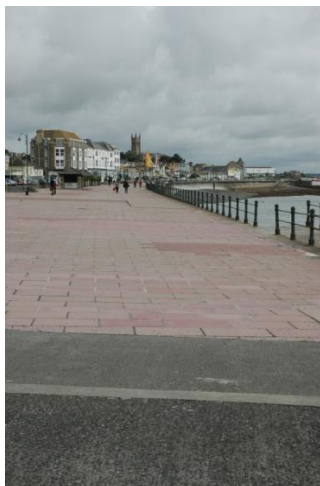
The Promenade looking towards Jubilee Pool at low water



There is abundant roadside parking along the Promenade and a car park at Wherrytown (capacity 70 cars). Alternatively being so close to the Town Centre there are a number of car parks within a short walk. There are a number of flights of steps on to the beach along the Promenade but beyond Wherrytown at Newlyn Green access is on a level. Access to the beach is straightforward and in places easy for the less mobile although walking across the stones above high water is not easy.



Steps from the Promenade



The Promenade



Below the Promenade there is little or no beach at high water. At low tide there are banks of shingle and sand that slopes down to areas of grey silt (very fine sand) and flat rocky outcrops. At the Jubilee end of the beach it is mostly rocks. At Wherrytown and Newlyn Green there are areas of stone above high water that give way to shingle and at low water very fine sand and rocks.



There is safety equipment at various locations above the length of the beach. It is not renowned as a swimming beach although when conditions are right it is safe, especially at half tide and above. It is not a surfing beach at all. Snorkelling is not associated with this beach but can be good around Battery Rocks. There are numerous rock pools at low water.



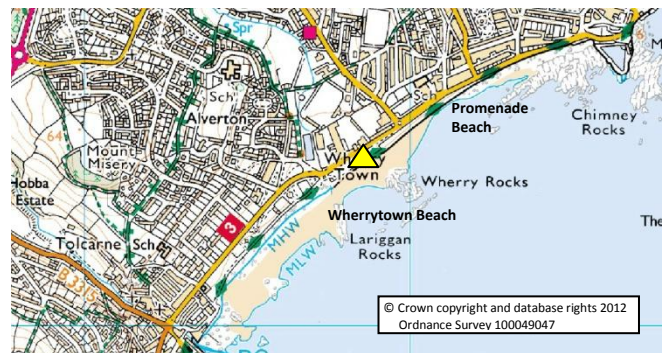
Dogs are not permitted from Jubilee Pool along the Promenade to Wherrytown. From the Lariggan Stream which crosses the beach along to Newlyn, dogs are allowed.



Stony beach towards Newlyn



Lariggan Rocks at Wherrytown



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 102



There are toilets at Wherrytown and at Penzance Harbour, a short walk from the Promenade. There are cafes, shops selling beach gear, restaurants and pubs along the Promenade. There is a slipway close to Jubilee Pool although it is steep and is not really usable at low water. Water quality in recent years has been much better than years ago but is still variable. The beach might not be the best, but the Promenade certainly is.