

SKILLY

or Roskilly Beach

A small beach with great views across Mounts Bay that is little known except by locals and one that is very accessible. Easterly facing, it is in front of a sea defence wall that is protecting the road from Newlyn to Mousehole.



A sand, shingle and stony beach at low water

  **TR19 6NH** - From Penzance either take the A30 to Lands End and turn off on to the B3315 to Newlyn or follow the seafront from Penzance Harbour. At **Newlyn** follow the road around the Harbour and continue towards **Mousehole** along Cliff Road for 1km. Just before some cottages on the right is a footpath on the left which after 20m leads to the beach on the right. There is marked roadside parking opposite the cottages for about 20 cars. It is possible to walk along the sea wall above the beach and obtain access to further parts of the beach towards the Lifeboat Station.



Footpath from the road



Sea wall above the beach



There is little or no beach at high water but at low tide there are a number of small areas of beach that stretch for over 500m towards the Lifeboat slipway, in-dispersed with areas of rocky foreshore. The various gently sloping beaches are a mixture of grey sand, shingle and stone with rocky outcrops. Exposed to a wind from an easterly direction the stretch is quite sheltered from the westerlies and the Atlantic swell.



There is no safety equipment. In quiet conditions it is relatively safe to bath on a rising tide (the higher the better) although care needs to be taken with submerged rocks. It is not a surfing beach at all.



There are often good conditions for snorkelling in both directions towards **Newlyn** and **Mousehole**. At low water there are interesting rock pools. It is also a good spot for fishing for mackerel, conger and Pollack with some record catches being made at the Penlee Point.



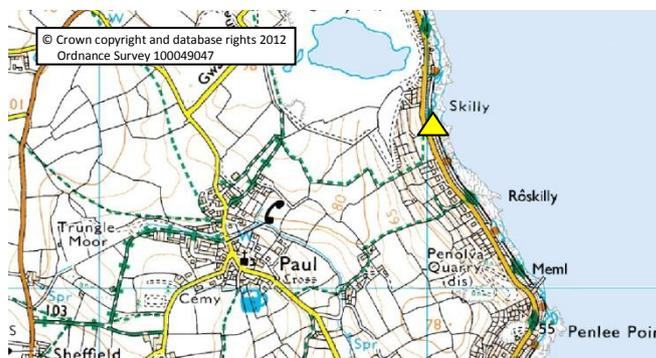
There are no restrictions on dogs. There are no facilities, the nearest being at **Newlyn** (1.5kms) or **Mousehole** (1.5kms).



Small areas of beach



Looking southwards



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 102



There is no information on water quality along this stretch of coast but it is believed to be good. It is a small easily accessible beach that might have more to it than immediately meets the eye.