

ST. LOY'S COVE and Paynter's Cove

Some would not regard these as a beaches on account of the foreshore being almost entirely made up of rounded granite stones and boulders. However, as the foreshore is created by water borne activity, under most definitions they can be considered as such. Unlike this stretch of coast they are not dominated by imposing granite cliffs but make up a wide bay set between two granite headlands, Merthen Point to the west and Boscawen Point to the east. St.Loy's Cove is at the bottom of a wonderful wooded valley and is the warmest place in the UK; the mean annual temperature is higher than the Isles of Scilly and the Channel Islands who both try and take the accolade!



St.Loy's Cove at low water with Boscawen Point in the distance



TR19 6DJ - From Penzance go to Newlyn and then take the B3315 signposted to **Lamorna** and **Porthcurno** and after 8kms the road drops into a wooded valley and the small hamlet of Trevedran. There are two or three places to park by the roadside at the bottom of the valley close to the public footpath sign that indicates the path which after about 700m leads to the Coast Path; turn left and follow the path for about 280m and the access to the foreshore is on the right. It is a delightful walk especially in springtime when the snowdrops and



Views of the rounded granite stones and boulders



Wooded path from the road



Access path to the beach

bluebells are out. When parking on the road it is important not to obstruct traffic or field gates. Paynter's Cove is next to St. Loy's Cove and can be accessed by scrambling along the foreshore.



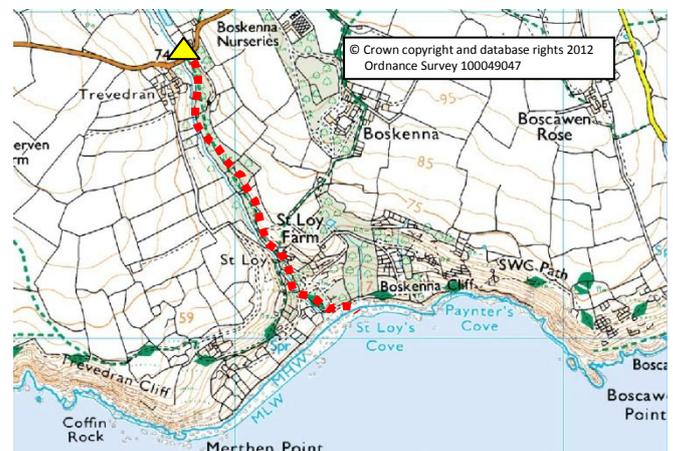
The stones and boulders go from high water right down to low water. Both beaches have an area of foreshore above the high water mark.



There is no safety/rescue equipment. It is not known how safe it is to swim but the nature of the beach would not make it easy at any stages of the tide. They are not surfing beaches but are excellent for snorkelling especially at high water; there are few rock pools.



There are no restrictions on dogs. The nearest toilets and cafe are at **Lamorna** (4.7kms) with a shop and pub at St.Buryan (3kms).



Location - Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality is believed to be good. Both beaches have a wonderful open feeling.