

STACKHOUSE COVE and Porth Sampson

These two westerly facing coves are immediately north of the distinctive Cudden Point headland and some 700m south of [Trevean Cove](#) and 850m north of [Prussia Cove](#). Both are easily accessible from the Coast Path with paths remnants of when both were used as by inshore fishermen. Stackhouse is the larger of the two Coves: it is possible to walk over the rocks (160m) between the two at low water.



Stackhouse Cove from the access path down to the beach



TR20 9BA – Follow the directions on the page for [Prussia Cove](#) as this is the nearest car park (capacity 40 cars). There is no roadside parking due to the narrow approach road and the car park can fill up quickly on a fine day. From the car park walk back along the road (170m) and by the entrance to the camping field is a public footpath (650m) to Cudden Point; turn right at the junction with the Coast Path and continue for 320m and on the left is a narrow path down to Porth Sampson which involves a short scramble across the rocks to the beach. Continue northwards along the Coast Path for a further 240m and on the left is a narrow path down to Stackhouse.



Porth Sampson has a small area of shingle



Porth Sampson



Sandy inlet at Stackhouse Cove



Path to Porth Sampson



Path to Stackhouse Cove

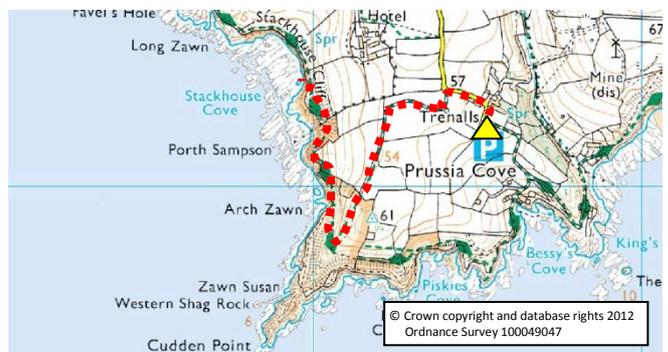
beach which is mostly covered at high water; much of the Cove consists of flat rock formations with a narrow shingle inlet which is exposed at low water. There has been a recent cliff fall. Stackhouse Cove is similar but with a larger area of shingle at the base of the cliff leading to rock formations as the tide recedes. The feature of the Cove is the sandy inlet which gives easy access to the sea at all stages of the tide.



There is no safety equipment at either beach. Both Coves are good for swimming in the inlets between the rocks but it is recommended that this is on a rising tide. Neither is suitable for surfing. Stackhouse has an abundance of wonderful rock pools which are a feature of the beach; there are also rock pools at Porth Sampson. Both Coves are excellent for snorkelling.



There are no restrictions on dogs. There are no toilets or other facilities nearby. The nearest facilities are at [Perranuthnoe](#) to the west and [Praa Sands](#) to the east.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality is good. Both beaches never get crowded and have memorable views across Mounts Bay and of Cudden Point.