

VENTON COVE

A small cove that is close to [Marazion](#) and is in some respects an extension of Top Town Beach. However, it feels separate and in character is more like [Trenow Cove](#) to the south. It is easy to get to and has wonderful views of [St. Michael's Mount](#) and across Mount' Bay. It has some interesting geology with fine veins of quartz in the rocks.



A stony Cove with patches of sand at high water



TR17 OBL - On the A30 at the third roundabout 3kms east of Penzance take the A374 to Helston. At the first roundabout on the A374 turn right and take the road back into Marazion (Turnpike Road). Then take the second road on the right which is Trevenner Lane and park on the roadside being careful not to obstruct the road as it is a residential area. Walk back to the junction with Turnpike Road and on the other side of the road is a private track which is also the Coast Path. After 100m there is a footpath on the left which leads down to a former slipway to the beach. At low water an alternative is to park in [Marazion](#) and take the footpath and steps down to Top Town Beach (sometimes known as Pig Cove) and walk along the beach and across the rocks (a distance of 760m) to the Cove. A further alternative if a to park at [Perranuthnoe](#) and walk along the Coast Path past [Temis](#), [Trevelyan](#) and [Trenow](#) Coves, a



The inlet



View to St. Michael's Mount



Sandy Beach in winter



Former slipway to the Beach

distance of 1.5kms but a delightful walk. The Coast Path crosses the beach at Venton Cove with a flight of steps down to the beach on the southern side.



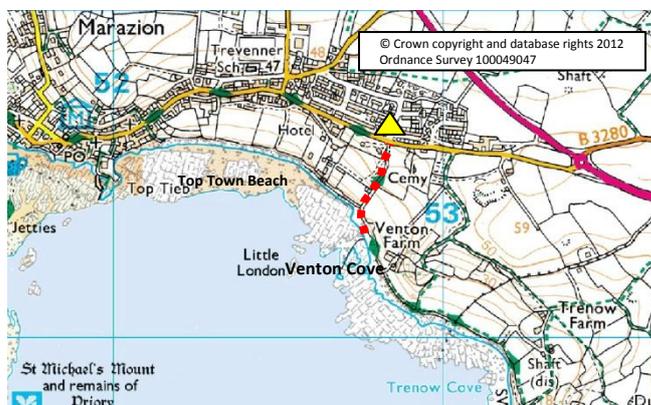
It is a better beach than it might appear at first sight as it has a small sandy area and the inlet gives good access to the water. However at low water there is a large area of rocky foreshore made up mostly of boulders and large stones. It faces west but can be relatively sheltered. The soft friable cliffs are subject to erosion. It is never crowded.



There is no safety/rescue equipment. When the conditions are right it is fairly safe for swimming especially within the inlet on a rising high tide but care needs to be taken with submerged rocks. It is not a surfing beach. There is some great snorkelling on a high tide right around to [Trenow Cove](#). The rock pools are especially interesting and the feature of the Cove.



There are no restrictions on dogs. The nearest toilets and other facilities are either a walk along the beach at low tide to [Marazion](#) Town Centre (1km) or else a 1.5km walk along the Coast Path to [Perranuthnoe](#).



Location - Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality is believed to be good. There is a certain amount of water borne litter. It is a great place for a BBQ on a summer evening.