

BEACHES NEAR CUCKOO COTTAGE, TR20 8DJ

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- Visit Cornwall
[https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches?f\[0\]=field_vc_category%3A4762&f\[1\]=im_45_field_vc_location%3A4689&f\[2\]=field_vc_location%3A4689](https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches?f[0]=field_vc_category%3A4762&f[1]=im_45_field_vc_location%3A4689&f[2]=field_vc_location%3A4689)
- Surf conditions and tides
<https://magicseaweed.com/Cornwall-Devon-South-Surfing/5/>
- Dog friendly beaches
<https://www.visitcornwall.com/dogslovecornwall/west-cornwall>

Section 1: Selected local beaches with restrictions to dogs

Section 2: Selected local beaches with no restriction to dogs

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Most beaches are generally accessible to dogs in the evenings after 7 p.m.

Name	Description	Picture	Information
Carbis Bay 5 miles	Just the right size, sand, surf, slope, often sheltered from wind. Excellent new cafe restaurant and we like the take away pizzas. This year it has a sign saying private, not sure why as everyone goes there and it's on the Visit Cornwall web site. Parking is not easy, so if you can't park then catch the coastal train from St Erth Station near Cuckoo. Carbis Bay Station is immediately above the beach.		Nearest post code: TR26 2NP https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/st-ives/carbis-bay-beach#.VQ2QcixyY3E  Dogs are welcome on this beach except between the first Sunday before Easter 30 September when a seasonal dog ban is in place, however morning dog walks between 5-8am are allowed.
Sennen Cove Beach. 12 miles	Premier surfing and body boarding beach, you can walk to Lands End from here. Lifeboat station open, roundhouse gallery, sand dunes and great sunsets. Surfing school is very good – board and wet suit can be hired or included with the lesson. Great cafe restaurant but now only open in late afternoon/ evening. There is a kiosk selling perfectly acceptable hot dogs, burgers, pizza slices during the day.		Nearest post code: TR19 7BT https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/lands-end/sennen/sennen-cove-beach#.VQ2OGixyY3E  Dogs are welcome on this beach except between 1 May and 30 September (08:00am - 07:00pm) when a seasonal dog ban is in place.

Marazion Beach,
Mounts Bay and
St Michael's Mount

2.5 miles

Closest beach to Cuckoo. Long sandy beach (with a few pebbles) is great for wandering along and watching windsurfers, dinghy racing and Cornish Gig racing. Fun walking over the causeway to the St Michael's Mount as the tide comes in and catching the little boat home. The Castle and Garden are open to visitors and are run by the National Trust. Good children's playground just before Marazion. Some interesting little shops to explore. Reeds and marsh land offer good bird watching opportunities.



Nearest post code:
TR17 0EN

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/penzance/marazion/marazion-beach#.VQ8N9CxyY3E>



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Praa Sands

7 miles

Lots of activities with beach cafe and shop. Long deep shallow shell sand beach. You can hire canoes etc. Lots of rock pools and just the right sand for sand castles



Nearest post code:
TR20 9TQ

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/helston/penzance/praa-sands-beach#.VQ2M0yxyY3E>



Dogs are welcome on this beach except between Easter Sunday and 30 September (07:00am - 07:00pm) when a seasonal dog ban is in place

Hayle Towans

4.5 miles

Hayle and Gwithian are linked to form one massive 4 mile long beach which is often quite empty. Good for surfing, bodyboarding and sand dunes. Some good rock pools to explore on Gwithian beach and views of Godrevy Lighthouse.



Hayle:

Nearest post code:

TR27 5DG

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/hayle/hayle-towans-beach#.VQ2RzyxyY3E>



Dogs are welcome on this beach except between 1 May and 30 September (08:00am - 07:00pm) when a seasonal dog ban is in place between Hayle River and Black Cliffs.

Gwithian Towans

and

Godrevy Beach

8 miles

Nearby to Gwithian is Godrevy where there is a colony of seals. If you drive through Gwithian, over the bridge, turn left at the fork in the road and park at the cafe (which is very good and 30 minutes walk away) or at the National Trust car park (10 minutes walk). After the National Trust car park and toilets bear right over the headland to Godrevy where you can see the seals in a cove from above.



Gwithian:

Nearest post code:

TR27 5BX

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/camborne/hayle/gwithian-towans-beach#.VQ2IqixyY3E>



Dogs are welcome on this beach except between 1 May and 30 September (08:00am - 07:00pm) when a seasonal dog ban is in place between Ceres Rock and Red River

St Ives

6 miles

Three beaches, all nice and quite different from one another. Often we are distracted by the busy town, shop and art galleries so we don't dwell on the beach. Great artistic legacy, Tate St Ives and Barbara Hepworth Museum are excellent: generally mooching about is fun.

Warning: don't eat in the open - the seagulls will try and take your food.



Note: Parking in St Ives is difficult. You can get lucky or use the park and ride from the swimming pool or take the train from St Erth Station near Cuckoo.

Porthmeor Beach,
St Ives
8 miles

Right opposite Tate St Ives. Sandy beach with excellent cafe restaurant (pictured). Premier surfing beach and there is a surfing school. Holds a blue flag award for water quality and safety.



Nearest post code:
TR26 2BN

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/st-ives/porthmeor-beach#.VRCUXSxyY3F>



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Harbour Beach,
St Ives
7 miles

Sandy beach when the tides out and playing amongst the moored boats. Lots of cafe's, pubs and restaurants on the harbour front and right next to the main shopping streets and RNLI lifeboat station (which is open to the public).

You can hire motor boats in the summer which are quite safe and good fun, or take a boat excursion.



Nearest post code:
TR26 1TG

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/st-ives/st-ives-harbour-beach#.VRCVGyxyY3E>



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Porthminster Beach
St Ives
6 miles

Located within an easy walk from the Railway Station this is another premier surfing beach. Lovely soft sand and the beach also has a blue flag award.

The Porthminster Beach Cafe is in fact a superb restaurant – and a real treat. Best to book early. Great for an evening meal and holiday treat (<http://www.porthminstercafe.co.uk>)



Nearest post code:
TR26 2EB

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/st-ives/porthminster-beach#.VRCagyxyY3E>



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Perranuthnoe
(the locals call it
Perran Sands),

4.5 miles

Nice south facing sandy beach with some shingle and rock pools. Used by locals. About a mile east of Marazion it's very near to Cuckoo. Good beach for bodyboarding and surfing. Parking available near to the beach with access via steps or the slipway.

Good food at the Cabin Beach Cafe, The Peppercorn Cafe and the Victoria Inn.



Nearest post code:
TR20 9NE

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/penzance/perranuthnoc-beach#.VRCJnxyY3E>



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Porthcurno

13 miles

Lovely white shell sand beach and turquoise sea with cliffs on both sides, not good for castle making, quite sloped so sometimes waves seem big but enjoyable body boarding. The open air cliff top Minack Theatre and Telegraph Museum (where Marconi set up the first transatlantic telegraph and good for rainy days) are both in walking distance.



Nearest post code:
TR19 6JX



<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/lands-end/porthcurno-beach#.VQ2LcixyY3E>



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Section 2 Selected local beaches with no restriction to dogs at any time of the year.

Pictures, information and dog friendly beaches are from the Cornwall Beach Guide
<http://www.cornwall-beaches.co.uk/dog-friendly>

Name	Description	Picture	Information
Longrock Beach Longrock 2 miles	<p>This is also one of the closest beaches to Cuckoo. Favoured by locals due to close walking distance from Penzance. Parking available in Longrock village and right by the beach - although this fills up quickly in the summer.</p> <p>Good for fishing from the rocks.</p>		<p>Nearest post code: TR20 8HZ</p> <p>https://www.cornwall-beaches.co.uk/west-cornwall/longrock.htm</p>
Eastern Green Beach Penzance 3.5 miles	<p>Closest beach to Penzance starts at Station Rocks and follows Mounts Bay to Longrock.</p> <p>Park at the harbour in Penzance and it's a 5 minute walk either over the railway bridge or along the foot path from the Penzance Bust Station.</p>		<p>Nearest post code: TR18 2NF</p> <p>https://www.cornwall-beaches.co.uk/west-cornwall/eastern-green.htm</p>

Prussia Cove

Rusudgeon

6 miles

Secluded cove, with sand and shingle beach at low tide. Used to be a smugglers cove. This is a beautiful part of the coastal path to explore. Walk to Kenneggy Sands Beach to the east; Pisky Cove and Perranuthnoe to the west.

Parking 5 minutes walk away.



Nearest post code:
TR20 9BA

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/penzance/prussia-cove-beach#.VRHTqCxyY3E>

Pisky Cove

Rusudgeon

6 miles

Small sandy beach at low tide. Used to be a smugglers cove.

Parking at Prussia Cove car park and quite a long walk along the coastal path heading west towards Perranuthnoe.



Nearest post code:
TR20 9BA

<https://www.cornwall-beaches.co.uk/west-cornwall/pisky-cove.htm>

Loe Bar

Porthleven

11 miles

Very interesting walk. "The Loe" is a natural fresh water lake separated from the Sea by "The Bar" which is a shingle bank. The beach is sandy but it is dangerous to swim here – please obey the signs.

It's a nice walk from Porthleven along the costal path. Fish and chip shop in Porthleven serves gluten free batter.

There is a small car park to the east of Porthleven



Nearest post code:
TR13 9DZ

<https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/helston/loe-bar-beach>

Gwenver Beach

Sennen

12 miles

Beautiful sandy beach just to the north of Sennen Cove. At low tide Gwenver joins up with Sennen Cove or you can walk to Sennen around the costal path. Excellent surfing and body boarding.

There is a car park open in summer at the top off the cliff run by the local farmer. It's a 10-15 mins hike down a well trodden path from here. Quite steep in places.



Nearest post code:
TR19 7BB

<https://www.cornwall-beaches.co.uk/west-cornwall/gwenver.htm>

Porthkidney Beach Large sandy beach and sand dunes
by Uny Lelant (opposite side of the
Lelant end estuary from Hayle). At low tide you
can walk round to Carbis Bay.

4 miles Warning: The river is not suitable for
swimming and the currents at this
end of the beach can be dangerous.

 Limited parking near Lelant church.

 Dogs to be kept on lead on the
footpath from Uny Lelant Church to
the beach.



Nearest post code:
TR26 3DY

<https://www.cornwall-beaches.co.uk/west-cornwall/porthkidney.htm>