

# BARRETT'S ZAWN

A small inlet beach between [Port Gaverne](#) and [Tregardock](#) beaches that was once associated with slate quarrying. It is isolated and due to substantial cliff falls resulting in large amounts of loose rock and scree, access is clearly not safe even though the author has managed to scramble down on to the beach (but with difficulty and without the camera!). There is a collapsed tunnel to the beach through which slate was once hauled from an adit next to the Coast Path but access cannot be verified for safety reasons although there is evidence that it is possible.



Access down the scree to the beach



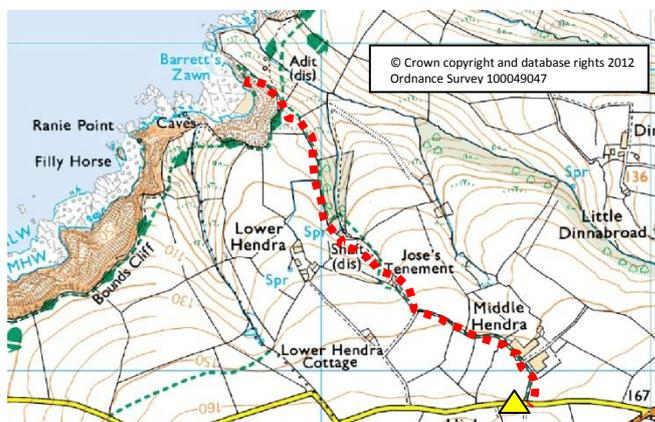
There is no beach at high water suggesting that as the sea attacks the remains of recent cliff falls further erosion will inevitably take place. There is a small area of grey sand which gives way to rocky ledges. The foreshore around Ranie Point to the south of the inlet is worth exploring where there are some caves.



There is no safety equipment. Swimming at low water is not recommended because of strong currents and submerged rocks. It may be possible to swim on a rising high tide when conditions permit but the safety cannot be verified. It clearly is not a surfing beach and conditions for snorkelling will be very limited because of the usual swell and surf but could well be good on a rising tide. There are numerous rock pools.



Dogs are allowed (if they can get down to the beach!). The nearest facilities are at [Port Gaverne](#), [Port Isaac](#) and Delabole.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 111



Water quality is believed to be good. Access to this beach is dangerous.



A rocky inlet with a sandy and stony beach



**PL30 3LP** - On the B3314 from Delabole to Wadebridge, 4kms south of Delabole turn right on to the road signposted to [Port Gaverne](#). After 400m there is the entrance to Middle Hendra Farm; there are one or two places on the roadside verge to park opposite the entrance to the farm without obstructing the road. There is a public footpath along the track to the Farm which is signposted. Follow the track through the farm and on a further 450m past the property 'Deer Park' then still on the public footpath through a field continuing past some woodland and over a stile where the path joins the Coast Path immediately above the beach; continue in a northerly direction and down rocky scree to the beach. There was a public footpath down the cliff, but no longer.



Major cliff fall above the beach



The beach at low water