



BOSSINEY HAVEN

Surrounded by towering 100m cliffs it is small sandy inlet which opens out to a wonderful beach at low water but unfortunately there is no beach at high water. The beach is quite unexpected as it is not until the footpath access is immediately above the steep flight of steps down the cliffs are there any views of the beach itself. At low water it joins with [Benoath Cove](#) to the east and it is often viewed as one beach.



The inlet at low water with 'Elephant Rock' on the left

  **PL34 0AY** - On the B3263 1km from [Tintagel](#) and 3.8kms from [Boscastle](#), at the outskirts of Bossiney, is a lay-by (capacity 7 cars) and car park (capacity 100+ cars) in a field opposite a property called Bossiney Lodge. The public footpath to the beach is signposted in the lay-by and involves a fairly easy walk of 480m to a steep flight of steps with hand rails down to the beach; the steps are not suitable for the less mobile. A recommended alternative is to take the Coast Path from [Tintagel](#) (1.7kms).



Footpath to the beach

Steps down the cliff



Flat expanse of sand



Surrounded by high cliffs



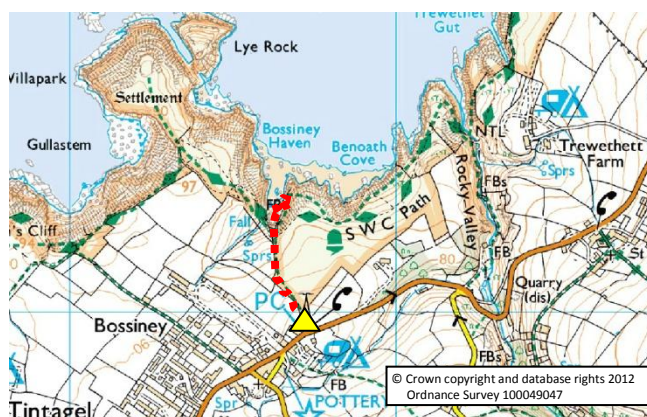
The inlet, which is covered at high water, is part sand and part rocks and to some it feels quite claustrophobic because of the high cliffs. The sand is also fairly wet from the waterfall that is immediately above the beach. An interesting feature is the cliff on the westerly side of the inlet known as 'Elephant Rock' as it resembles an elephant drinking. Beyond the inlet the beach opens out to a fairly large expanse of sand which can be quite sheltered unless the wind comes from the north. Many use the access to Bossiney Haven to get to [Benoath Cove](#) as it is easier.



There is safety equipment on the steps above the beach. Swimming is not recommended at any stages of the tide due to strong rip currents. However, the beach can be relatively sheltered from the westerly swell so in calm conditions, and on a rising tide, swimming is possible if undertaken with care. There is often good surf with a hollow, fast and quite powerful beach break but is only suitable for experienced surfers. It is not a snorkelling beach but there are a few rock pools.



There are no restrictions on dogs. There are toilets in the lay-by and shops, cafes, and other facilities can be found in nearby [Tintagel](#).



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 111



Water quality is good. The short walk to the Iron Age Hill Fort on the cliffs on the westerly side of the beach is well worth it.