

# DOWNDERRY

Adjacent to the linear village of Downderry, the beach (which is much longer than is often thought), stretches from near [Seaton](#) (1km to the west) and Bass Rock, some 500m east of the village centre. The main strip of beach below the village is the most popular and is owned and managed by Cornwall Council. Immediately to the east of Downderry below the striking Cliffs is [Coldeadon Beach](#) which is often referred to as part of Downderry but dealt with separately.



Path from the car park



The slipway off Beach Hill

It is easy to walk along to [Coldeadon Beach](#) at low water but care needs to be taken with the tides.



There is a strip of coarse grey sand mixed with shingle at high water which stretches for about 1.5kms. A flattish beach is exposed at low water with fairly large areas of sand punctuated by low flat rocky outcrops. It is fairly sheltered and faces south and somewhat underrated. However below the village there is an area (that is signed) which is used for launching working boats which in summer are pulled up on the beach. There is safety equipment sited at beach access points but there are no lifeguards. It is good for swimming on a rising tide but is not a surfing beach. It is good for windsurfing, kite surfing and kayaking. Some find snorkelling reasonable on a high tide; there are numerous rock pools at low water.



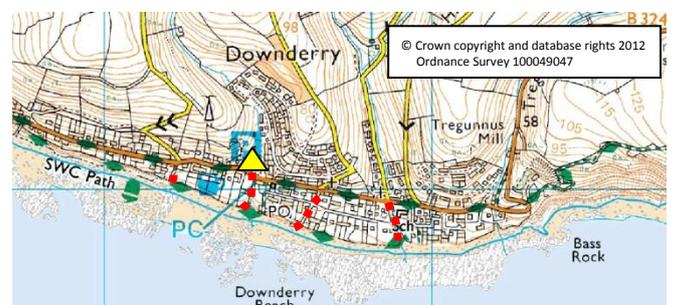
Dogs are permitted all year. The toilets are immediately below the car park. There are shops cafes and restaurants in the village centre.



The beach next to the village looking towards Seaton



**PL11 3LD** - From the A387 road from Looe to Torpoint, take the B3247 from the village of Hessenford and down the picturesque wooded valley and past [Seaton Beach](#). From Torpoint on the A 387, take the B3247 at St.Anthony then through Craffthole (5kms to the east). There is a small car park (capacity 37 cars) which is located in the centre of the village off the main street and Broad's Yard. There is some roadside parking which is time limited in summer. Immediately below the car park there are two pedestrian paths to the beach (80m) with the slipway access 200m to the east of the car park and down Beach Hill which is ideal for the less mobile. It is also possible to walk along the foreshore from [Seaton](#) and the sea wall at high tide but this needs to be done with extreme care and is not really recommended.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 108



The slipway can be used to launch small craft. The beach is cleaned regularly and the water quality is excellent. It is good family beach and has good access for pushchairs and wheelchairs.



The beach below the village



At low water