

Godrevy Access Statement

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Welcome

- A very popular coastal site with a series of sandy beaches at the far end of St Ives Bay. Wonderful views to St Ives and Godrevy Lighthouse. Beyond the waves and the busy beaches is the Knavocks, a swathe of coastal heathland with abundant plants and wildlife. Seals can often be seen out at sea or hauled up at Mutton Cove. The fields at the far end of the site near the lighthouse are open on rotation at times during spring and summer
- There are three main access points to the beaches. Each involves steps and/or a scramble over rocks
- Offshore currents can be dangerous and RNLI lifeguards provide a service on two beaches from May till October
- Access through this site and out again is via one narrow, tarmacked road with passing places. There is no alternative exit route. At busy times queues are inevitable as traffic moves in and out of the site.
- The coastal footpath runs between this access road and the sea. Drivers are advised to drive with caution and patience through the site to avoid conflict with pedestrians and other vehicles. A 10mph speed limit applies everywhere.
- The access road is also used by farm traffic
- Staff are on site all year round
- There is mobile phone reception
- Dogs are welcome but leads are advisable near cliffs and where livestock is grazing
- There are dog bins at points through the site
- There is a seasonal dog ban on the beaches

Directions

- Please note there are major road improvements underway (due to complete March 2024), there may be delays and temporary diversions in place along the A30. Leave the A30 at Hayle and take the B3301 – the entrance to the site is north of Gwithian Village

Public transport

- Public transport information on www.travelinesw.com. Local buses may operate on a request stop basis when passengers waiting at the bus stop flag them down.



Parking

- There are three parking areas:
 - the first car park with 100 spaces including 6 disabled spaces. This is 400 metres from the entrance to the site and next to the café
 - the small second car park with 2 disabled spaces. This is 500 metres further into the site along a single-track road – this has 2 disabled spaces and room for a further 14 vehicles
 - the headland parking at the farthest end of the site, next to the toilet block. With space for up to 700 vehicles, this area is open at times during spring and summer dependent on local weather and ground conditions
- **First car park**



Access road into the site with the first car park on left.. The entrance to the car park is just past the information hut The road ahead leads through the site, past the small second car park and on to the headland car park



First car park looking back towards the café



Pay and Display machine no 1 and information board.
There is a small 8 cm step up to this machine



Left: Picture taken near P&D machine no 1 looking down the path to P&D machine no 2 at the far end. Right: Pay and Display machine no 2 with level access



There are PaybyPhone signs on every Pay & Display machine showing you how to park cash free via the PaybyPhone app

- Access to the first parking area is via a narrow, tarmacked lane which is largely single track
- There is an information hut in the car park.
- The car park area is level and made of compacted gravel
- There are upright posts at intervals across the car park indicating how vehicles should line up to park
- There are 6 disabled parking spaces which face onto the café.
- Blue badge holders park free of charge
- National Trust members park free of charge – please scan your membership card at the Pay & Display Machine
- For other users, varying tariffs apply all year round from dawn to dusk. Pay cash-free via *PaybyPhone* or bring coins for the Pay & Display machine
- There are two Pay & Display machines. One is near the entrance to the car park and there is an 8cm small step up to reach it. The other P&D machine is near the café and on level ground. Information on how to *PaybyPhone* is on every P&D machine
- Staff are at Godrevy all year but they will not always be in the first car park

Small second car park

- This car park is a single line of 16 spaces looking out to sea with views of Godrevy Lighthouse
- It is accessed by a narrow, largely single track, tarmacked road 500 metres further on from the main car park
- There is a Pay & Display machine here
- There are 2 disabled spaces
- Blue badge holders park free of charge
- National Trust members park free of charge – please scan your membership card at the Pay & Display Machine
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- In summer and at some other busy times, there is an ice cream/refreshment van at this spot



View from the second car park



Two disabled parking spaces at second car park

Headland car parking

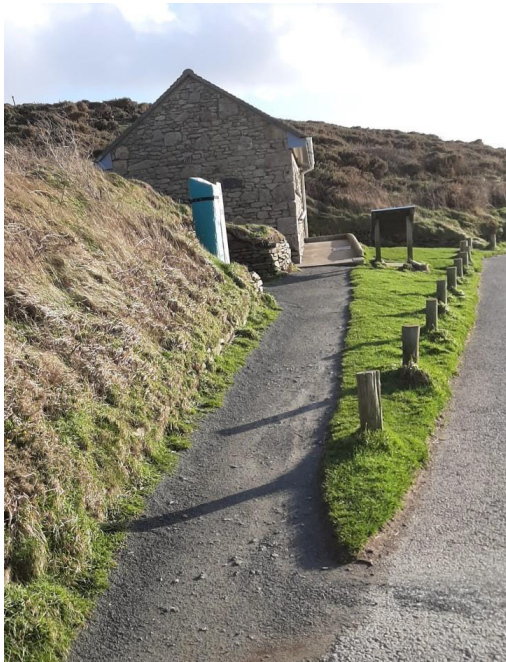
- The three fields at the end of the site, nearest the lighthouse are used in rotation for parking at the busiest times in spring and summer
- They are located 250 metres further on from the winter car park via a narrow, largely single-track road
- When fully open, the field parking can accommodate up to 700 vehicles
- Overnight camping is not permitted
- Following heavy rain, the local team will close the field parking to avoid damaging the land. A sign at the entrance hut will tell drivers when the field parking is open
- There are no designated areas for disabled parking
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- Close to the field parking is a toilet block with a RADAR accessible toilet



Entrance to field parking
with toilet block including
RADAR accessible toilet

Toilets

- There are public toilets near the headland car park at the far end of the site.
- There are no baby changing facilities
- There is an accessible toilet in the middle of this toilet block
- It is opened with a RADAR key
- Please note the tap water is NOT suitable for drinking.



Toilet block with accessible toilet near field parking at far end of site

- There are two shallow broad steps leading up to the concrete path to the accessible toilet
- There is also a gravelled slope leading up to the toilet but there is a small 2 cm lip as it joins on to the concrete path (see picture left above)
- There is a handrail at waist level along the outside wall of the toilet block
- The door is 90 cm wide
- The toilet is left hand transfer and is 49 cm high
- There is a handrail at the side of the toilet. It is 90 cm high
- From the toilet, the left-hand wall is 41 cm away and the distance to the right is 75 cm.
- There is an automatic hand wash/drier
- There is a sanitary bin
- There is an emergency pull cord
- There is a push button light switch at the door. It is 135 cm high.
- Natural light comes in through glass bricks at the back of the room
- There is a mirror and a tissue dispenser
- Please note the tap water is NOT suitable for drinking.



Places to eat and drink

- Next to the first car park is a café serving light meals, snacks and drinks
- The café is not managed by the National Trust
- The access to the café entrance is up a gently sloping path
- Customers queue to place their order, pay and collect their food
- There are picnic benches outside the café on the grass next to the car park
- There is a separate ice cream stand at the rear of the café which is open in high season
- There are picnic benches on an outside deck at the side of the café near the seasonal ice cream stand. There is inside seating upstairs, this accessed via wooden steps outside, these have handrails but are fairly steep and may not be suitable for those with mobility issues.



Picnic tables on the grass outside the café

Designated walking trail / footpaths / viewpoints

- There are no officially designated wheelchair friendly routes on this site as the surface and gradients of the paths vary such a lot. This access statements sets out the main features of the site so that you can decide what is accessible for you.

Route to Red River and Godrevy Beach

Take the path near the café and P&D machine no 2 and walk down the steps towards the Red River. Cross the bridge to the left of the bottom of the steps and go up over the shingle ridge on the other side to get to Godrevy Beach, a wide expanse of shingle and sand. This area is a popular surfing spot.



On the left are the steps going down and above right are the same steps looking back up to the first car park.

After the steps, a short walk alongside the Red River Leads to this footbridge and on over the shingle bank to Godrevy Beach beyond



Boardwalk to beach access point



From the first car park, a boardwalk leads to a beach access point.

The board walk (pictured right above) follows a steep incline through the dunes and finishes at the top of the dunes looking down over the coast



This is the beach access point reached after following the boardwalk from the main car park and taking a short path across the dunes. Initially there is a smooth slope down, but then you have to scramble over rocks to get to the sand



Following the coastal footpath through the site

The coastal footpath runs between the sea and the narrow tarmac road through the site. In places the footpath is next to steep drops to the beach. The gradient, width and surface of the path varies. There are some stretches of boardwalk and other areas are made of compacted earth, sand and stones. At places along the path there are signs warning visitors to keep well away from undercut cliffs



These pictures show how the coast path varies in width and surface throughout the site and how it runs between the edge of the coast and the tarmac access road. The bottom picture shows a footbridge opposite the winter car park over to the footpath



Access to beach from headland car park



The picture above shows the steps from the beach near the lighthouse up to the summer field parking area

Path to Mutton Cove

From the headland car park fields is a gently sloping track leading up to the Mutton Cove viewpoint where at certain times of year you are likely to see members of a seal colony hauled up on the beach far below



A new compacted gravel path allows much better easier access to this popular viewpoint than the former dirt track which used to get very slippery in wet weather



At the top of the path is Mutton Cove where the seal colony lives

At points along the coastal path, simple barriers warn people to keep away from steep drops and undercut cliffs





Looking back from near Mutton Cove, there are great views back down to Godrevy. Instead of walking straight back to the car park, you can continue around the point and do a circular walk past the Lighthouse

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