

Hanne Lore of West Penwith and He Lizarde

Camping spots

C1: Levant cliff-top wild spot

Glorious isolated and atmospheric wild spot, with full sea views and wild winds. Take binoculars to watch companies of gannets going to and from work.

Near Levant Mine and Beam Engine (National Trust), TR19 7SX. (Was in Poldark).

Narrow access lane: drive carefully past NT car park and turn left along a boulder avenue onto clifftop platform.

Price: \$0.00 + VAT

Arrive after 5pm when NT centre has closed. NT car park people have always been fine when leaving the next day (give them a wave).

C2: Trevadra Farm Caravan and Camping

Full-facility caravan and camping site, near a beach and a pub. Good for a dose of civilisation, and beach lounging etc. Quite commercial but still tolerably pleasant and a handy option.

Near Sennen, TR19 7BE

01736 871818 - worth ringing ahead too check they have space.

Pricey: £20-30 per night (total)

C3: Treverven Touring Park

Cliff-top campsite, bright, breezy and open. Quite large, can be busy but lots of room and good facilities (incl laundry and chemical disposal), nice aspect and position. Good when you want to stay somewhere for a few days - especially if you get a good pitch.

St Buryan TR19 6DL

£15-19 per night without hookup

Good facilities.

The best spots are all the way to left as you enter, immediately up against the road - has the best views and max shelter from prevailing westerlies.

C4: Flushing Toilet Campsite (aka "Morvah camping field")

Basic, but with running water and the eponymous flushing toilets - and good open views (can just about see the sea). Nice and cheap and relaxed - can just pitch up at the end of the day. But also has a wild, non-commercial feel.

Price: around £5 per night, cash payment to farmer / family.

Avoid parking by windmill which can be noisy. Open fires. Rough and ready. Good chance of meeting interesting travellers and pilgrims.

Walkable to North Inn pub with food (curry) in Pendeen (see below).

C5: Trerise Farm

Good base for exploring the Lizard – quite a different area to West Penwith. The general area can be pretty busy but this site is (or was) extremely quiet and a good place to escape the crowds. It's huge and open, with good views and atmosphere. Good basic washing facilities etc though no shop, laundry etc.

We had a whole (huge) field to ourselves. New family-run business – may get busier.

Near Helston, Lizard TR12 7NA 01326 291269

No booking (but not required).

Price: ~£7, cash collection.

General facilities and attractions

G1: Lizard village parking

Main spot for exploring the Lizard peninsula, with walks to the most southerly point on the UK mainland. Can be pretty busy but in a nice bustling way. No overnight parking :(.

Famous traditional cornish pasty shop “Ann’s” is a major attraction, but we thought the pasties were a bit overpriced and not that tasty (though possibly genuinely traditional).

Apparently the reason cornish pasties are made as they are – with the wide crusts – is so the tin miners could hold and eat them without getting poisoned by the chemicals they had on their hands.

G2: Pendeen village

Small village with really useful free public car park with recycling bins, public toilets and a decent small supermarket (Costcutter).

Near Levant spot – so a good place to stop and straighten up after a wild night on the cliff.

The North Inn in the village serves curry. Not tried but menu looked good. Can walk to lighthouse.

G4: Gurnard's Head hotel

Zennor TR26 3DE

Posh pub / restaurant / hotel - good for a special meal.

G5: Bosigran

Wild spot on north coast – and the major climbing location in West Penwith. Good for a cliff walk, with great views and possible picnic sites.

Park for free by cool ruined tin mine (possible van spot, but busy and used as toilet - no facilities). Walk to coast path, with views of climbing cliff (in front), and Commando Ridge on left.

G6: Penzance LIDL

TR18 4NP Large LIDL with ample parking