



Goonhilly Earth Station Site Visit Guide

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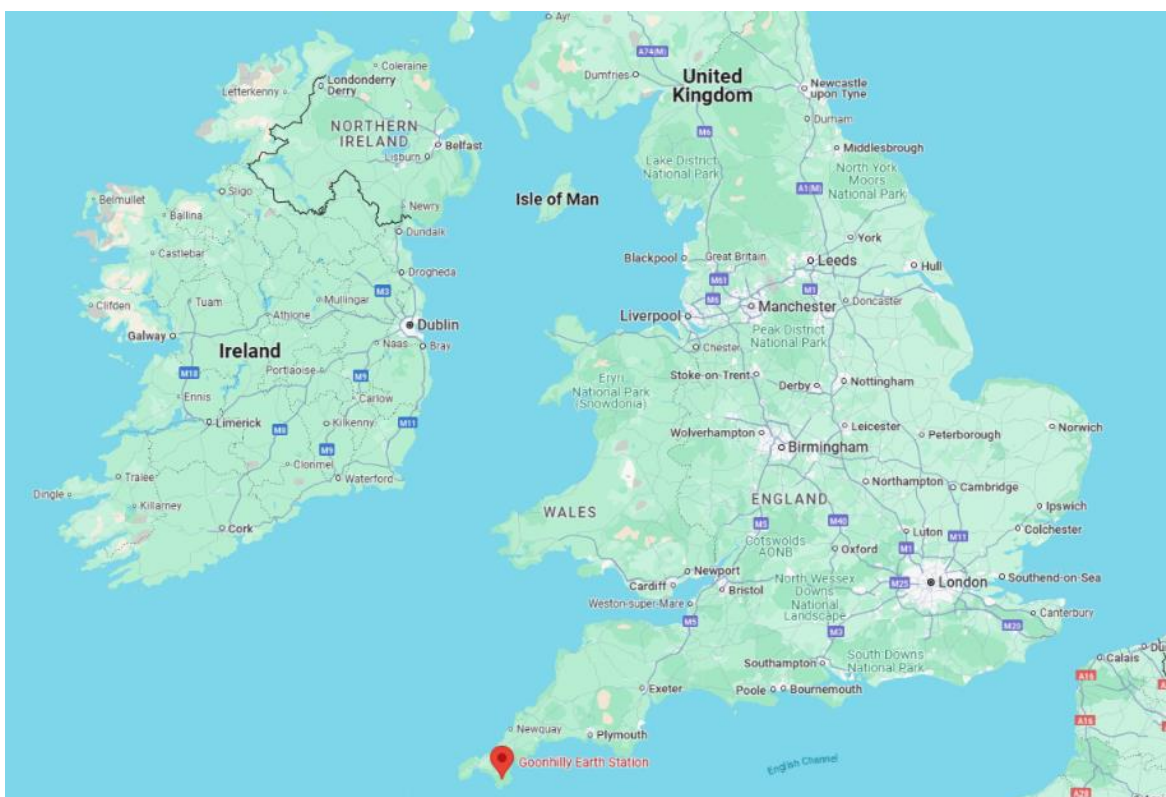
Goonhilly Earth Station looks forward to welcoming you on site, and hosting the latest meeting for the EMSIG RfS focus group. In this document you will find information on the Goonhilly site, travel, and local accommodation.

Location

Goonhilly Earth Station (GES) is located on the Lizard Peninsula, in the Southwest of the UK in Cornwall.

Address

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Travel and Accommodation

The nearest airport to Goonhilly Earth Station is Newquay Airport. It is approximately ~1.25 hour drive from Newquay Airport to GES. Flight route options to Newquay can be found here: <https://www.cornwallairportnewquay.com/flight-routes/>

The other closest airport is Bristol. From Bristol, the drive to Goonhilly is ~3 hours. If driving from London, the journey will take ~6 hours.

Public transport is limited in Cornwall, and there is no reliable uber service. Car hire is available at the airport.

A train service from London Paddington (~5 hour duration) runs to Red Ruth or Camborne which are ~30 min by taxi from Goonhilly.

Helston is the closest town to Goonhilly. Some local hotels are listed below. There are also smaller B&B and other accommodation options in the local area.

- Premier Inn, Helston (7 miles from Goonhilly) <https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/cornwall/helston/helston.html>
- The Three Tuns, St. Keverne (10 miles from Goonhilly) <https://www.threetuns.pub/>
- The Bay Hotel, Coverack (10 miles from Goonhilly) <https://www.thebayhotel.co.uk/>
- Polurrian Hotel, Mullion (7.5 miles from Goonhilly) <https://www.polurrianhotel.com>
- Mullion Cove hotel and spa (8 miles from Goonhilly) <https://www.mullion-cove.co.uk/mullion-cove-spa>
- St Michael's resort ,Falmouth (14 miles from Goonhilly) <https://www.stmichaelsresort.com/>
- The Godolphin, nr. St Michaels Mount, Marazion (16 miles from Goonhilly) <https://thegodolphin.com/>
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There are several local taxi companies operating the in the Goonhilly area, but should be booked in advance where possible. Options based in Helston include:

- Taxi Helston (+44(0)1326 352122)
- 24/7 Taxis Helston (+44(0)7583 247247)

The nearest petrol station is in Helston (Sainsburys, TR13 8BN – ~6 miles), or Zoar Garages (Pace, TR12 6RJ –~3 miles)

The weather can be unreliable in Cornwall in March, and can be equally as likely to be wet and cold, or hot and sunny. You have been warned!

Site Information

The postcode given above, should take you directly to the entrance and security gatehouse. Upon arrival, please park up on the left hand side of the gated entrance and present to the gatehouse

which is staffed 24/7. They will have a list of expected visitors, and will check your ID before issuing a visitor pass.

Please remember to bring photo identification (passport, driving licence) with you. Failure to do so may result in access being denied.

Please discuss with your host prior to taking any photographs, or videos on site. There are some areas where photography is not permitted.

The meeting will include a tour of some, or all, of our facilities. Please wear suitable footwear as a moderate amount of walking over some uneven ground may be required.

Goonhilly is a working site, requiring staff and visitors to wear high vis when not in the main building. High-vis will be provided by your host if you are entering areas where it is required.

Meeting Facilities

The EMSIG meeting will be held in our conference facilities. There is a meeting room PC for presentations. Remote access and presentations via Teams will also be possible. Guest WiFi is available for visitors.

Tea, coffee, water etc. is available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided. Please ensure any dietary requirements are communicated to the points of contact above, as soon as possible.

Accessibility

Please let the points of contact know of any accessibility considerations ahead of your visit so appropriate measures can be in place, if required.