



# Dogs on the Thanet Coast

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## Dogs & their owners are **WELCOME** on the following beaches/proms:

**GRENHAM BAY**, Birchington  
**FULSAM ROCK**, Margate  
**PALM BAY**, Cliftonville  
**KINGSGATE BAY**, Broadstairs  
**DUMPTON GAP**, Broadstairs

**EPPLE BAY**, Birchington  
**SACKETTS GAP**, Cliftonville  
**FORENESS POINT**, Cliftonville  
**WESTERN UNDERCLIFF**, Ramsgate  
**EASTCLIFF**, Ramsgate

However, you can help wildlife by avoiding these areas over high tide (1.5hrs before, to 0.5hrs after) from October to March, to avoid resting & feeding birds during winter months.

Owners are requested to ensure their dog(s) are kept under control at all times & do not cause distress to other beach/promenade users, and are reminded to always clean up after their dog(s), as it is an offence not to. This can result in £80 fixed penalty notices (£60 if paid within 7 days) or prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.

## Dog Control Orders

**From 1 May to 30 September** dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** at any time on the following beaches:

MINNIS BAY, Birchington (main area)  
 MARGATE MAIN SANDS  
 WALPOLE BAY, Cliftonville  
 VIKING BAY, Broadstairs  
 RAMSGATE MAIN SANDS (harbour end)

**From 1 May to 30 September**, dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** between **10.00hrs to 18.00hrs** on the following beaches:

WEST BAY, Westgate  
 ST MILDRED'S BAY, Westgate  
 WESTBROOK BAY, Westbrook  
 STONE BAY, Broadstairs  
 BOTANY BAY, Broadstairs  
 JOSS BAY, Broadstairs  
 LOUISA BAY, Broadstairs

All dogs on lower promenades adjacent to these beaches **must be kept on a lead**.

From 1 October until 30 April dogs **are welcome** on these beaches subject to the cleaning up after any dog-fouling, under control, & help to avoid the high tide wintering bird roosts.

## Pegwell Bay: a natural treasure!



Dogs & walkers can help our impressive coastal bird life by avoiding the mudflats and saltmarsh of Sandwich & Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve to give them the space to rest & feed. Access is available along the cliff top (part of the English Coastal Path) or for 'dogs on lead' along the chalk near the base of the cliff at low tide.

Please help to respect the Dog Control Orders and regulations, and look out for local bay and information signs. If you would like more information about the above, please contact Thanet's Community Dog Wardens on 01843 577580.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Thanet's coast is **internationally & nationally important** for bird & marine life & has the **longest continuous stretch** of coastal chalk in the UK. You can volunteer & get free training as a 'Coastal Warden' to help safeguard our coastline. Get in touch: [thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk)

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# Please follow the Thanet Coastal Codes

Local people have helped draw up voluntary codes to help safeguard coastal wildlife, while allowing people to enjoy their activities:



**Respect Coastal wildlife**



**Consider other users**





**Stay safe on the beach**



**Be environmentally friendly**

See [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk) for codes on seashore, bait digging, dog walking, horse riding, field trips, shore angling, power-craft and wind-powered activities.

## Dogwalking Code

- To avoid disturbing birds, walk your dog towards the back of the shore and try to avoid the feeding birds along the tide line, or at times around high tide (when the beach area is smaller).
- Keep away from known bird roosts and take note of any signs requesting your co-operation in these areas.
- Do not allow your dog to chase birds on the beach as this stops them from feeding and roosting.
- Keep your dog on a lead when:
  - near feeding or roosting birds;
  - on shingle from April to July inclusive because of ground-nesting breeding birds;
  - in areas used by other recreational activities, as boisterous dogs can scare both birds and people.
- Please clean up after your dog to keep the beach safe and clean for other users .  
*It is illegal not to clean up in every public place in Thanet. This is rigorously enforced with fixed penalty notices of £80, (£70 for early payment), and dog owners can be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000. Over 100 people have fallen 'foul' of the law, so please clean up!*
- Follow the local Dog Control Orders  
*Dogs are banned from some of Thanet's beaches during the summer. Please obey the signs on the beaches or check the details at Visitor Information Centres or local authority website. The maximum penalty for failing to obey the Dog Control Order is £1000*



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### North East Kent Marine Protected Area



The North East Kent Coast is one of the best sites in Europe for wintering birds, and marine life of the chalk caves, reef and sandy bays.

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