

# Our beaches *are* beautiful

Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate  
your favourite  
seaside pick 'n' mix

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For full listings on all there is to see and do in the area, pick up a copy of Isle magazine from our Visitor Information Centres (see page 26)



# When life's a beach

Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate, beautiful beaches lots to do, smiles and laughter – take your pick 'n' mix for a brilliant seaside break.



Lazy summer days lounging in a secluded cove, fun family cycle rides along bright spring promenades, bracing cliff-top walks on crisp autumn mornings – **our 26-mile coast** is a refreshing escape at any time of year. And what could be more heart-warming in mid winter than watching from the comfort of a cosy restaurant as white horses break onto the shore?

Enjoy all the golden highlights of traditional holidays beside the sea at Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate. Paddling and donkey rides, candyfloss and ice cream, building sandcastles and tucking into fresh fish-and-chips. **So simple, so memorable.** Between them our resorts have 15 sandy beaches and bays and a **record number of Quality Coast and Blue Flag Awards.**

There are exciting surprises, too. Take a walk with our very own Rock Doc through **80 million years of history** and find out about edible seaweed, unique cave algae that changes colour, chalk stacks and fossils.

**Seashore Safaris** with the Thanet Coast Project Team are a thrilling way to encounter local marine life, and do take a boat ride out to the sand banks to **spot seals.**

If you're feeling energetic, plug into the elemental buzz of our breathtaking water sports and beach activities. What an **adrenaline rush** as you fly along the sands on a kite board, what euphoria as you master perfect balance on a surf board or bounce across the salty waves on a jet ski! There's plenty of choice and if you're a beginner you can get going with lessons.

Or combine activity with discovery on one of our local trails. **The Viking Coastal Trail** is one of the most attractive leisure **cycle routes** in Kent and takes in our entire coastline before sweeping inland to quiet country villages, whilst the Maritime Heritage Trail reveals thousands of years of fascinating, and sometimes colourful, maritime history.

*Our beaches are beautiful and we would like to share them with you.*



# Wind, waves and wonderful fun

On those days when you're itching for activity, you'll find a fantastic range of choices all around our coast:

## Angling

Cast your line and reel in a fresh, tasty catch for tea at one of many superb spots, or join one of our local sea-angling clubs. You can also go out in a boat from Ramsgate harbour. For further information t: 0870 264 6111

## BeachART

Try your hand at creating sand sculptures on our beaches. See Summer Seashore Safaris information on Thanet Coast Project page 14.

## Beach Soccer

With Charlton FC. At various times and beaches, just turn up and play. For further information t: 0870 264 6111.

## Boat trips

For details of seal trips and coastal cruises see pages 8 and 9.

## Cycling

**Viking Coastal Trail** – a fascinatingly varied ride taking in coast, cliffs and villages. See pages 10 and 11 for further information.

**Cycle Hire** - see pages 10 and 11 for further information.

## Events

Pop into one of our Visitor Information Centres (see page 26 for details) or visit our website to find out more about out great coastal events, including free summer fireworks displays. t: 0870 264 6111 [www.visitthanet.co.uk](http://www.visitthanet.co.uk)

## Golf

Enjoy a round on 5 excellent golf courses, with scenic sea views from some sections. Non-members welcome. For further information [www.visitthanet.co.uk](http://www.visitthanet.co.uk)

**Lillyputt Mini Golf Course, Victoria Gardens, Broadstairs, CT10 1QS** – Twelve championship mini golf holes. Lucky thirteenth hole - win a free game. t: 01843 861500 [www.lillyputt.co.uk](http://www.lillyputt.co.uk)

**Strokes Adventure Golf, Westbrook Promenade, CT9 5BJ** – 18-hole floodlit adventure golf course set in attractive surroundings. Just a little bit different! t: 01843 294970 [www.strokesadventuregolf.com](http://www.strokesadventuregolf.com)

## Jet Skiing

**Jet Ski World, Palm Bay, Cliftonville, CT9 3EL** – absolutely everything you need to whiz across the waves can be hired or bought here. Tuition also available. t: 01843 231703 [www.jetski-world.co.uk](http://www.jetski-world.co.uk)

## Kite Surfing

Great opportunities at Minnis Bay, Westbrook Bay and Ramsgate Main Sands. For lessons t: 0870 3003 213 or visit [www.allgoodfun.com](http://www.allgoodfun.com)

## Sailing

There are four clubs in the area that welcome new members. If you haven't tried sailing before, go along for a taster day.

**Broadstairs Sailing Club** – t: 01843 861373

**Margate Yacht Club** – t: 01843 292602

**Minnis Bay Sailing Club** – t: 01843 841588

**Royal Temple Yacht Club** – t: 01843 591766

## Surfing

**Joss Bay Surf School, Joss Bay, Broadstairs, CT10 3PG** – surf hire and lessons (go on!). t: 07812 991195 [www.jossbay.co.uk](http://www.jossbay.co.uk)

**Kent Surf School, Viking Bay, Broadstairs, CT10 1QS** – Variety of lessons available. t: 01843 866707 or 07970 870098 [www.kentsurfschool.co.uk](http://www.kentsurfschool.co.uk)

## Volleyball

Organised public beach volleyball at Viking Bay, Broadstairs, CT10 1QS. Sessions every Tuesday between 6 May and 2 September, from 7pm till dusk (weather permitting). t: 07971 251 847

## Walking

A gentle promenade stroll or a bracing cliff-top stomp? Do either or both: there's nothing more refreshing than filling your lungs with tangy sea air, gazing at blue flag bays and big skies.

## Cliff Top Walks

**Cliff Top Delights** – a self-guided walk along Broadstairs' seafront gardens and promenade highlighting buildings, gardens and structures of interest. Free leaflet.



**The Pugins. A Ramsgate Town Trail** – a new trail from the east to the west cliff, featuring architecture by the Pugin family and their links to the town. Augustus Pugin's Grange is now open to the public Wednesday 2-4pm. Free leaflet.

**Walkers' Friend** – organised walks over various routes. t: 01843 579146 [www.walkersfriend.co.uk](http://www.walkersfriend.co.uk)

# People, places and piddocks!

If you like to explore, discover and find out more, then our coastline beckons with adventure. (And if you don't know, a piddock is one of our most distinctive shellfish.)

**Bird Watching** – observe an enthralling range of wildlife at Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve. The reserve is particularly known for its wetland birds. Open all year except Christmas Day. t: 01622 662012 or visit [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Events** – Thanet Coast Project, see pages 12 to 15 for further information.

**Maritime Heritage Trail** – Discover our maritime history. Free leaflet. [www.maritimeheritagetrail.co.uk](http://www.maritimeheritagetrail.co.uk)

**Open Top Bus Tours** – Daily from 17 May to 7 September, five tours a day, seven days a week. Tickets valid for 24 hours. Hop on and off as often as you like. Leaflets available from our Visitor Information Centres.

**Rock Doc Walks** – See page 15



**SEAL TRIPS AND COASTAL CRUISES** (see following 4 entries) from Royal Harbour, Ramsgate, CT11 8LS

**Capital Coastal Sailing** – Seal trips and coastal cruises in luxurious 42ft yacht. t: 01843 865057 or 07773 333402 [www.capitalcoastal.com](http://www.capitalcoastal.com)

**Galleon Cruises** – Seal trips, coastal, wind farm and mystery tours, dinner and lunch cruises – sail or cruise in complete luxury. t: 07740 071015 [www.galleoncruises.com](http://www.galleoncruises.com)

**Horizon Sea Safaris** – Powerboat cruises, beaches and bays, Goodwin Sands seal encounter, Kentish flats and forks, great fun for all the family. Also run from Broadstairs and Margate harbours in the summer. t: 07931 744788 [www.horizonseasafaris.co.uk](http://www.horizonseasafaris.co.uk)

**Sea Searcher Boat Trips** – Ramsgate Royal Harbour pleasureboat cruises, seal and bird watching trips. Bookings can be made at the kiosk opposite the Maritime Museum or through the Visitor Information Centres. t: 07837 562076 [www.visithanet.co.uk](http://www.visithanet.co.uk)

**Wildlife Sailing Trips** – See page 14

**Thanet Coast Project** – see pages 12 to 15

**Thanet Greeter Project**

Be one of the first to be shown around our area by a local volunteer. Based on the Big Apple Greeter project in New York we are the only place in the country currently running a Greeter project – and its completely free. Further details from our Visitor Information Centres or t: 0870 264 6111.

**Viking Ship 'Hugin'** – situated on the cliff top at Pegwell Bay, this replica Viking ship sailed from Denmark to Thanet in 1949 to celebrate the 1500th anniversary of the landing of Hengist and Horsa.

For leaflets and further details on any of the above please pop into or ring our Visitor Information Centres (see p.26). t: 0870 264 6111





# Viking Coastal Trail

The 43.5km (27 miles) route forms part of Regional Route 15 of the National Cycle Network from Reculver in the north around the coast to Pegwell Bay in the south, and then linking inland as far as St Nicholas-at-Wade.

For the energetic, the complete route can be tackled in one go, but for families or those who prefer a more leisurely ride, the route can be picked up or finished at any point.

There are lots of things to see or do along the route and some really tempting places for refreshments. Cliff-top pubs, seafront ice cream parlours, continental style cafes for alfresco dining, cockle and whelk stalls or traditional seaside fish and chips, the choice is yours.

There are also six themed mini-routes to be discovered, depending on your interest:

**The Six Churches** – a very pretty rural route taking in one of the oldest religious buildings in England.

**History, Art and Architecture** – a little bit of everything from historical architecture to modern art on this Ramsgate-based ride.

**Historic Broadstairs** – discover what attracted and inspired great historical characters like Charles Dickens.

**The Path of St. Augustine** – St. Augustine landed near Ebbsfleet in 597 AD with the intention of bringing Christianity to England, retrace his steps.

**Smugglers' Haunts** – an opportunity to discover the darker side of our coastal heritage.

**Beaches and Bays** – a completely coastal ride taking in eight bays, many of which hold Quality Coast or Blue Flag Awards.

Get a really good look at our coastline with a refreshing cycle ride around the Viking Coastal Trail

**Step Forward** – a cycle club aimed at people with disabilities meet Wednesdays from 10am at Minnis Bay, Birchington. For further information t: 01732 525054 or email paul.panton@kent.gov.uk

**East Kent CTC** – meet Sundays throughout the year and there are rides each month from a venue in Thanet. For further information t: 07929 623 289 www.cycle-kent.org.uk

## Cycling Events

**Sunset Cycle** – Friday 13 June at 6.30pm (2.5 hours) - Gentle evening coastal cycle into the setting sun – from Margate Main Sands to Minnis Bay and back. Meet at Droit House, Margate Harbour. Bookings through the Thanet Coast Project website. www.thanetcoast.org.uk

**Edge of the World Cycle Tour** – Friday 1 August at 10am (4 hours) – Gentle cycle along the very edge of the south-east, viewing the chalk coastline around Kingsgate and North Foreland to Broadstairs' Viking Bay and back. Bookings through the Thanet Coast Project website. www.thanetcoast.org.uk

## Cycle Hire

**Ken's Bike Shop**, 26 Eaton Road, Margate, CT9 1XA t: 01843 221422

**The Bike Shed**, 71 Canterbury Road, Westbrook, Margate, CT9 5AS t: 01843 228866

Cycle delivery and collection available subject to how busy they are.

**Viking Coastal Trail Cycle Hire** Minnis Bay Car Park, The Parade, Minnis Bay, Birchington, CT7 9LT t: 07772 037 609 or 01843 604628



## working with people for coastal wildlife

The Thanet Coast Project helps to raise awareness of our unique coastline and the marine and bird life associated with the sandy beaches, rocky shores, chalk cliffs, reefs and sea caves. Look out for the series of events throughout the year on the following pages. Highlights include:

**Beach Art** – create your own beach art (school holidays)

**Beach Play Scheme** – various fun activities suitable for 5-16s (school holidays)

**Kent Coastal Week** – week long celebration of the coast around the county (25 October - 2 Nov)

**Low Tide Day** – a celebration of the low tide with rock pooling and environmental games (May).

**Seashore Safaris** – hunt and record what's lurking between the tides! (July-August) for Marine Week celebrations

**SeaART2008** – contemporary art exhibition by local artists (August)

**Thanet Coast Big Draw** – help create a breathtaking sand sculpture. (November)

**Wildlife Sailings** – to the seals and sandbanks from Minnis Bay (April to August)

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For further information visit [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk) or call 01843 577672

### Thanet Coastal Codes

We share the same coastline with internationally important wildlife, so please help by following these simple voluntary codes to help local wildlife and show respect for other beach users. There's a general seashore code and ones for specific activities such as horse riding, dog walking, powercraft activities, wind-powered activities, shellfish harvesting and fixed netting, shore angling, bait digging and collecting, and field trips.

**Respect our coastal wildlife** – try to leave everything as you find it, or would like to find it

**Consider our coastline and other users** – take your rubbish home, report hazards; and respect the rights of other users.

**Stay safe** – be careful on slippery rocks, of the in-coming tide, and follow bay safety signs

**Be Environmentally friendly** – buy postcards or take photos of marine creatures, instead of taking marine curios.

The whole of our coastline is designated as part of the 'North East Kent European marine sites' covering a number of international nature conservations designations.

For information about the Management Scheme see [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk)

### Did you know?

Our coastline represents 20% of the UK's and 12% of Europe's coastal chalk and we have the longest continuous stretch of chalk cliffs in Britain.



Paul Keene - Avico Ltd

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# Thanet Coast Project

## Events and Activities

To book any of the events detailed below visit [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk) or ring 01843 577672.

### Seal Trips

Wildlife Sailing trips to the seals. Leaving from Minnis Bay, Birchington. The trip includes a visit onto an offshore sandbank. (4 hours).

Sat 21 June 06.30am  
Sat 22 June 07.00am  
Fri 25 July 09.15am  
Sat 26 July 10.00am  
Wed 06 Aug 08.00am  
Thurs 07 Aug 08.45am  
Sat 23 Aug 08.45am  
Sun 24 Aug 09.30am  
Sat 20 Sept 07.45am  
Sun 21 Sept 08.30am



### Summer Seashore Safaris

Suitable for families with children between the ages of five and thirteen. Explore the rockpools and help us identify the life in each of the bays around our coast. (2 hours).

Wed 23 July, 10am  
Joss Bay, Broadstairs  
Thurs 24 July, 10am  
Minnis Bay, Birchington

Fri 25 July, 11am  
Westbrook Bay (east), Margate

Sat 26 July, 11.30am  
Walpole Bay, Cliftonville

Sun 27 July, 12.30pm  
Louisa Bay, Broadstairs

Mon 28 July, 2pm  
West Bay, Westgate

Tues 29 July, 3pm  
Western Undercliff, Ramsgate

Wed 30 July, 4.30pm  
Joss Bay (north) Broadstairs

Sun 3 Aug, 9am  
Botany Bay Broadstairs

Mon 4 Aug, 9am  
Westbrook Bay (west), Margate

Tues 5 Aug, 9am  
East Cliff Ramsgate

Wed 6 Aug, 9.30am  
Stone Bay Broadstairs

Thurs 7 Aug, 10am  
Minnis Bay Birchington

Sat 9 Aug, 11am  
Dumpton Gap Broadstairs

### Rock Doc Walk

Discover the ancient wonders of the chalk cliffs, flints, fossils and sands on a free, fun and educational guided tour with the Rock Doc (2 hours).

Wed 28 May, 11am  
Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs

Sat 28 June, 11am  
Kingsgate Bay, Broadstairs

Sat 12 July, 11am  
Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate

Sat 23 Aug, 11am  
Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs

Sat 6 Sept, 11am  
Minnis Bay, Birchington

Sat 29 Oct, 11am  
Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate

Sat 6 Dec, 11am  
Kingsgate Bay, Broadstairs

### Beach Playscheme

Get stuck into a variety of coastal events for children and young people including rockpooling, fossiling, geology, beach art, surfing and other sports. The Thanet Coast Project will run morning and afternoon sessions every day of the school summer holidays at the following:

Monday – West Bay, Westgate  
Tuesday – Ramsgate Main Sands  
Wednesday – Joss Bay, Broadstairs  
Thursday – Minnis Bay, Birchington  
Friday – Margate Main Sands

For details of the full playscheme contact the Thanet Coast Project direct.

### Low Tide Day Celebrations

Sat 3 May, 2pm (3hrs)  
The Lido Crab! Join artist Ruth Cutler to create a giant crab with sand bags.

Sat 3 May, 5pm (1.5 hrs)  
Family wildlife rock-pooling fun around the chalky shore

### The Coast on Camera

Join local artist Ruth Cutler and the Thanet Coast Project, armed with your cameras, to observe and record coastal artefacts.

Sat 10 May, 10am (2hrs)  
Botany Bay, Kingsgate, Broadstairs

### Seaweed and their secrets!

Fascinating guided tour by seaweed expert Ian Tittley from the Natural History Museum

Sat 31 May, 3pm (2hrs)  
Sun 10 Aug, 12pm (2hrs)



### The Great Crab Hunt

Meander across the rocks & pools with marine ecologist, Ian Humpheryes to find a variety of crabs on our shores.

Sun 8 Jun, 10.30am (1.5hrs)

### All Ability Walk and Rockpool

2.5km clifftop stroll, stopping at Walpole Bay to explore the rockpools. Ideal for people with disability. Beach wheelchairs available on request.

Wed 9 Jul, 11.30am (1.5hrs)

### Rocky Shore Discovery Tour!

Meander across the rocks and pools with marine ecologist Ian Humpheryes.

Sat 25 Oct, 3pm (1.5hrs)

### All Ability Harbour Walk

3.5km walk around Ramsgate's Royal Harbour, ideal for people with disability or mobility difficulties.

Wed 29 Oct, 11.30am (1.5hrs)

### Thanet Coast's 5th Big Draw – 'Swimming Sand Sculptures'!

Take part in creating this year's strangest marine SandArt –battling against the high tide by 1pm! Bring along friends, family & spades.

Sat 1 Nov, 9.30am (2.5hrs)  
Viking Bay, Broadstairs



# your guide to our Beaches and Bays



## Key to symbols on following pages...

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|--|---|
| Bay inspector/information  | Lift to beach   |
| Cafe/restaurant nearby   | Paddling pool/tidal pool  |
| Chalets for hire   | Parking   |
| Deckchairs & sun loungers for hire   | Picnic area   |
| Disabled access to beach   | Public house nearby   |
| Disabled parking bays  | Sailing club  |
| Disabled toilets open all year   | Shop  |
| First aid station  | Toilets   |
| Lifeguards   | Dog Ban   |
| <b>Animal Logo Signposts</b>   | (From 1 May to 30 September, dogs are not allowed during any part of the day/evening) |
| These help you locate your position on the beach and help your little ones find their way back to you. | <b>Dog Restrictions</b>   |
|  | (From 15 May to 15 September, dogs are not allowed during the hours of 10am & 6pm)    |

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### Open Top Bus Tours -

Daily from 17 May to 7 September, 7 days a week, 5 tours a day. Tickets valid for 24 hours. Hop on and off as often as you like. Leaflets available from our Visitor Information Centres.



### Blue Flag Beaches -

Are a symbol of high environmental standards as well as good sanitary and safety facilities



### Quality Coast Award -

The purpose of the Quality Coast Award is to recognise different parts of the coastline that are well managed to suit the needs of different users

## southeastern.

Our beautiful beaches can be easily reached by train. Southeastern run regular services from London to Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate with journey times under 2 hours. Fares from £12\* return with GroupSave.

\*GroupSave prices are per person and based on four people travelling together at all times.

[www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk)

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# Which is the best beach *for you?*



The main reason people visited our beaches last year was to have a great family day out in the fresh air, and the favourite beaches were Margate Main Sands and Ramsgate Main Sands. Whatever your reason for visiting, you're sure to find something to suit. To help find the best beach for you, look at the lists below.

## Activities

From jetskiing to surfing and sailing to kiteboarding, the beaches below are great for activities.

Minnis Bay, Birchington  
Westbrook Bay  
Walpole Bay (Palm Bay), Cliftonville  
Joss Bay, Broadstairs  
Viking Bay, Broadstairs  
Ramsgate Main Sands

## Family fun

Kiddies play areas, adventure golf, rockpooling and traditional fun like donkey rides and Punch and Judy.

Minnis Bay, Birchington  
West Bay, Westgate  
St. Mildreds Bay, Westgate  
Westbrook Bay,  
Margate Main Sands  
Walpole Bay, Cliftonville  
Stone Bay, Broadstairs  
Viking Bay, Broadstairs  
Louisa Bay, Broadstairs  
Ramsgate Main Sands

## Getting away from it all

A quiet stroll along the sand at low tide, a peaceful cove to relax with a good book or a secluded bay with great birdwatching opportunities.

Botany Bay, Broadstairs  
Kingsgate Bay, Broadstairs  
Stone Bay, Broadstairs  
Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs  
Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate

## Beach within reach

If you are a wheelchair user or have limited mobility, the following beaches and bays have beach wheelchairs you can use. Contact the bay inspector on the beach or ring 01843 577528/577032 for further information.

West Bay, Westgate  
Margate Main Sands  
Viking Bay, Broadstairs  
Ramsgate Main Sands

To find out more about the facilities at each of our beaches and bays, please see the individual entries on the following pages.



## Kingsgate Bay CT10 3QH



Quiet and secluded sandy beach approx. 150 metres long. **A great bay for those who like to get away from it all and have a bit of space to themselves.** It also has some of the best examples of sea caves in the country. This bay used to be called St. Bartholomew's Bay until King Charles I was landed here for safety during a squall and he ordered that the name be changed to Kingsgate Bay.



## Joss Bay CT10 3PG



Popular sandy bay approx. 200 metres long. **This bay is a must for keen surfers and those who wish to learn.** Joss Bay Surf School. Surf boards and wetsuit hire, amusements. Joss Snelling, the notorious smuggler and head of the Callis Court Gang was named after this bay. He was fined £100 for smuggling at the age of 89!



## Stone Bay CT10 1DP



Peaceful sandy bay approx. 200 metres long with chalk cliffs, rock pools and promenade. Disabled access via Broadstairs harbour. **A great little bay seldom discovered by visitors and good for rockpooling.**



## Viking Bay CT10 1QS



Resort's main bay. Sandy beach approx. 150 metres long with clifftop promenade, harbour pier and boardwalk. Surf School, surf ski/belly boards, shops, restaurants and amusements nearby. Childrens rides. Donkey rides. Punch and Judy (August only). **A truly English seaside experience with plenty of things for the children.** Charles Dickens' loved to holiday here. Beach wheelchairs available.



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Awards shown have been applied for and are waiting confirmation.

## Louisa Bay CT10 1PU

Quiet sandy bay approx. 150 metres long with promenade. Disabled access via quite steep slope. **Another great little bay for rockpooling and sand castle building.** Originally called Goodstone steps. Thomas Russell Crampton built a lattice-work bridge across the gap here and it was renamed Louisa Bay after one of his family members.



## Dumpton Gap CT10 1TA

Quiet, sandy bay approx. 150 metres long with some rocks and promenade. Disabled access via quite steep slope. **This is one of the best low tide walking routes to Ramsgate and where natural profile of cliff to sea can be found.** Check low tide times before walking.



## Ramsgate Main Sands CT11 8JD

Popular sandy beach approx. 250 metres long with promenade. Donkey rides, boardwalk, designated jet ski area adjacent to main beach, shops and children's amusements nearby. A resort beach situated right next to the glorious Royal Harbour and Marina. **Lots of little bars and cafés close at hand for leisurely lunches – a real continental feel.** Beach wheelchairs available.



## Pegwell Bay CT12 5JB

A stretch of unprotected sea cliffs with great geological interest and a sandy bay used by large numbers of seashore birds. **A perfect place to experience coastal wildlife.** The bay is also part of Kent's largest National Nature Reserve. Viking Ship 'Hugin' stands proudly on the clifftop overlooking the bay. Pegwell Bay was a popular excursion destination for Victorian holidaymakers who used to ride from Ramsgate to the bay on donkey chaise.



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# General information

## Chalet and beach hut hire

For further information telephone Thanet Leisureforce on 01843 296111 or contact one of the bay inspectors on the beaches.

Making sure you are safe on our beaches is extremely important to us. Our bay inspectors and lifeguards are there to help and offer advice – please just ask. You can also help yourself by being aware of the following:

## Barbecues

Individual barbecues are permitted on all beaches and bays after 6pm. Organised group barbecues are allowed on Joss Bay by prior agreement with the Foreshore Department on 01843 577274.

## Child safety animal signs

Most of our main bays have highly visible signposts, all resembling different animals instantly recognisable to children. These are here to help you locate your position on the beach and to help your little ones find their way back to you should they wander off.

## Emergencies

If you see someone in trouble, go to the lifeguard or bay inspector for help. Do not try to rescue them yourself. Out of season you should telephone the coastguard on 999.


## Ensure you don't burn

- Always cover up.
- Stay in the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- Use factor 15+ sunscreen and apply regularly.
- Remember to take extra care with children.
- Don't be fooled by a sea breeze, you may be cool but you will still burn.


## Inflatables

Beware of using these even in a gentle breeze, they can easily be blown out to sea. If possible tie them to the shore, and if your children are using them – never let them out of your sight.

## Know your flags

 Red and yellow flag – lifeguard-patrolled bathing area. Always swim between the flags and within the bouys on all beaches.

 Red flag – do not bathe when red flag is flying.

 Black and white quartered flag – Surfing Area.

 White cross on green flag – first aid.

## Litter

All our beaches and bays are beautiful and we are proud of them, please help us to keep them that way. Take your litter away with you or put it in the bins provided.

## Watch the tides

The idea of walking from one bay to another may be appealing, but ensure you don't get cut off by the tide. High and low tide information is often written at each beach by the Bay Inspector. Local tide tables are also available from our Visitor Information Centres or visit [www.portoframsgate.co.uk](http://www.portoframsgate.co.uk)

For further information on beach safety visit [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk)



call 01843 577165



# Which is our best beach and why?

Spend a few short minutes giving us your opinion and  
**you could win:**

## **2 nights bed and breakfast**

for 2 adults and 2 children at a hotel or guest house  
of your choice featured in Isle magazine

## **Free pass to local attractions**

## **Tickets for the Open Top Bus Tour**

## **Trip to see the seals on the sandbanks**

Go to the beaches and bays section  
of [www.visithanet.co.uk](http://www.visithanet.co.uk) or pick up a  
questionnaire from one of our Visitor Information Centres.

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### **Visitor Information Centres**

**Margate Visitor Information Centre**  
12-13 The Parade,  
Margate, CT9 1EY.

**Ramsgate Visitor Information Centre**  
17 Albert Court, York Street,  
Ramsgate, CT11 9DN.

**Broadstairs Visitor Information Centre**  
c/o Dickens House Museum,  
2 Victoria Parade, Broadstairs,  
CT10 1QS.

### **Visitor Information Call Centre**

**Telephone:** 0870 264 6111

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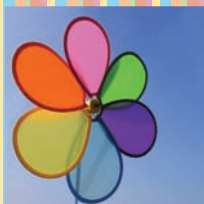


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