

# Scavenger & Eggcase Hunt

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Here's a chance for you to run your own scavenger hunt with the family. The following pages show you how to stay safe, has a challenge list of things to find and identify, and how you can share your finds with us!

## STAYING SAFE:

### Take care on the beach:

Always dress for the weather conditions on the day and for the beach! The wind can be very chilly or it may rain - so wear warm clothing or take wind or waterproofs, or sunscreen if hot! Follow the coastal codes and local bay information signs to keep safe.

You might want to wear gloves as you will be picking up your finds - or use a stick to search amongst seaweed. Please do not pick up glass or sharp objects and keep away from any dog mess. Always 'wash your hands' or use hand gel when you have finished and always before you eat anything.

### What to take with you:

- Take a **container** to collect your finds in - such as an empty ice cream tub or similar.
- Take a photo of the '**Scavenger Hunt list**' of things to find - on a mobile phone that someone in your family will be taking with you; or print it out before you go.

After the hunt, a **bag** may be useful to carefully remove any items collected that may harm nature (item 7). Ask why it may harm wildlife, and where these should be safely put to be out of harm's way (Then please put in a public bin, or take home to dispose when you leave).



### When and where to go:

You will be searching along 'the strandline' on a beach. This is found at the upper part of the beach where the high tide gets to - and usually includes shells, mermaid purses and lots of other interesting things amongst seaweed that may be washed ashore. You can carry out your scavenger hunt at any time after high tide.

Note: check tide times online beforehand for the nearest town to your beach eg [tides4fishing.com](http://tides4fishing.com) for Margate.

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Search along the 'strandline' - where the high tide has washed in clues for all sorts of life from the sea & marine environment - & stay on the dry beach.

Please do not collect anything that is alive.

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**The challenge is to see how many of these items you can find or collect - in just 20 minutes...**

1	A feather	
2	Something smooth	
3	Something rough	
4	Something that use to be a home!	
5	How many different types of shells can you find?	
6	Something slimy or wet	
7	Something that may 'harm' nature (why might it harm?)	
8	Something mysterious (you don't know what it is?)	
9	★ An Eggcase or Mermaid's Purse! ★ (see next page)	
10	A footprint or a smile!	
11	Identify your favourite item collected so far	



After 20 minutes - display the first 9 items out on a sand grid to check and identify the items you have found (see next page!)

What is your favourite item:.....

What do you know about it:.....

Describe the mysterious item:..... any guesses what it may be?

How many Eggcases did you find & which type? ..... ★

When on the beach - always follow the Thanet Coastal Codes

## North East Kent



Marine Protected Area

## "Respect, Protect & Enjoy"

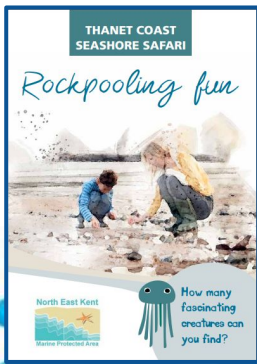
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## Help to identify

Use our [‘Rockpooling Fun’ booklet](#) to help you to identify some of what you have found on the Thanet Coast:

<http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk/media/4225942/rockpooling-bookletv4.pdf>



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## Mermaid Purses & Eggcases ★ ‘Star Finds’ ★ = How many & what type?



Thornback ray



Small-spotted catshark



Whelk eggcases

If you want to identify species, find out more & help report your Mermaid Purse ‘finds’ online, at [Identifying Your Eggcase | The Shark Trust](#)



## Would you like to show us what you have found?

Take a photo of your **first nine items** in a # Sand grid to prove how well you have done in your ‘challenge’ and post on social media (or include a picture of something you would like identified!) and include #thanetcoast



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## ARE YOU UP FOR A FINAL CHALLENGE:

### ‘The Beach Art Challenge’

If you want one more challenge = why not try the **‘Beach Art’** challenge using only sand and natural materials on the beach to create one of your ‘favourite marine life creatures’?

**Post this on social media too with #ThanetCoast**

**WELL DONE - We hope you enjoyed your time on the beach and finding some amazing things!**





# 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.



**Tread carefully on the chalky shore - its my home!**

**Take photos, and not my mates home!**



**Avoid scaring my coastal feathered friends - they need rest at high tide!**

**Please take your rubbish home with you or use the bin provided!**



# SAFE

## Water Safety in Thanet

- **Spot** the dangers
- Take **Advice**
- Go with a **Friend** or **Family** member
- Learn what to do in an **Emergency**  
Put up your hand & shout, or call **999 / 112**

The **Thanet Coastal Codes** and a **Water Safety in Thanet** video can be viewed online at our website, or for advice visit: [RNLI.org/education](http://RNLI.org/education)

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- # Thanet's coast is **internationally & nationally important** for its bird & marine life
- # You can volunteer as a **'Coastal Warden / Guardian'** to help safeguard our coastline.
- # An **online notification of School Beach Visits** includes advice to assist your beach experience.
- # Groups can use an online **Beach Clean notification** & borrow equipment o run their own clean!
- # Community 'family-orientated' groups can hire the **Coastal Community Beach Hut**

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