

Bays Suitable for Organised Trips:

Minnis Bay (Birchington)
West Bay (Westgate-on-Sea)
St Mildred's Bay (Westgate-on-Sea)
Westbrook Bay (Margate)
Margate Main Sands (suitable if arriving by train)
Walpole Bay (Cliftonville)
Botany Bay (Broadstairs) – very limited parking
Joss Bay (Broadstairs)
Viking Bay (Broadstairs)
Louisa Bay (Broadstairs)
Dumpton Gap (Broadstairs)
Ramsgate Main Sands



**SCHOOLS AND
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School and Group Visits to Thanet's Coastline

Thanet's beautiful beaches host a wide variety of marine life, birds and wildlife. A beach visit is a wonderful way to explore the coastal environment.

School visits can give children the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and see coastal erosion first hand. These include litter picks and generally having fun at the beach!

We also have an online educational toolkit:

thanet.gov.uk/educational-resources

Information on the best bays to visit, access safety and how to book follows.

Online Booking

Schools, clubs or large groups (over 20 attendees) should fill out the online booking form

bit.ly/GroupBookingThanet to let us know that a beach visit is planned. This means that we can let you know about other events that are taking place on your chosen beach on the same day.

thanetcoast.org.uk/formal-zone-school-group-visits

We share booking details with Bay Inspectors and Lifeguards ahead of your visit.

We also advise you to contact beach cafés or concessionaires in advance, if you plan to use their facilities. For further information, contact the Visit Thanet Information Centre on **01843 577577**, or visit their website at **visitthanet.co.uk**

Visits that involve having music, food, alcohol or equipment on the beach are classified as events. You can find further information on the events process, and the online booking form, on **thanet.gov.uk/organise-an-event**



Beach Safety

Please read the RNLI's Beach Safety advice to have fun and stay safe. Learn to recognise the safety flags, understand rip current, waves and tides, safe use of inflatables and bodyboards, and staying safe in the sun or sea.

rnli.org/safety/beach-safety

RNLI lifeguarded beaches

Please refer to RNLI information on which beaches have lifeguards and when they will be present.

This will ensure extra safety during your visit.

rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches

Thanet's Beaches & Coast Public Space Protection Order sets out the rules around beach activities, to help keep members of the public safe, and to protect our coastal environment.

thanet.gov.uk/bandcpspo

Mobility Access

All-terrain wheelchairs are available on some beaches. If you would like to request these, please specify this on the online booking form, in the section 'Do you require assistance with your booking?'.

Educational on-line toolkit:

A free online educational toolkit for KS1 and KS2 is available for four of our beaches: Minnis Bay, Joss Bay, Margate Main Sands and Ramsgate Main Sands.

thanet.gov.uk/educational-resources

The Thanet Coast Project can assist with activities including seashore safari scavenger hunts and beach art. These can be organised at low tide only. For more information and availability, please complete the online booking form or email **thanet.coast@thanet.gov.uk**

Bird Wise East Kent can run events along the coast showcasing bird life and the importance of conservation by reducing disturbance. For more information email **birdwise@thanet.gov.uk**

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