

Seaford Beach Guide

Summer 2020

This guide has been produced by Lewes District Council in partnership with Seaford Town Council, Newhaven Port and Properties and the Environment Agency to help keep you safe and informed when visiting the beach. Please be aware that Seaford has a steep pebble beach, with the promenade operating a “share with care” scheme – welcoming both pedestrians and cyclists.

COVID-19 Important Information

We ask everyone to respect others using the beach and follow current government guidance on social distancing. You can read more about staying safe outside your home at www.gov.uk

- Stay at least 2 metres apart where you can (1 metre or more where this is not possible) from anyone you do not live with, or anyone not in your support bubble, when outside your home.
- Do not gather in groups of more than six people unless they are from your own household.
- Bring hand sanitiser gel and be aware there may be long queues for toilets.
- Do not travel to the beach by public transport. Public transport should only be used for essential journeys. Travel to the beach by walking, cycling or car.



Emergency Contact Dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard



Toilets

There is one accessible toilet at either end of the beach, in the Buckle car park and by the Martello Tower, open every day and cleaned twice a day.

Car parking

Car parking on the seafront is free.

Litter and recycling

Please take your rubbish home and recycle what you can. Only use the litter bins provided for small items not tied bags from an all-day visit. If there are no litter or recycling bins in the area it is because the area does not have litter removal services and you must take all items home with you.

Barbecues

Barbeques are permitted on the beach. Please do not put hot barbecues in the litter bins as they can cause severe burns.

Dogs

Dogs must be kept on a lead and are not permitted on the beach in the dog ban area between Edinburgh Road and West View between 1 May and 30 September. Dog waste can be put in any litter bin on the promenade – please clean it up!

Cliff Safety

You must stay at least five metres away from the cliff edge. Seaford Head cliffs are made of chalk and large pieces often fall to the beach. Be aware that some of the cliffs do not have fencing and are adjacent to Seaford Head golf course, so please stick to the designated foot paths.

Cycling

A cycle path runs the length of the promenade from the Martello Tower all the way to Newhaven and beyond. There are various places along the promenade to park and lock bikes.



Lifeguards

On the advice of their governing body Surf Lifesaving GB, Seaford Lifeguards will not be patrolling Seaford Beach this summer. They will carry out weekly inspections of the life rings and enforce byelaws. Find out more on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/seafordlgs

Bathing

Yellow buoys will be sited 200 metres out to sea from Splash Point to Edinburgh Road. The landside of these buoys is a safe swimming zone where only hand powered craft are permitted. It is up to individuals to make their own decisions as to the suitability of the sea conditions for swimming. When making those decisions, always maintain caution. It is strongly recommended that only strong and competent swimmers enter the water and only in ideal swimming conditions. **Do not drink alcohol and swim.**

Emergencies

If you get into trouble or you see someone who needs help, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. If you are deaf or have a speech impairment, you can send an emergency SMS text.

Life rings are situated behind safety advice signs along the promenade.

Tides

Be aware of the times of tides and weather conditions. You can check both on the Met Office website: www.metoffice.gov.uk

Fishing

Fishing is permitted on the entire length of Seaford Beach. Anglers should be considerate of other beach users. Use appropriate line strengths or tackle and please exercise caution when casting to avoid injury. Ensure you take any hooks, traces or rubbish home with you.

Camping

Overnight camping on the beach is not permitted.

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Boating Byelaws

Up to marker buoys 200m from shore

Boats: Speed limit 8 knots on landward side of buoys

Up to 500m from shore – All areas

Boats: Not driven dangerously

Driven with due care and attention

Driven with consideration for bathers

Efficiently silenced

Please do not interfere with the yellow safety buoys.



Useful Links

Food outlets www.eatlocal.info

Cycle network www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/discover-east-sussex/cycling

Seaford Town Council www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Lewes District Council www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk



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