

Tail end

Dog Training

A well-trained dog is a happy dog and will not be a nuisance to others. Puppy socialisation classes are a great way to start training. Details of puppy classes and dog training classes are available from your local vet, libraries or the Patrol Officers.

Please remember:

- Always observe dog control orders.
- Give your dog plenty of exercise – but keep him under control.
- Do not allow your dog to worry livestock
- Never leave your dog alone all day. He will get lonely and very, very bored. It is unfair to him and your neighbours if he is always barking.
- Have your dog spayed or neutered to prevent unplanned litters. Unplanned litters lead to hundreds of unwanted dogs and puppies.
- If you are buying a puppy, always see the puppy with its mother. Buy from a specialist breeder who knows and loves the breed. Or why not consider adopting a dog from a dog rescue centre?
- Teach children to respect dogs and other animals. Never leave dogs and young children together unsupervised.
- Enjoy your dog - but respect the rights of others.
- Be a responsible owner.



When life's a beach and when it's not

A dog owners guide to dog-free and dog-friendly
beaches in Shepway

When life's a beach (and when it's not)

The Shepway coastline with its 26 miles of sand and shingle beaches offers some great walks for dogs and their owners. But not everyone wants to share beaches with dogs all the year round. Between 1 May and 30 September dogs are banned from the certain beaches. Please check for the 'dog-free' signs and continue to keep checking – most signs are on the promenade and you might not see them from the beach itself! Nine stretches of beach have a summer beach ban – leaving plenty of other parts of the coastline for dogs and owners to enjoy.

The beaches where a dog beach ban is in place are:

Folkestone - Sunny Sands.

Folkestone - Mermaids Beach (in front of Lower Leas Coastal Park).

Sandgate/Seabrook - Sandgate Castle to Murco Garage.

Hythe - Twiss Road to St Leonard's Road.

Dymchurch - Sycamore Gardens to Martello Car Park.

St Mary's Bay - The Fairway to river outfall.

Littlestone - Water tower at Madeira Road to Clark Road.

Greatstone - Jolly Fisherman carpark through to 17 the Parade.

Greatstone - 114 the Parade through to 172 the Parade.

Please remember that poop scoop laws apply on all beaches at all times.

Greatstone Beach



Jolly Fisherman to
17 The Parade

114 The Parade to
172 The Parade

Look out for the
yellow markers on
the beach indicating
dog control zones

Littlestone Beach



Bag it, tie it, bin it.

No-one should have to 'dodge the dog mess' when they are out and about in our district. Not only is it unpleasant, but dog mess can transmit the disease *Toxocara Canis* to humans. Although the disease is rare, it can cause disability - and children are particularly vulnerable.



You must clear up after your dog if it fouls wherever you are in the Shepway district. This control order covers most open space in the district including parks, children's play areas, sports pitches, recreation grounds, grass verges, promenades, pavements, footpaths and beaches. The penalty for failing to clean up afterwards is £80.

Small plastic bags or nappy sacks make ideal poop scoops. Keep them where you keep your dog lead so that picking up a few bags becomes as automatic as clipping your dog on its lead before going for a walk.

To avoid smells and prevent flies, please tie the bag before depositing it in dog waste bin or litter bin. Please don't throw bags into hedges, verges or drains. Keep them until you find a bin.

Lead on....



There are various areas throughout Shepway where dogs must be on a lead. These include some public open spaces - like The Leas in Folkestone, certain parks and all cemeteries. Even the best-behaved dogs can cause problems and frighten people when running loose. Look out for the signs and make sure you observe the Dog Control Orders.

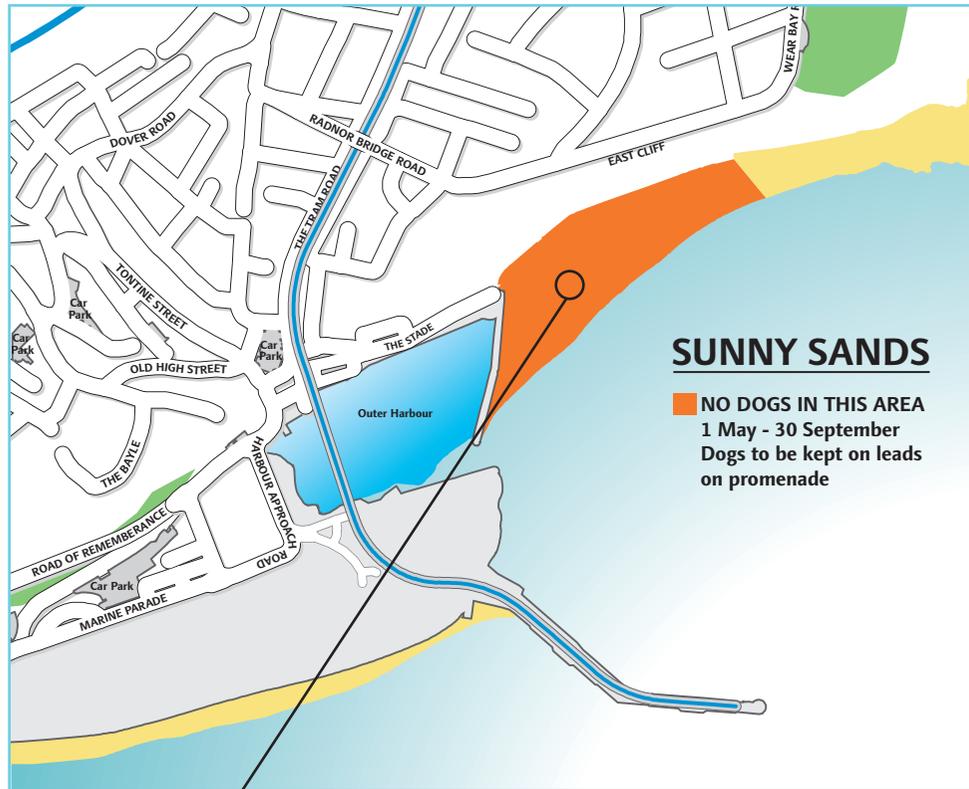


Clark Road



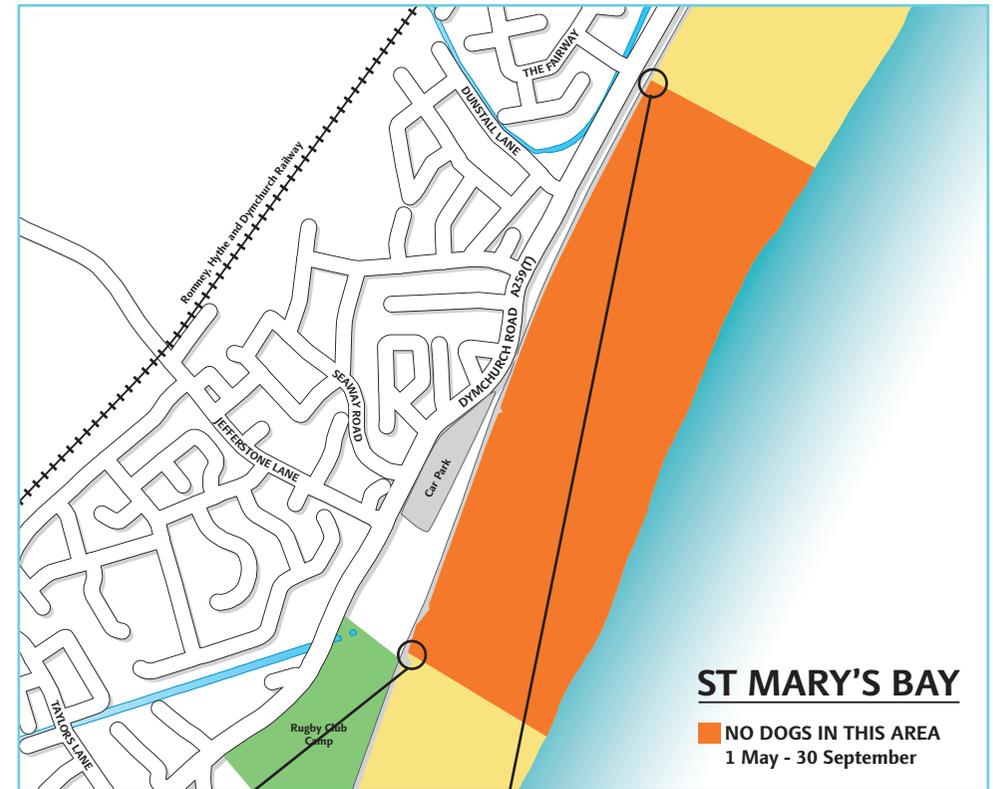
Madeira Road

Sunny Sands, Folkestone



Sunny Sands

St Mary's Bay

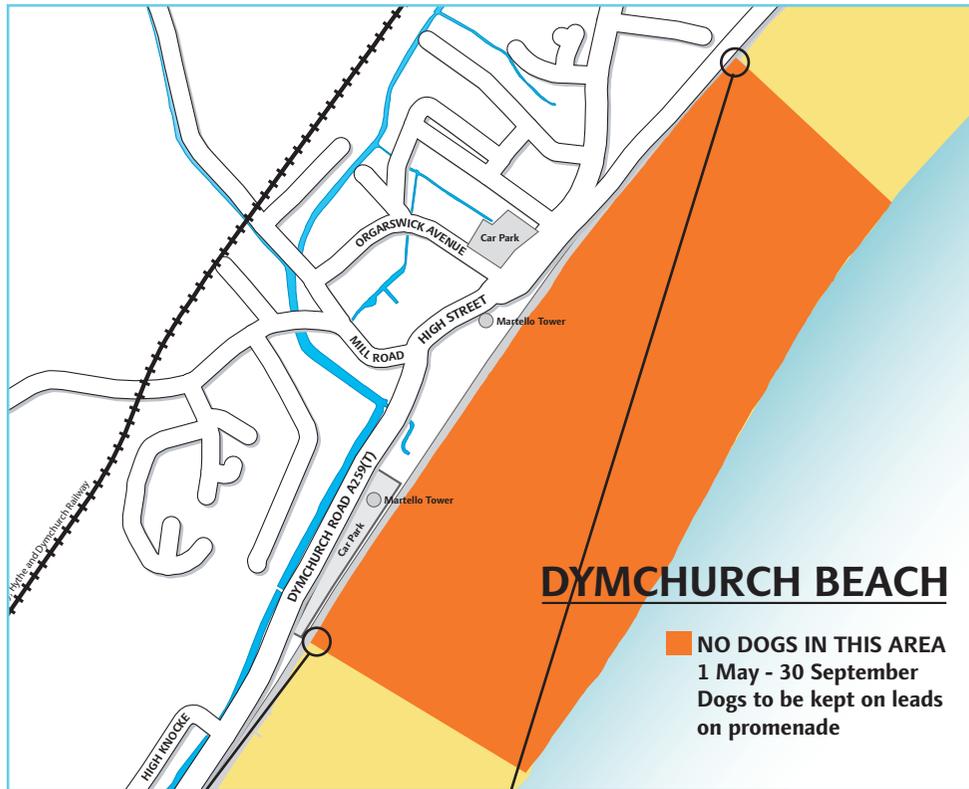


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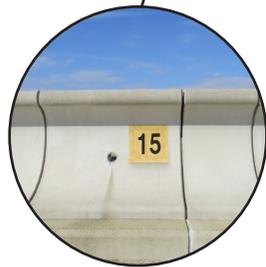


The Fairway

Dymchurch Beach



Martello Car Park



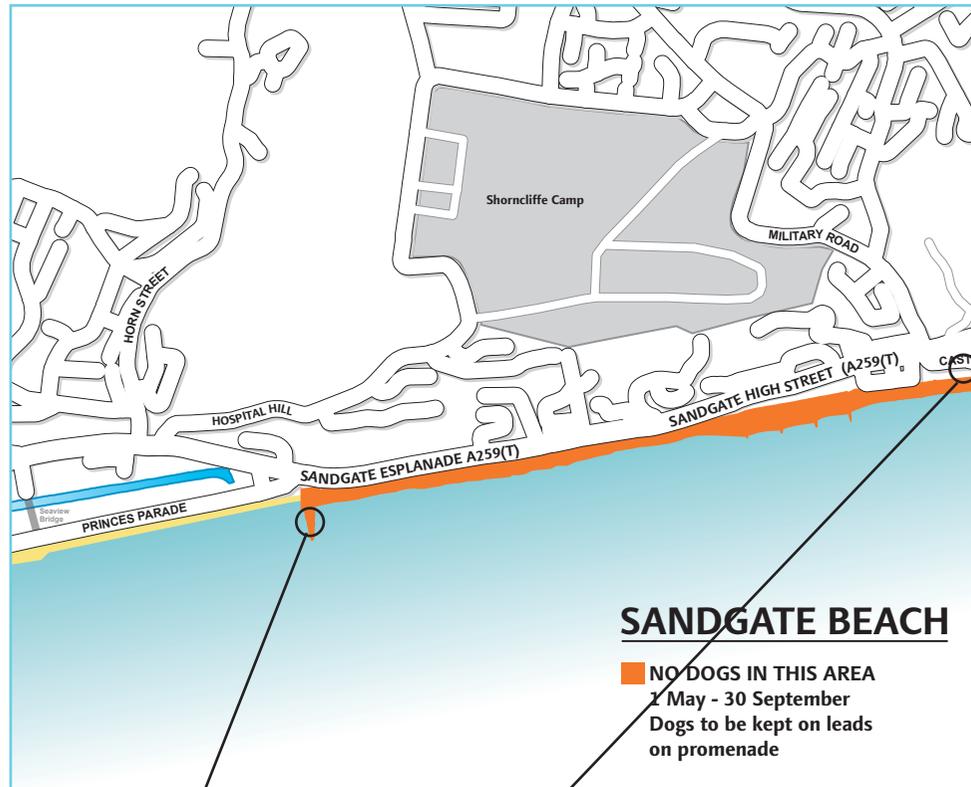
Sycamore Gardens

Mermaids Beach, Folkestone



Mermaids Beach

Sandgate Beach



Princes Parade
junction



Sandgate Castle

Hythe Beach



St Leonards Road



Twiss Road