Access at Sandwich and Pegwell Bay

Under the legislation declaring the area a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), any activity that has the potential to harm the special interest of the reserve, requires legal consent from Natural England. Consent for a number of recreational activities has not been granted including the launching and landing of watercraft and kites. Thanet District Council’s Coast and Beaches PSPO also prohibits any beach and coast activity that poses a risk to the safety of people or wildlife.

There is no launching or landing of kites or watercraft within the NNR including the Mouth of the Stour. Stick to 8 knots p/hour and avoid making wake around the river mouth.

If you encounter wildlife, such as seals, slow down and give them a wide berth as they can be easily scared by humans.

Please follow the NE Kent Marine Wildlife Watching Code for wildlife watching guideline here: kwtg.uk/wildlife-code

HOW TO WATCH SEALS SAFELY

Seals can be disturbed if people or dogs get too close, cause too much noise or startle them. Scan this QR code to learn more about how watch seals safely.

Water and Wind Recreation

Map key

- **Protected area NO ACCESS**
  - To help protect this highly sensitive complex of wildlife habitats and to prevent disturbance of nesting birds, this area is no access.

- Reserve boundary
- English Coast Path
- Cycle Coast Path
- Parking
- Toilets
- Grassland
- Mudflats
- Scrubland
- Sand dunes
- Saltmarsh

Dog walking

- **RED ZONE**
  - No access. Dogs not permitted.

- **YELLOW ZONE**
  - Please keep dogs on leads in this zone.

- **GREEN ZONE**
  - Please keep dogs in sight and under control.

Why not visit the brand new dog zone where you can let your dog run off lead whilst protecting nesting birds.