

WELCOME TO SANDOWN BEACH

Sandown is very popular for its long sandy beach with safe bathing and a wealth of activities. The local amenities and nearby town make it a must for visitors of all ages. Facilities available include catering establishments, beach huts, pedalo hire, and much more. Access to the beach can be obtained by either a slipway or steps located along the Esplanade. Disabled parking and WCs are also available for the less mobile visitors.



Sandown has a good bus service. For those coming to Sandown by car can either use the on street parking or car parks within easy walking distance.

Emergency equipment such as lifebelts are strategically located along the Esplanade in order to ensure safety at any time of the year. The Inshore Rescue is also close at hand and is always on call by the Coastguard.

Sandown seafront is just yards from the town's shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants, with easy level walking along the broad promenades and sea wall. Safe bathing and a mild climate with consistently high placing in the UK's sunshine records provide the essential ingredients for a great summer holiday. You will find deckchairs, beach huts, water sports and the pier, which dates from 1879 and now provides all-weather amusements and the opportunity to walk out over the sea, which is just as exciting for today's visitors as it was for the Victorians.

Like anywhere, Sandown has its natural hazards so be sure to read the safety guidelines and have a good time. Information is provided at each area so check the tide timetables to ensure your own safety and where appropriate do not swim when the red flag is flying.

For further information on this resort please phone 01983 821000. Someone is always available from Monday to Friday to help you with your enquiries.

Should you need to report a problem such as broken glass or damage to premises, the Isle of Wight Council provides an emergency service for these type of problems. The number to call out of hours is 01983 821105.

Access Statement for Sandown, Isle of Wight

N.B. This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Pre-Arrival

For details of how to reach us please see full details on our website by visiting www.iwight.com/just_visiting This will also provide the opportunities to plan your journey to and around the island.

The nearest railway station is approximately 30 minutes' leisurely walk to the beach but can be made simple by hopping on the bus which will drop you in the high street which is immediately adjacent to the esplanade.

Car Parking and Arrival

Ample parking is available on the Esplanade. However, Sandown is very popular and spaces are taken very quickly on a fine summer day. It is therefore recommended that you arrive early or else use one of the nearby car parks which are only a five minute walking distance. All parking facilities are pay and display using the machines available. The route from the railway station is direct. Once you alight from your train you should proceed out of the station take the road opposite the entrance which is called Station Avenue and continue until you reach Albert Street where you turn right if you are walking and left if by car. You will then see the beach clearly from both directions. Once you are at the beach there are three information points detailing the facilities available at this location.

Areas Adjacent to the Beach

The beach can be accessed from the adjacent esplanade which is made up of a paved footpath with a drop down highway made up of tarmac. Traffic calming measures are in place with pinch points installed at several locations along the esplanade. Speed restrictions are in place and set at 20mph along the entire length -

a distance of 746 meters. Facilities along the esplanade include public seating and shelters together with the necessary waste bins.

Beach Access Points

There are several access points along the esplanade which are made up of concrete slipways and concrete/wooden steps all of which include handrails to assist the public with access. From the junction of avenue slipway there are ten locations from where the public can safely enter the beach.

On the Beach

Sandown is famous for its sandy beach with strategically located groynes which form part of the coastal protection system. Drinking water is available mid-way along the beach and easily identifiable by way of signage and details which can be found at the information point. A shower is readily available on the beach going north easterly towards Eastern Gardens. Various types of facilities are available such as deck chairs and loungers which are operated by the local longshoremen.

Public Toilets

Public toilets are clearly signed and can be found at two locations along the Esplanade. The first can be found in the Eastern Gardens at the North Eastern end of the Esplanade, and the second is located opposite the Pier. Both premises within the award area hold disabled facilities. Eastern Gardens disabled is separate and can be accessed using the Radar Key system. Radar is a nationwide Disabled access scheme, please follow this link for details <http://www.radar-shop.org.uk/Range.aspx?id=0>

The pier WCs have disabled cubicles in both the ladies and gents.

Food & Drink Outlets

Catering facilities within the award area at Sandown are plentiful. The Sun Dial Cafe can be found within Eastern Gardens at the North eastern end of the Esplanade. This

facility is immediately adjacent to the beach with outdoor seating and level access and a menu that would suit all appetites, including vegetarians. Opposite the Sun Dial you can find Horizons that also caters for all tastes and provides beach goods such as bucket and spade and beach balls. Whilst this property is on a level surface you would need to use the crossing point as it is on the other side of the road. Double door entrance to Horizons makes this facility easily accessible. Tables and chairs can be found both inside and outside of this property. On the same side of the road you can find restaurants such as the Ocean Deck and Reef, which are licensed establishments with a wide menu catering for just a lunchtime snack or a three course meal. Access to these can be difficult for the less mobile as the entrance to each is via some steps. Near to Reef you can find a small kiosk on a level surface which caters for light meals, drinks and ice-creams.

Beach Attractions/Activities

Attractions on the beach include trampolines, canoes and pedaloos, bouncy castle and beach huts, which are available on short term lets.

There are many beach concessions at this beach providing deck chairs, sun loungers, windbreakers and parasols.

Pier

A whole day's fun in one! Lost World adventure golf, Magic Island fantasy and fun. Superbowl, dodgems, snake slide, amusements, cafes, bars, fishing from the pier head and whole lot more can be found on Sandown Pier. Many different species of fish and spider crabs enjoy living beneath the pier.

The Pier is opened daily all year around with free admission.

Additional Information

Sandown beach is a dog free location with prohibitions that apply between May and September inclusive.

For those wishing to take dogs onto the sand there are permitted areas easily available

Click [here](#) for full details of the Isle of Wight's Dog control orders.

The nearest doctor's surgery is available on the Broadway adjacent to the Heights Leisure Centre. The telephone contact is 0844-4773001.

Contact Information

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please feel free to contact us.

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