

WELCOME TO VENTNOR

Ventnor is a suntrap bay, sheltered by high cliffs on which the terraced town is built. A steep road winds down from the town, past the famous Cascade Gardens, to the seafront. You can stroll along the shingled beach or even take a cliff walk and enjoy the fantastic views of the bay. The recently constructed Ventnor Haven has become a popular venue for its fishing industry both to local businesses and to residents and visitors alike.



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Ventnor is suitable for families of all ages and is popular for residents and visitors alike. Water sports are not a suitable activity for this area. There are many hidden rocks and the tide is very strong.

During the summer season Ventnor beach is litter picked on a daily basis. Emergency equipment such as lifebelts and an emergency telephone 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.

Like anywhere, Ventnor 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 Ventnor 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 No 3 bus will take you to the town which will leave a short stroll down the cascade. This route would not be suitable for the elderly or visitors who may have walking difficulties.

Car Parking and Arrival

Ample parking is available with on-street parking as well as off-street which can accommodate up to 74 vehicles. There are two disabled spaces in the car park and two on the street. Parking charges are displayed at each car park as well as on the ticket machines.

Areas Adjacent to the Beach

There is a promenade running along side the beach adjacent to which is the public highway. The promenade is for pedestrians only with the highway having a speed restriction of 20mph. Several pinch points are available making access across the road a safer activity.

Handrails/railings span the length of the promenade, apart from a small section in front of the beach huts. This area is highlighted with yellow lines denoting the drop to the beach.

Beach Access Points

Access to the beach is made via the promenade onto either concrete slipway or wooden/concrete steps. Each facility holds handrails making the descent safe.

Access for wheeled or push chairs is made easier via the concrete slipway.

On the Beach

The beach is made up of shingle and fine sand with an area of coastal rocks at the far end.

Steeply shelving beach with exposure of rocks at low tide and just below water on all tides could be hazardous to both swimmer and craft users. Heavy shore break on any ground swell or localised wind swell. Strong tidal currents on incoming and outgoing tides. Rip currents can be experienced on any ground or wind swell. Weaver fish, jellyfish and crabs can be found at this location, which may require the need to administer first aid.

Public Toilets

Public toilets are available and clearly signed and are opposite Haven Fishers on the Esplanade.

The WCs consist of 65 squares meters of floor and hold ten cubicles, one urinal and two unisex/disabled facilities.

Cleansing facilities include two wallgate units.

Food & Drink Outlets

Food and drinks outlets are in abundance at Ventnor all of which are on ground level making access easy for all.

As you head south along the Esplanade you will find the Mill Bay and the Met Bar both of which offer snacks, hot meals and beverages of all types. Moving along you can find the Beach Hut Diner, Tides Cafe, Golden Sands Cafe, Ale and Oyster and at the very far end is the Spyglass Inn. All of these facilities are on the opposite side of the road apart from the Spyglass.

Beach Shop(s) & Amusement Arcade(s)

Ventnor is served by the Beach Shop which provides beach goods such as bucket and spades etc.

The Longshoreman's Museum can also be found opposite the beach. This establishment provides an exhibition of historical and nautical artifacts.

Beach Attractions/Activities

Deck chair and beach hut hire is available during the summer period. The booking office can be found along the promenade.

Additional Information

The Award section of Ventnor beach is a dog free location with prohibitions that apply between May and September inclusive.

Those wishing to take dogs onto the sand there permitted areas easily available

Please [click here](#) for details of the Isle of Wight's dog control orders.

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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