

Essential Contacts

All Emergency Services (for accidents & emergencies)	999
Norfolk Police (non-emergencies - crime & byelaw issues) Web: norfolk.police.uk	101
Environment Agency (24hr incident line for issues) Web: environment-agency.gov.uk	0800 807 060
Humber Coastguard (non-emergencies) Web: mcga.gov.uk	01262 672317
National Trust Morston Quay Information Centre Lifeboat House, Blakeney Point (April - Sept) Web: nationaltrust.org.uk/blakeney Email: norfolkcoast@nationaltrust.org.uk	01263 740241 01263 740174 01263 740480
Blakeney Harbour Association Web: blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk Email: bhba00@gmail.com	07771 597985 01263 740377
Wells Harbour Authority	01328 711646
Floodline (24hr service)	0345 988 1188
Royal National Lifeboat Institution Web: rnli.org.uk	0300 300 9990
Royal Yachting Association Web: rya.org.uk	023 8060 4100

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Blakeney Harbour

A Good Practice Guide



Helping to keep Blakeney Harbour safe and enjoyable for everyone, and caring for the special wildlife of the area.



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Blakeney Harbour is a very special area and a fun place to be. By following these guidelines and information you will assist in helping to keep this area special and a place that everyone can continue to enjoy.

Blakeney Harbour and the surrounding land are extremely important areas for wildlife and have been recognised as being of international importance. The harbour is situated within The Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation and European Marine Site and also forms part of the North Norfolk Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest. The harbour also forms part of the Holkham National Nature Reserve (managed by Natural England), while the surrounding land including Blakeney Point is designated as Blakeney National Nature Reserve and is owned and managed by National Trust.

To help protect our valuable wildlife and marine environment please use the harbour responsibly. Please respect the needs of other harbour users.

General Directions for Pleasure Boats and Personal Water Craft

Stay safe, act responsibly

Please observe these basic rules to stay safe on the water and not endanger others.

All craft (inc. sail, power and personal water craft) to have adequate public liability insurance and abide by:

- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS);
- The Seaside Pleasure Boat Byelaws 1978, displayed at Morston and Blakeney Quay;
- Safety recommendations of the Royal Yachting Association and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The General Directions

- Let someone ashore know your intentions and when you will be back.
- Always check the local weather forecast and tide times. Be prepared to seek advice if you need to.
- Always carry the correct safety equipment, including means of communication, flares, anchor, life jackets and suitable waterproof clothing.
- Only launch from the designated launch ramps – do not leave your vehicle parked on the launch area.
- Do not exceed the speed limit restrictions for Blakeney Harbour: these are set at 5 knots in Blakeney and Morston Creeks, and 8 knots for the harbour, west up to the Lifeboat House on Blakeney Point.
- Adhere to the NO WASH principle in the restricted speed limit area – keep a look out behind you to maintain this.
- Always give way to sailing craft, ferries, fishing boats and larger craft which are limited in their ability to manoeuvre in the creeks and channels (they may have less room to turn than you think!) – keep to the right-hand side of oncoming vessels.



- Do not Water Ski in the restricted speed limit area.
- When Water Skiing it is mandatory to have two persons on board (one to drive and one to keep watch).
- Kite Surfing and hovercraft are not permitted.
- All persons in charge of craft should have received relevant training.
- Always be considerate to other water users.
- Follow and respect advice from Blakeney Harbour Association Wardens.

Respect your environment

Please follow these simple rules to help reduce the impact of your activities on this very special area.

- Always be considerate to wildlife and their habitat.
- Do not dispose of any rubbish or contaminants at seas (visiting cruising vessels must have a holding tank and must not discharge effluent into the harbour).
- Avoid spillage of any type of fuel in the harbour.
- Only launch from the designated launch ramps - see map.
- Do not enter any restricted areas - see map. Landing on the far point of Blakeney Point is strictly forbidden.
- Do not approach roosting or nesting sites for birds.
- Do not land on areas being used by seals.
- When passing wildlife, maintain a steady direction and slow 'no wake' speed.
- Never harass or chase wildlife. Always keep a distance and do not cause unnecessary disturbance.
- The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) is not permitted on or over National Trust land.
- Do not light BBQs or fires.
- Follow and respect the advice of National Trust Rangers.
- Avoid shallow areas where you may damage underwater vegetation.
- Dogs to be kept on leads or under close control throughout the reserve. No dogs are permitted on Blakeney Point from 1 April to 15 August except for the dog walking areas near the Lifeboat House and Cley Beach.

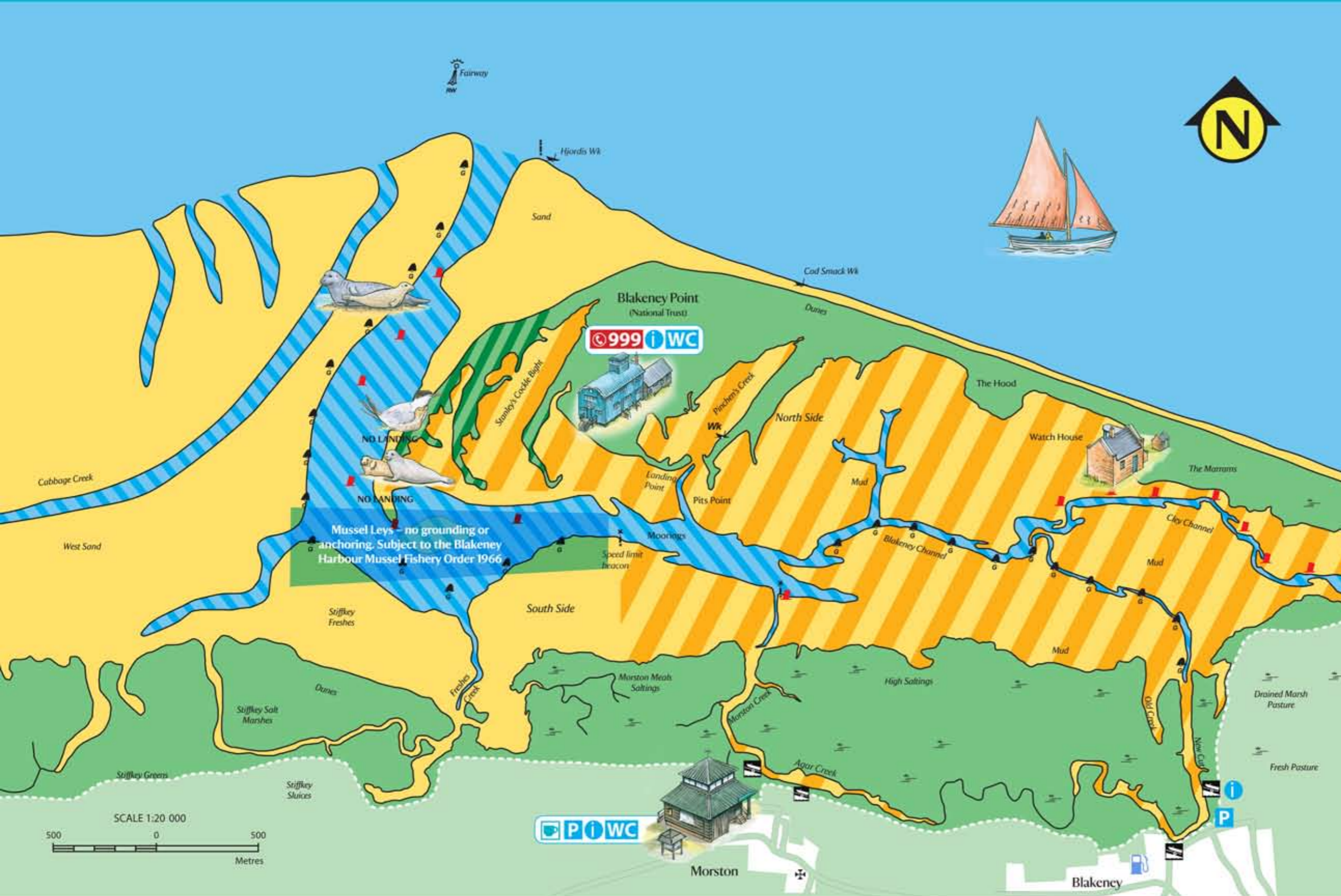
Reporting incidents

- In an emergency contact HM Coastguard on 999 or VHF Channel 16, call sign "Humber Coastguard"
- Regular Police patrols take place within the area, both on land and water. If you see anyone acting irresponsibly then you should report this by contacting Norfolk Police on 101.

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In an emergency dial 999 and ask for Coastguard

Please observe the General Directions for Pleasure Boats and Personal Watercraft in Blakeney Harbour, and the Seaside Pleasure Boat Byelaws 1978.

Be aware of the following activities and hazards while you enjoy your time here.

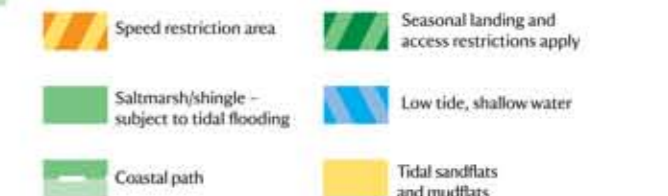


Please also observe the following:



Site of Special Scientific Interest
The North Norfolk Coast has been notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest under Section 28 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). It is an offence, without reasonable excuse, intentionally or recklessly, to destroy, damage or disturb any features by reason of which the land is of special interest. A person found guilty of any such offence may be prosecuted and liable to a fine not exceeding £20,000.

Key Map Areas:



This map is for guidance only and is not to be used for navigation purposes. Deep water channels and navigation marks are subject to change. For more information please see www.blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk

We would like to thank the following organisations who help to keep Blakeney Harbour safe and enjoyable for everyone

