

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 gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

0800 807 060

Humber Coastguard (non-emergencies)
Web: mcga.gov.uk

01262 672317

National Trust
Morston Quay Visitor Centre
Lifeboat House, Blakeney Point (April - Oct)
Web: nationaltrust.org.uk/blakeney
Email: norfolkcoast@nationaltrust.org.uk

01263 740241
01263 740174
01263 740480

Blakeney Harbour Association
General enquiries
Emergencies
Web: blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk
Email: info@blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk

01263 712197
07771 597985

Wells Harbour Authority

01328 711646

Floodline (24hr service)

0345 988 1188

Royal National Lifeboat Institution
Web: rnli.org

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 its special wildlife.



Blakeney Harbour

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;
- 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. Up to date information can be found on www.blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk
- 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. Be aware that some areas are subject to tidal flooding; please check before leaving your vehicle.
- 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.
- 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.
- The area around the end of Blakeney Point has very strong and dangerous currents and should be avoided.
- Follow and respect advice from Blakeney Harbour Association Wardens and National Trust Rangers

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 sea (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.
- 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. Users of canoes, kayaks, windsurfers and paddleboards must ensure they give basking seals a wide berth at all times.
- 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 unauthorised use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) is not permitted on or over National Trust land.
- Unlicensed commercial filming or photography is not permitted anywhere on National Trust land.
- The lighting of fires or barbecues is not permitted.
- 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 immediate area around the Lifeboat House where dogs must be kept on a short lead at all times.

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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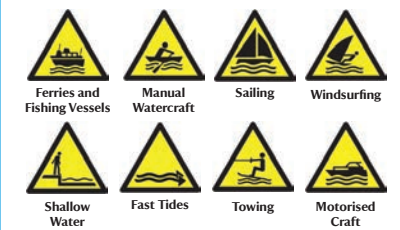
Blakeney National Nature Reserve



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:

	Speed restriction area		Landing or access is not permitted at any time
	Saltmarsh/shingle - subject to tidal flooding		Low tide, shallow water
	Coastal path		Tidal sandflats and mudflats

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 blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk

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

