

Metal detectors on Isle of Wight Council-controlled beaches

The council allows metal detecting on any beaches (but no other land) it owns or controls.

Most of the Isle of Wight's popular urban beaches (including Ryde, Ventnor, Shanklin and Sandown) are owned by the Isle of Wight Council, and many other stretches of coast are controlled by the council under lease from the Crown Estate.

There are many other beaches, not owned by the council, on which metal detectorists may or may not be able to enjoy their hobby lawfully subject to necessary permissions. This map is intended to help metal detectorists by giving guidance on where council beaches are located. It does not give information about any other beaches which are not owned or controlled by the council, or other permits you might need.

To gain permission to use metal detecting equipment on other beaches, metal detectorists should approach the owner or occupier of that beach. The council cannot give permission for metal detecting on any other beaches, nor does the council keep records of who owns and occupies beaches on the Isle of Wight.

Note that no metal detecting is allowed at all on Isle of Wight Council land that is not a beach or foreshore.

Crown Estate permits

A Crown Estate metal detecting permit is not needed to go metal detecting on Council controlled foreshore, but may be elsewhere.

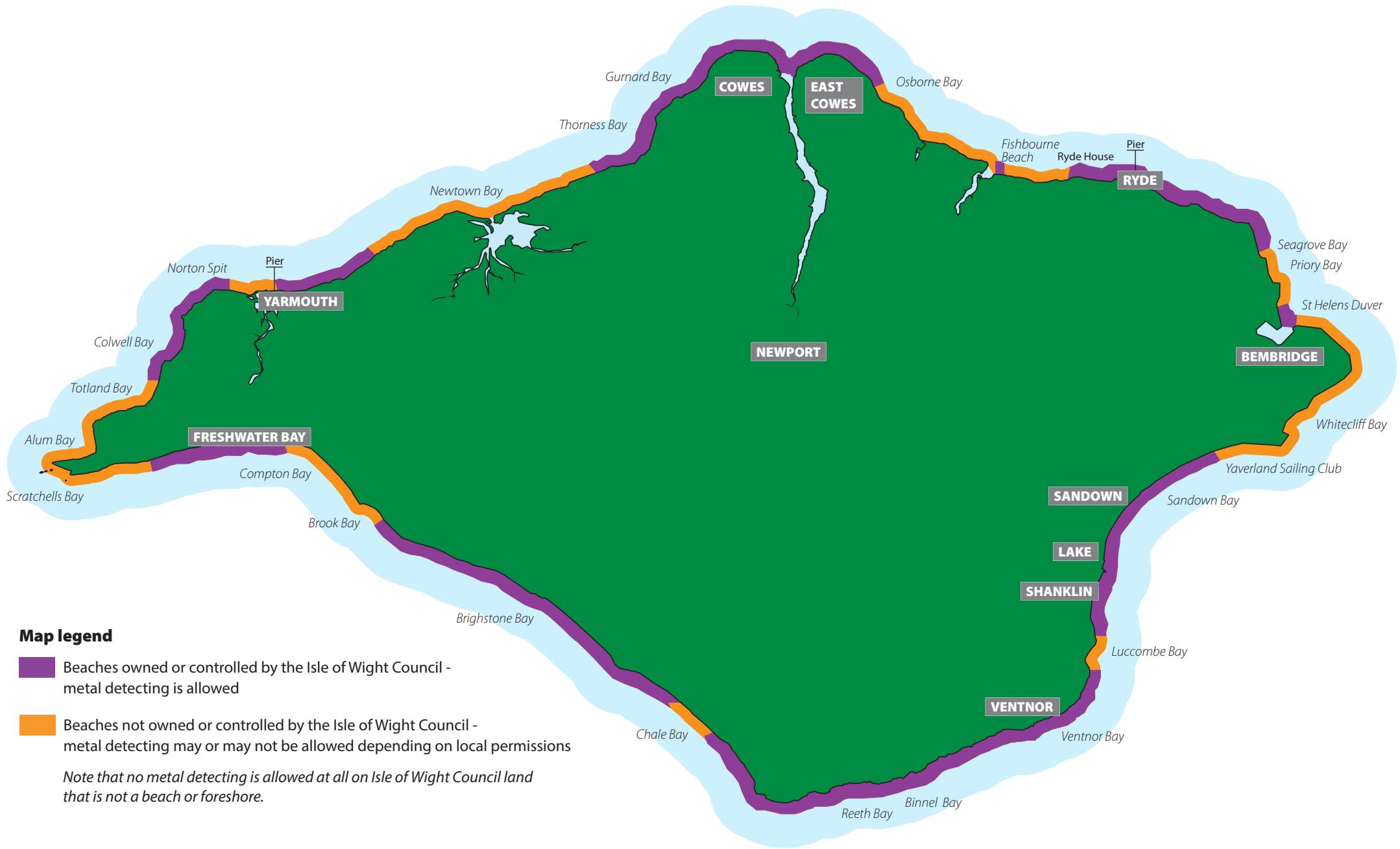
It is possible to obtain a permit from the Crown Estate to use a metal detector on Crown Estate beaches. However, a Crown Estate permit does not give a detectorist the right to use detecting equipment on Crown land which has been leased to a third party. In the case of beaches controlled by the Isle of Wight Council there is no need for such a permit. In the case of all other beaches you should check with the landowner or occupier.

Note

Many beaches owned and controlled by the council are also designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest, on which disturbance caused by metal detecting may not be normally permitted regardless of ownership. It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with the law on these legally protected sites.

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Map legend

- Beaches owned or controlled by the Isle of Wight Council - metal detecting is allowed
- Beaches not owned or controlled by the Isle of Wight Council - metal detecting may or may not be allowed depending on local permissions

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