

WELCOME TO GURNARD

Gurnard is a quaint, attractive beach with a mixture of shelving sand and shingle to the west of Cowes. It offers the ideal location for family bathing, as well as being a good spot for trying out water sports at the adjacent boat park, which include windsurfing, sailing and jet skiing. A distinctive promenade lined with beach huts sits alongside the beach, leading to a grass embankment which is ideal for picnics and family games. The nearby Watersedge Restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy the magnificent Solent sunset over dinner.



Gurnard is well served with a café and local public house supplying you with delightful food and plenty of refreshments

Since 1999 Gurnard is one of the Islands Award winning beaches but has also been successful in displaying its Water Quality award.

Like anywhere, Gurnard has its natural hazards so be sure to read the safety guidelines and have a good time.

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 Gurnard, 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 alternatively you can plan your journey by car or public transport using www.transportdirect.info and by entering your postcode and ours.

The no. 32 bus will drop you outside the Woodvale which is opposite the beach. This service is managed by the Community Bus Partnership which is a joint venture between Southern Vectis, Isle Of Wight Council, and the local parish and town councils where the buses run. The buses are all driven by volunteers.

By visiting our own website you can also find details of cycle hire, car rental and the best walks on the Island.

Car Parking and Arrival

On Street parking is available and is free of charge. Spaces can be found on the edge of the green which is adjacent to the beach as well as areas leading onto the Esplanade.

2 disabled parking bays are also available on a flat tarmaced surface which leads directly onto the Esplanade.

Areas Adjacent to the Beach

The award beach runs parallel with the Esplanade which also runs alongside of Gurnard Village Green.

Barriers are installed at each end of the Esplanade which prevents vehicles access but permits wheeled chair and push chairs users

Pedestrians and cyclists can both use the Esplanade.

Beach Access Points

Access is made via a concrete slipway and steps on to the beach. The depth of the Slipway is very shallow but the steps hold handrails to assist with descent.

On the Beach

The beach is made up of sand and shingle which is litter picked on a daily basis throughout the summer season.

Gurnard is popular for water sports therefore care must be taken when bathing.

A first aid supply point is available and is held at the Waters Edge Restaurant.

Public Toilets

Toilet facilities are available and is located above the beach adjacent to Gurnard Sailing Club.

The Toilet facility measures 28 square metres and consists of 6 cubicles, 1 urinal and a disabled facility.

Cleansing facilities include 5 hand basins and 3 electric hand driers.

The toilet block is on a slight incline but is easily accessible to all.

Food & Drink Outlets

Gurnard is served by the Waters Edge Restaurant which offers a wide range of hot and cold food as well as ice-creams of all flavours. Access to this premise is on a level surface apart from the door threshold.

The Woodvale is a public House and is located at the top of the Village Green. This establishment also offers hot and cold food as well as alcoholic beverages. Access can be made via a stroll over the green or else a walk around which would take no longer than 10 minutes.

Additional Information

The Award section of Gurnard 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

For full details of the Isle of Wights Dog control orders please follow the link to <http://www.iwight.com/dogorders/>

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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