Dogs are not permitted on these beaches between 1 May and 30 September.
This does not include registered assistance dogs

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INTRODUCTION

Many people enjoy walking their dogs on our beautiful Isle of Wight beaches but between 1 May and 30 September, dogs are not permitted on certain areas of our resort beaches.

During this time, you must comply with the council’s Dog Control Orders covering the regulation of dogs on our beaches and esplanades and the removal of canine faeces on beaches, esplanades and public parks and gardens. Failure to comply with the control orders is an offence and liable to a fine.


Please note that dog prohibited beaches include any slope or staircase leading to that beach. Notices of the dog exclusion area are also posted close to the beach itself. If you’re not sure whether your dog can spend time playing in the surf, please check car park entrances and access points to the beach for information boards before heading for the beach.

It’s worth bearing in mind that Blue Flag beaches are unlikely to allow dogs on beaches. If you’re a dog-owner, check out the gooddogguide.com, which will tell you just where your pet is welcome.

Please note that Isle of Wight Council Dog Control Orders also apply to public parks, recreation grounds and gardens. A full list is available on iwight.com or from Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces, Enterprise House, St Cross Business Park, Monks Brook, Newport PO30 5WB (Tel 01983 821000).

DOGS ON LEADS

Throughout the year, no person shall permit a dog to be on any road or adjacent pavement or verge unless the dog is held on a lead and is restrained from behaviour giving reasonable grounds for annoyance.

ASSISTANCE DOGS

Registered assistance dogs are permitted on beaches throughout the year, providing they are working and with their owner.

Assistance dogs include:

- **Guide dogs** assist people who are blind or are visually impaired.
- **Hearing Dogs** assist people who are deaf or are hearing impaired.
- **Support Dogs/dogs for the disabled** A support dog can be trained to do many other tasks, which their owner may find difficult or impossible

More information on assistance dogs can be found at www.assistancedogs.org.uk.

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Dog exclusion areas

**Colwell Bay**
The beach from the western edge of the slipway to Warden Point.

**Compton Bay**
This beach is managed by the National Trust—please contact them for up-to-date information about dogs. The website is www.nationaltrust.org.uk, or (01983) 741020.

**Cowes**
The beach from the public slipway at the bottom of Egypt Hill, eastwards to a point immediately north of the eastern edge of Princes Green, from the promenade walk.

**East Cowes**
From the slipway opposite the toilets on the esplanade up to the first set of steps past the toilets, between the groynes.

**Freshwater Bay**
The beach from the wooden slipway on the promenade to the steps in front of the Albion Hotel.

**Gurnard**
The beach from the eastern edge of the public slipway at the junction of Shore Road and the promenade walk eastwards to the edge of the groyne adjacent to the Princes Esplanade fountain.

**Ryde**
The beach immediately east of the Ryde Harbour boundary wall eastwards to Appley Tower.

**Sandown**
The beach southwards from the groyne opposite Fort Street and Sandham Grounds for approx 1634 metres (approx 1.01 miles), to the public conveniences adjacent to Lake slipway.

**Shanklin**
The beach from the Chine to the southern edge of the first groyne along the Sandown/Shanklin revetment adjacent to the existing café.

**Seaview and Springvale**
The beach from the flood gate directly at the bottom of Puckpool Hill at its junction with Springvale Road, eastwards to the flood gate opposite Oakhill Road next to the Duver Road tollgate.

**Totland**
The beach from the western edge of the pier to the edge of the esplanade in line with the restaurant.

**Ventnor**
The beach from the bandstand at the bottom of the Cascade to the western edge of the Spyglass Inn.

**Whitecliff Bay, Bembridge**
This is managed by the owners of Whitecliff Bay Holiday Park, who prohibit dogs at all times of the year.

**Yaverland**
The beach from the slipway at the far end of Yaverland car park to a point approx 225 metres to the western edge of the car park, adjacent to the steps and groyne past the café.