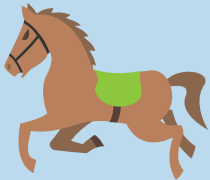


Beaches and our Byelaws

What is a Byelaw?

Byelaws are local laws that have been put in place to keep our residents, visitors and amazing coastline safe. There are a variety of Byelaws along the Thanet coast. Breaking these can result in you **facing prosecution**.

Horses on beaches



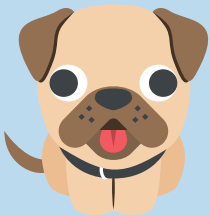
From 1 May to 30 September horses are not allowed on any beaches between 9am and 7pm. Outside of these dates, they are allowed at any time.

Cycling on the promenade



Whilst cycling is allowed on the promenade, seasonal restrictions are in place from 1 May to 30 September. Please make sure you follow the instructions on the signs.

Dogs on beaches



From 1 May to 30 September restrictions are in place. Check the bay information points for more details. Outside of these dates, dogs are allowed at any time.

Vehicles on the promenade and beaches



Vehicles are not allowed to drive or park on the promenades or beaches, unless permission is given by the council.

Launching jet skis and watercraft



To launch any watercraft along our coast you must be a member of the Water User Group, or of another club recognised by the council, and use designated launch sites.

Bonfires and barbecues



Bonfires are not allowed on any of our beaches or promenades. Barbecues are allowed on beaches after 6pm (apart from Joss Bay, where they are allowed but **must** be at the furthest sides of the beach only).

Preaching, lectures, music and entertainment



The use of the promenades or beaches to preach, lecture, perform music or entertainment is not allowed, unless permission is given by the council.

Ball games



Ball games are allowed in most areas along our promenades and beaches. However, where there are signs that say they're not please respect this.

Booths and tents



Overnight camping is not allowed on any of our promenades or beaches.

Further important details on the rules can be found at [thanet.gov.uk/beaches](https://www.thanet.gov.uk/beaches)