



DOGS ON SOUTHWOLD BEACH

Dogs are welcome on Southwold Beach off lead but there are areas of beach where dogs are not allowed during spring and summer.

The details are as follows:

Dogs are not allowed on parts of Southwold Beach between 1st April & 30th September (inclusive):

SOUTHWOLD BEACH Restrictions 1st April – 30th September.

From a point adjacent to the northernmost extremity of the promenade (at the northern end of the beach huts) to a point adjacent to the southernmost extremity of the promenade (Gun Hill Café).

During spring and summer, dogs are allowed off lead on the areas of the beach not covered by this restriction.

Dogs are allowed along the promenade on a lead at any time of the year

There are signs at points of entry to the beach marking the extent of these areas.

WHO ENFORCES THESE RULES?

We employ people to patrol the beaches and ensure that these rules are respected.

The maximum penalty for disregarding them is £1000. We may issue a "Fixed Penalty Notice" (£80) as an alternative to prosecution.

We will not enforce these rules against registered users of disability assistance and medical assistance dogs.

CONSULTATION

We would like to know what you think about these aspects of dog control. If you would like to make a suggestion or a comment, please write to us at the address at the foot of this leaflet

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or use the feedback form on our website at:
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Please Note:

These rules were reviewed in 2016/17 resulting in significant changes, summarised as follows:

1. Dogs are now allowed off-lead on all areas of the beach at times when no restriction is in force;
2. The area of Southwold Beach where dogs are restricted for part of the year has been extended further South;
3. The period for which dogs are restricted on Southwold Beach has been extended by 1 month, commencing at the beginning of April each year.

Dogs are allowed along the promenade on a lead at any time of year.

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Dogs on Southwold Beach

Did you know there are some beaches in the Waveney District where dogs are not allowed during certain months?

There are also areas of beach where dogs must be kept on a lead.

This leaflet explains the scope and extent of these restrictions in Southwold.

WANT TO TAKE YOUR DOG ON THE BEACH?

Dog owners have rights. The Council recognises that part of the pleasure of owning a dog comes from taking it for walks.

In a seaside area, this means walking your dog on the beach, sometimes without having to keep it on a lead.

WANT TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY ON THE BEACH?

Other beach users have rights too. For example, it is reasonable for beach users to expect to be able to enjoy the beach all year round unmolested by dogs.

These controls try to balance the rights of these groups of beach users so that they can both enjoy our beautiful beaches without affecting the enjoyment.