



**THE BEACHES**

From Seasalter in the west to Swalecliffe in the east, six miles of varied coast include several Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). All can be walked using the sea wall or beach and unless you see warning signs you can swim anywhere in the sea but always be aware of the strong currents.



**15. THE OLD NEPTUNE**

The site of a cottage on the beach since 1800 and later a beer-house before being swept away by the sea in 1897, when the whole town was flooded causing two million pounds damage at today's prices. Rebuilt from salvaged materials it survived the battering of the great storms of 1938 and 1953.



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**13. WHITSTABLE ALLEYS**

Twenty-five alleys are named – can you find them all? These historic passages link the town to the shoreline. The best known is **Squeeze Gut Alley**; a narrowing alley through which mischievous youths evaded a local portly policeman. Find Neptune Gap near the Old Neptune pub, Collars Alley, used by children to access Mr Collar's shop, who generously fed the children when the sea froze, and many more. Pick up the details from the Museum.

**REFRESHMENT & SHOPPING**

A host of restaurants, cafés, pubs and unique independent shops can be found in Oxford Street, High Street and Harbour Street. More are dotted along the sea front, on the Harbour and in Tankerton. A Farmers Market is usually held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of the month at the **Whitstable Umbrella Centre**.

**5. THE HARBOUR**



**12. THE SLOPES & THE STREET**



**THE SEA WALLS**

Whitstable would be underwater but for the sea walls built over the generations. The original coastline of 1340 explains the wiggly main road running through the town. **Middle Wall** was the first to be built in 1583. Later in 1779 it was linked with **Inset Wall** (now Harbour Street and Tower Parade), then with **Island Wall** in 1793. The first modern **Sea Wall** was built in 1952 but was breached in the floods of 1953. In subsequent years it has been substantially reinforced and our wide beach is also a defence formed from thousands of tons of imported shingle.

A printed guide "Walking the Walls" is available from the Museum.

**14. THE CRAB & WINKLE WAY**

Takes its name from the six-mile historic railway line which ran between Whitstable harbour and Canterbury North Lane. This walking and cycling trail is signed from Whitstable Harbour and generally follows the old railway line to the Winding Pond (the site of one of the old winding engines which pulled the trains uphill), through Blean Woods (one of the largest areas of ancient broadleaved woodland in southern Britain) and downhill to Canterbury.



**BUS ROUTES**

A regular circular bus service runs through the town linking Whitstable with Canterbury and Herne Bay

**URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE & MINOR INJURIES**

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- PEDESTRIAN WAY
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- DEFIBRILLATORS - 2
- TOILETS - 7
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