

BLACK ROCK SANDS BEACH GUIDE

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A glorious beach for all the family



Maritime and Country Park Service



Please abide by the following rules for a safe and enjoyable day at Black Rock Sands

Sea Activities:

- Launch your craft in the designated area and keep to the **4 KNOT** speed restriction within the launching area
- All craft must minimise their wake within **50 metres** of another craft
- Keep clear of all restricted areas and observe all byelaws - **your life and others may depend on it** (see plan)
- Navigate all power driven vessels safely and responsibly - **be considerate to others**
- International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, and the British Water-Ski Federation's regulations shall apply
- Always check local weather forecasts before going out to sea - ask one of the Beach Supervisors
- All powered craft must be registered with Gwynedd Council prior to launching and display the registration permits in a visible position on both sides of the craft
- A launching fee is payable before launching is permitted
- All powerboats towing water skiers or inflatable toys / dinghies shall be occupied by at least two competent persons - driver and observer
- Take care with inflatable beds and dinghies as tidal currents and offshore winds can quickly take you out to sea
- Maintain a safe and constant speed when in close proximity to marine animals. **Do not disturb wildlife.**

On the Beach:

- Park in designated areas and be mindful of the incoming tide.
- Keep within the **10 M.P.H.** speed limit on the beach.
Road Traffic Regulations are enforced on the beach - vehicles contravening the regulations will be prosecuted and excluded from the beach
- Do not venture onto the area known as 'North Bank' with your vehicle, as you will become trapped in the soft sand - **there is a charge for towing you free** before the tide submerges the vehicle
- Quad-bikes and motorcycles are **strictly prohibited** from the beach
- Vehicles must not drive on the sand dunes - **it is an offence** punishable with a fine of up to £20,000
- Be extremely vigilant and alert whilst manoeuvring your vehicle on the beach
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times, especially near the sea - please ask one of the Beach Supervisors for a child information wrist tag / band
- If you see someone in difficulty **dial 999** immediately and ask for the Coastguard, and contact the Beach Supervisor



- For the treatment of minor injuries you may request assistance from the Beach Supervisors
- Power Kites, Land Yachting and Beach 'Buggy' activities are strictly prohibited on the beach between **March and November**
- Beware of being trapped by the incoming tide
- Do not dig or burrow into sand dunes – they can collapse suddenly and unexpectedly
- Do not swim after eating or drinking alcohol or if you are feeling tired or unwell
- Take your litter home or dispose of it in one of the bins on the beach
- Do not take your dog into the dog exclusion zone or allow your dog to run free to foul the beach - it is an offence, punishable with a fine of up to £1000. Dog fouling bags are available from the Beach Supervisors. (Restrictions do not apply to guide dogs). Dogs must be kept on a lead if directed
- Do not intentionally harm wildlife and coastal habitats
- Do not behave in a manner that will affect the enjoyment or safety of others on the beach
- Please make sure that you leave the beach with your vehicle before the restriction barriers close at **8:00p.m.**

YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS OUTLINED IN THIS LEAFLET AND CONFORM TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE BEACH SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR OWN AND OTHER'S SAFETY.

BE SAFE

Safety at the beach is very important - be aware of the dangers and be safe.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

Porthmadog Harbourmaster:	01766 512927
Beach Officer:	07702 719023
Maritime Office:	01758 704066
Greenacres Holiday Park:	Phone: 01766 512781 • Fax: 01766 512084
National Trust:	01492 860123
Natural Resources Wales:	03000 653000
Porthmadog Tourist Information:	01766 512981

In an Emergency Call 999



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