

## Blakeney Point Access Statement

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### Introduction

- Blakeney Point is a shingle spit, approximately 4 miles long, situated on the north Norfolk Coast. It forms part of the Blakeney National Nature reserve and is famous for its colonies of terns in the summer and grey seal colony in the winter.
- Walking on the shingle is hard work and we recommend that if you wish to walk any distance along Blakeney Point, you will need a moderate level of fitness and suitable footwear.
- During high winds and/or periods of high tides, large waves can wash over the top of the shingle ridge. We advise people not to walk on Blakeney Point in rough weather.
- The Point is quite isolated, with limited access routes on and off it and no facilities available. Visitors need to carry with them all they need, including suitable clothing, water, food, sun cream, etc.
- Mobile reception is reasonable but The Point is difficult to access for most emergency service vehicles.
- Dog walking is permitted on Blakeney Point throughout the year but we ask that certain restrictions are observed at critical times, to help protect the wildlife. Assistance dog may be used in these areas but please bear in mind that any dog can cause disturbance to some of the more sensitive species on The Point. We therefore advise that assistance dogs should follow the same restrictions as other dogs, to help protect the wildlife.
  - There are dog restrictions in place on Blakeney Point from 1 April until 15 August each year. The beginning of the dog restriction zone is marked with signs across the width of the beach (please see map below).
  - Between the end of October and the end of January, the grey seals are pupping which means there are around 10,000 seals present on Blakeney Point. These can spread along the spit and even as far as Cley Beach. We ask that during this time you keep your dog on a short lead to protect the seals and your dog from injury. Seals can be very aggressive and have a nasty bite.
  - Outside of these times, we ask that dogs are kept under close control at all times, to avoid injury to wildlife that may be present on the beach.
- One of the best ways to see the wildlife of Blakeney Point is to take a boat trip from Morston Quay – please see our Morston Quay Access Statement for more details.

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Cley beach car park (owned and operated by Norfolk Wildlife Trust) is located at the eastern (mainland) end of Blakeney Point. Access is via Beach Road, from the A149 coast road (what3words location – [overnight.dumpling.salads](https://www.what3words.com/location/overnight.dumpling.salads). Grid ref. TG047452). The charging period is from 10am to 5pm every day, charging will be for a half day rate (3 hours) at £3 and a full day rate (6 hours) at £5. Free for Norfolk Wildlife Trust Members, chargeable for everyone else, including National Trust members.



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- From the car park, the only access is on foot. Blakeney Point is approximately 4 miles long.

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- There are no toilet facilities on Blakeney Point.
- Facilities can be found at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Visitors Centre at Cley.

## Visitor Information

- A small team of rangers patrol Blakeney Point throughout the year. If you have any questions or need help, they will be happy to assist.
- Volunteers help us with our conservation management of the terns and seals. They are very knowledgeable and happy to share information with visitors.

## Buildings

- The Lifeboat House is owned by the National Trust. It is currently closed to visitors due to Covid restrictions.

## Catering/Retail

- There are no catering/retail facilities provided on Blakeney Point.
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## Map

