

WARNING

We have already had the threat of a complete ban and if people do not adhere to these rules, then it is highly likely that horses will be permanently banned unless EVERYONE does their bit. Please do not spoil it for others by riding or behaving recklessly, the beach is for everyone to enjoy.

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR HORSE RIDERS VISITING FRINTON BEACH

Dear all,

We want to make sure your trip to the beach is a safe and memorable one for the right reasons, therefore, we have pulled together some rules and guidelines that make up the 'code of conduct for riding on Frinton beach'. Whether you are a seasoned visitor to the beach or this is your first time, please do adhere to these rules and make sure that you familiarise yourself with them BEFORE you visit. Yours and the wider public safety is paramount to ALL, so please do be mindful that the beach is for everyone.

Frinton beach is used by a variety of sports and leisure activities including Kite Surfers, dog walkers and families with young children and, it can be noisy and chaotic. Therefore, if you are unsure how your horse/pony will react to this environment please do ensure that you plan your visit when you know will be quiet with very few people, for example 6 am. In addition, if you see people in the sea or playing close to your line of riding ahead of you, please slow down to a walk and give them a wide berth where possible. Plus, if you see a dog off the lead running towards you and your horse is frightened, halt and alert the owner that your horse/doesn't like dogs.

Always be polite to other beach users and say good morning / good evening.

Things to consider before your journey;

- ***Have you checked the tide times?***
 - Frinton is very tidal, which means the tides do not always coincide with the times when riders are permitted to ride. Check the tide times out [here](#) (Walton-on-the- Naze is the tide nearest to Frinton). In addition, please do not turn up too early – tides are not all the same, some low tides go out further than others and this means that the sections of the beach are only accessible by jumping a breaker into the next section of the beach. By ensuring you arrive at the right time is essential to planning your visit. Note high tide means the beach will be covered, low tide means the beach will be exposed and therefore when it can be ridden on
- ***Have you checked the Group Facebook page for any alerts?***
 - Summer peak times for beachgoers are particularly busy and therefore should be avoided – alerts will be shared to [this](#) Facebook page (Frinton Beach Riders) and to local riding club groups – please ensure that you check these regularly before your visit – TDC may feel it necessary during such busy periods, to temporarily suspend access to the – this is to ensure everyone's safety and to minimise any risk
- ***Have you checked the times permitted to ride on the beach?***
 - From 1st May to 30th September the permitted ride times are - before 9 am and after 8 pm, and from 1st October to the 30th April, riding is permitted at any time but the tide must be out - please do not turn up more than 30 minutes before the permitted time
- Do not plan on coming the night before and camp out – this is absolutely not permitted, and anyone found to be doing so will be asked to leave and return at the appropriate and permitted time

Please read the following guidelines on where you can and cannot park, unloading your horse, accessing the boat ramp, accessing the beach, riding on the beach and liability insurance.

Adhering to these rules will ensure that you and others have a great experience of riding on Frinton beach.

Thank you - THE FRINTON RIDING REPS

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Where can I park?

- Access to Frinton beach is via the boat ramp at the golf club end of the Esplanade – to navigate your way here, access the railway crossing



- Follow the road ahead onto Connaught Avenue, approximately 350 yards on the right, turn into Fourth Avenue



- You can branch left down Fourth Avenue, or alternatively, you can continue straight and drive down Ashlyn's Road and turn left into any of Third or Second Avenues



- Continue to the bottom of any of the Avenues and the Boat Ramp can be found directly at the end of Third Avenue
- You can park in the marked parking bays along the front.
- If there is no parking at this end, then please find parking further up the Esplanade and ensure you ride down to the Boat Ramp via the Esplanade



Where should I not Park?

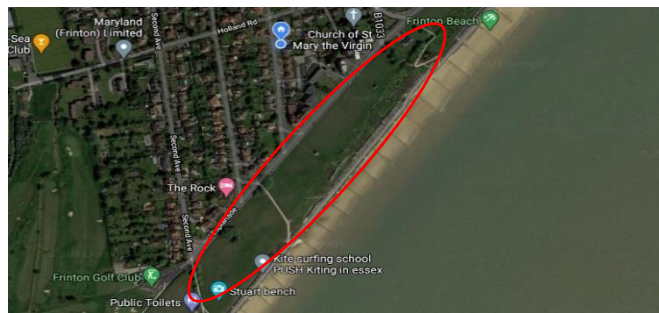
- Please do not park in emergency vehicle parking bays.
- Parking is also not permitted at the Leas, Audley Way and Central Avenue – these are unadopted (bumpy) **private roads** and are located at the opposite end to the golf club
- Parking is also not permitted in the golf club car park



Unloading

- When unloading your horses please be mindful to avoid walking on the Greensward (this is the stretch of grass that runs parallel with the Esplanade – an example of this is circled in the image on the right)

Note: that the Greensward continues all the way up alongside the Esplanade and is not just the area circled this is just for illustrative purposes only



Accessing the boat ramp

- Access to the beach is via the Boat Ramp at the end of Third Avenue which can be seen in the image to the right
- Please be considerate when riding down the Ramp – this is the access ramp for all visitors to the beach, so if your horse does mess on the ramp, please be courteous and clear up the mess – take a poo picker with you and leave it at the bottom of the boat ramp or on the entrance to the beach
- The ramp can be slippery, so please pay particular care when walking down it, especially where your horse is not familiar with the surroundings and they are faced with the sea in front of them



Accessing the beach

- Accessing the beach means walking across the promenade where you will see beach huts situated to the left and the right, again please be careful and considerate with others walking along when crossing this area
- Caution should be taken when walking down the boat ramp that directly leads onto the beach as this can be slippery, particularly where the tide covers it with green algae
- There is absolutely NO access to the beach across the Greensward from the bridle path that runs beside the golf club, and down the side of the Greensward by the public toilets – access to the beach is ONLY via the boat ramp at the end of 3rd Avenue – the Greensward is a conservation area and horses are NOT permitted on it under any circumstances

Riding on the beach

- Please observe the area around you to ensure that you are aware of the conditions and people that are present – this includes other riders
- Please be considerate and ride accordingly – do not GALLOP or jump the breakers when there are people and children picnicking or playing nearby – always keep a safe and sensible distance
- When riding by the waters edge, please be observant of anyone in the water or approaching the water, particularly where there are young children or elderly people present
- We appreciate that it may not always be possible to clear up your horse's mess on the beach please do try and clear it up or at least move it out of the way of the shore area as a courtesy to other beach goers
- Some other visitors to the beach may fear horses – so please consider this and how your actions can be daunting for them
- Water sports clubs also enjoy the Frinton beach and these include Kite Surfers, Jet Skiers and Fisherman. These can be daunting to horses when they have not seen them before – if they are spooking your horse, please stay a good distance away and remove yourself from any immediate danger or situation where your horse could become spooked by them – these individuals are very considerate of you, so please be considerate of them too
- Please **do not jump the high breakers** as these could be hiding hazards that you cannot otherwise see – children and families often sit by these for shelter from the wind
- Please **do not gallop or race** on the beach – this is dangerous and is not permitted under any circumstances

Returning to your transport

- When returning to your transport, please ensure to clear any mess that may have fallen on the road around your vehicle – please do NOT empty your boxes / trailers of old hay or horse mess on the road or path – clear it up and take it home with you

Liability Insurance

- It is strongly advised that you have the appropriate public liability insurance in place

Clearing up after your horse

- Although horse poo is not a danger to people, and is good for your roses, it is not pleasant when it is presented in places where the wider public walk; on the concrete boat ramp down from the Esplanade, the short section of the promenade where you access the ramp down to the beach and on the stoney ramp down on to the beach – riders **must** clear up after their horses in any of these spaces. Take a poo picker and leave it at the entrance to the beach, and collect it on the way back
- On the beach – where practically possible, please make every effort to remove or move your horses mess from the shoreline, especially when there are young children nearby
- On the road around your lorry/trailer; again as previously stated, this is a residential area and we all need to make an effort to tidy up after ourselves and leave things as we found them – please do not empty the contents of your boxes or haynet onto the road or the Greensward, instead please, do take it home with you and empty it on your muckheap