EXPLORE THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY WALKING AND CYCLING MAP **EXPLOREKENT.ORG**

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THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY

The Isle of Sheppey is a small island off the north Kent coast with a fascinating variety of landscapes and places to explore.

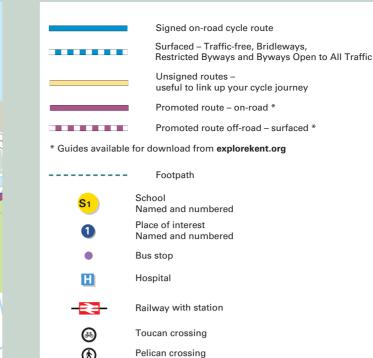
Sheerness-on-Sea, a busy market town and international port, is located to the north west of the island. To the south is the historic town of Queenborough with its excellent harbour. The villages of Minster, with a stretch of stunning coastline and abbey, and Eastchurch, with a memorial to the aviators who played a part in making the island the birthplace of British aviation, are to the centre of the island. To the east, there is Leysdown-on-Sea and Warden which includes a seaside resort and uninterrupted views along the coast of Kent.

The Island also features award-winning beaches at Sheerness, Minster Leas (Blue Flag, 2019) and Leysdown (Seaside Award, 2019) which attracts visitors each year to catch their fill of sun

The Isle of Sheppey is home to two National Nature Reserves of international importance, protecting a variety of flora and fauna. Wildlife enthusiasts at certain times of the year can see a population of marsh harriers, lapwing, redshanks and oyster catchers to name but a few. When visiting the reserves please abide by the Countryside Code and leave no trace of your visit. Dogs are not allowed in Elmley National Nature Reserve except for registered assistance dogs and dogs must be kept on a lead at all time in Swale National Nature Reserve.







Bike shop

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National Cycle Network route number

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THINGS TO DO

Barton's Point Coastal Park

2. Eastchurch Aviation Museum

Leysdown Beach

Minster Beach

11. Sheerness Beach

Elmley National Nature Reserve

Minster Gatehouse Museum

10. Rose Street Cottage of Curiosities

Queenborough Harbour

12. Sheppey Leisure Complex

Town Heritage Centre

13. Sheppey Little Theatre

15. The Ferry House Inn

16. The Sweet Hut

Queenborough Guildhall Museum

Raptor Viewing Platform at Capel Fleet

14. The Criterion Cinema and Music Hall & the Blue







SHEERNESS WAY CYCLE RIDE

This 6.3 mile circular route is flat, circular and family friendly, giving you the chance to experience all that Sheerness has to offer. Pause along the route to explore some of the local attractions, including Barton's Point Coastal Park, Sheerness Beach and the Blue Town Heritage Centre where you can discover the history of the island.

ISLE OF HARTY TRAIL

This 8 mile route is mainly traffic free and makes a perfect day out for anyone looking to explore this beautiful area. Enjoy a picturesque bike ride from the lively seaside resort of Leysdown-on-Sea to the peaceful Isle of Harty, stop for lunch at the Ferry House Inn and spot the birds on the Harty Marshes from the raptor viewing platform.

To find detailed guides for these cycle routes visit ExploreKent.org



GETTING AROUND

Access by rail can be made via two train stations at Queenborough and Sheerness, which are linked to the mainland at Sittingbourne on the Chatham Main Line and high speed rail services to London via St Pancras station. Bus services provide links and access to the wider island.

There is also good access for pedestrians to the local attractions and employers in the area through a network of footpaths and shared use routes. There are plans to improve the cycling and walking links in the coming years, which can only help to improve access to the stunning landscapes of the Isle of Sheppey.

Walking and cycling aren't just rewarding and fun ways to get around; leaving the car at home for some trips will save you money and reduce emissions. It also allows you to be active as part of your daily routine, helping you to stay fit and healthy.

Take a close look at the map and see how easy it is to walk or cycle from your home to the station, school, or town centre.



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