

Welcome to Hunstanton



Hunstanton

MINI GUIDE



Hunstanton provides an excellent base to explore the coast and countryside. For walkers the beautiful Norfolk Coast Path starts from Hunstanton. At nearby Holme-next-the-Sea you can also head inland through the heart of the idyllic West Norfolk countryside on the historic Peddars Way. Close by cyclists can challenge themselves by following the National Cycle Network Route 1. The special environment of West Norfolk provides some of the finest nature reserves in the country and Hunstanton provides the perfect touring base for outstanding opportunities for bird watching at both the RSPB reserves at Titchwell and Snettisham. Neighbouring Heacham with its pleasant village and extensive sandy beach is well worth visiting. Away from the coastline itself there are a host of great attractions to visit such as; Norfolk Lavender, Snettisham Park, Bircham Windmill and Royal Sandringham.

You can walk from one resort to the other, enjoying the views of the beach and sea, and taking in the exhilarating water sports action in this vast playground. The town also hosts a range of popular annual events including the Lifestyles Festival, Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts, Hunstanton Carnival, the Hunstanton Kite Festival and much more. Find out about all the events in Hunstanton from the friendly Tourist Information Centre at the top of The Green. Visitors to Hunstanton can enjoy some stunning gardens and excellent floral displays. Winner of a Silver Award in the RHS Britain in Bloom 2011, the resort also won a Silver Gilt Award and was overall winner in the Coastal Resort Category of Anglia in Bloom.

Popular with visitors since Victorian times, the classic resort of Hunstanton which was purposely built in 1846 by local landowner Henry Styleman Le Strange provides a cherished mix of Victorian charm, coupled with plenty of opportunities for fun, play and excitement. Hunstanton is proud of its far reaching appeal with thousands of day trippers and holidaymakers; young and old coming to enjoy what the resort has to offer, including the spectacular sunsets. There are two sides to Hunstanton; the main resort of Hunstanton is famed for its distinctive striped cliffs and fabulous beach which offers ideal conditions for playing on the sand, exploring rock pools and enjoying the sea. Only a mile further along the coast to Old Hunstanton, the quieter, more traditional face of the resort has more of a village feel with cottages built of Norfolk carstone.

Resort Services

At Hunstanton and nearby Heacham, the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk provides a range of services for the safety and welfare of visitors during the summer months including a beach patrol service on the south prom. The Beach Office next to the Oasis Leisure Centre operates a first aid and a lost child service. Times vary. Hunstanton beach has again been awarded the coveted Blue Flag status for 2012, due to the high standards of water quality, beach management and facilities. **Tel: 01485 534227**

Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre

The Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre is a multi-functional, all-year round site which boasts both wet and dry facilities, children's indoor play area and café with seafront seating. It makes the perfect location for an action-packed day out that the whole family can enjoy over and over again!

The Oasis indoor leisure pool provides tropically-warm waters, for your comfort and enjoyment as well as a 33 metre aqua slide, a warm relaxing spa, and a toddler pool.

Located within the Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre, the Fun Castle is Hunstanton's most exciting indoor children's adventure play area. Designed to ignite children's senses, to allow their imagination to run wild and provide hours of action-packed fun, the Fun Castle is suitable for children under 10 years old and under 142cm. **For further information please call 01485 534227**

Open daily throughout the year. For more information visit www.oasisleisurecentre.com **Tel: 01485 534227**

Coal Shed Gallery

The Coal Shed Gallery was part of the original railway site and is now an exciting art gallery space featuring rotating art exhibitions. Call into the TIC for details of forthcoming exhibitions or contact Oasis Leisure Centre on **01485 534227**

Watercraft Permits for Power Boat Ramp Users

All users must obtain a permit before they can launch. Permits can be applied for through the Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre, users must show data tag number (jet skis), name of boat (powered boats) and valid insurance. For powered boats and jet skis RYA Level 2 must be held by each driver and a SBDA certificate for British water ski members. **Tel: 01485 534227 for more details.**

Events

For details on events and entertainment that are happening in and around the resort of Hunstanton, visit Hunstanton TIC or our comprehensive online Events & What's On section www.visitwestnorfolk.com

Dog Owners

Between Good Friday and 31st October, dogs are not permitted on the beach from the power boat ramp, to the northern extremity of the promenade at any time. Dogs on the promenade must be kept on a lead at all times, and under the dog fouling legislation dog owners will also be required to remove dog faeces deposited by their dogs wherever they are in Hunstanton.

Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

Located in the historic Town Hall which dates back to 1896, the Tourist Information Centre is prominently situated at the top of The Green, in the heart of Hunstanton and overlooking the seafront. **Tel: 01485 532610 Email: info@visithunstanton.info**

The Centre is open 7 days a week throughout the year. Times vary according to season. Please call or check our website for exact times depending on when you want to visit.

TIC Services Available: Accommodation booking service for visitors to the TIC; information on places of interest, attractions and local events; town walks, heritage trail leaflets, souvenirs, Rover car park tickets, national guides and maps of the area.

Public Transport

For details of the CoastHopper bus service as well as other local and national bus information phone **Traveline: 0871 200 2233**. Alternatively call into the TIC for bus timetables. See map overleaf for bus station.

Market Days

All markets are held on the Southend Car Park, (on the Seafront), Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Stalls are open by 8am and close around 3pm. **Tel: 01553 616202**

Early Closing Day

Officially half day closing is Thursday, but most shops do stay open.

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1 Bowling Green
Enjoy a game of bowling with magnificent views of the beach. Twelve grass lanes are available to hire daily from 1st April. Bookings and equipment hire available at the crazy golf pavilion.

2 Putting & Crazy Golf
Brush up on your putting skills or try out the crazy golf course. Open daily 1st April to 30th September (weekends & school holidays only during October).

3 Boston Square Sensory Park
A beautiful landscape providing a small park for all which stimulates the senses of sight, smell, hearing and touch, designed with disabled users in mind.

4 Esplanade Gardens
This beautiful garden provides a blaze of colour in spring and summer which is an ideal spot to simply relax and breathe in the fresh sea air.

5 Day Chalets
A guaranteed haven from the summer crowds and a perfect base for a family day trip to the beach. Three chalets available from 1st April to 31st October. Tel: 01485 534227

6 The Green & The Band Stand
The heart beat of the resort with excellent views of the Wash and amazing sunsets. Live music performances often take place on the Bandstand during the summer months.

7 Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre
See overleaf.

8 Eco Ice Skating
The all-weather, environmentally friendly ice-skating rink for the whole family to enjoy. Located within the Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre the synthetic rink is suitable for all ages and abilities.

9 The Princess Theatre
Situated in the heart of the resort, The Princess Theatre has long traditions as a popular live entertainment venue. Tel: 01485 532252.

10 Tourist Information Centre
See back cover.

11 Sea Life Sanctuary
A spectacular indoor aquarium, otter and penguin sanctuaries plus a seal and fish hospital all combine to provide a great family attraction. Open daily from 10am.

12 Blackbeard's Adventure*
On the Southern Promenade, enjoy an 18-hole golf themed adventure course playing your way through a pirate and Aztec setting. Open daily throughout the summer season.

13 Fun Fair*
Along the South Promenade a mixture of rides and stalls are available for the family to enjoy, ranging from dodgems to carousels.

14 Sea Tours*
Five unique and exciting guided sea tours for all ages provides a fascinating and fun insight into discovering the coastal environment of the Wash. For tour times contact Tel: 0783 1321799.

15 Sea Front Traders
Along the promenade to the south beach, there are numerous stalls selling all the seaside favourites, including food, drinks, ice-creams and souvenirs.

16 Shopping & Markets
There are over 100 shops within the town centre ranging from the well known to the long established independent shops. Bargain hunters should not miss visiting the market. See back cover for details.

17 Seaside Amusements
There are various entertainment arcades, souvenirs and gift shops around the town, including Thomas's Leisure Centre and Pier Family Entertainment.

18 Searles Resort Golf & Country Club
Includes 27 holes of golf including a challenging 9 hole golf course and the championship length Heacham Manor. Also available are tennis courts, bowls green, fishing lakes and crazy golf.

19 Water Sports
The West Norfolk coast provides a vast playground to enjoy a variety of water sports, from sailing and jet skiing to the excitement of windsurfing, kite surfing and waterskiing. Hunstanton offers some of the best conditions in the country for these popular sports.

The local sailing and waterskiing clubs have regular racing and events throughout the year where you will see top event action including competitive rounds of The British Waterski Racing Championships. Learn to kitesurf or windsurf and for the less adventurous you can hire a sea kayak or a pedalo so you can sit and watch the action or even have a go!

For more information contact:

19a Hunstanton Sailing Club Tel: 01485 541031
www.hunstantonsc.co.uk

19b Hunstanton Ski Club Contact Mandy Rix (secretary) Tel: 07774 550728
www.hunstantonskiclub.co.uk

19c Hunstanton Water Sports Tel: 07763 118509
www.hunstantonwatersports.com

Alternatively call into the Tourist Information Centre (details on back cover).

20 Start of Norfolk Coast Path
From the end of North Promenade the National Trail follows 34 miles of beautiful coastal path flowing through the designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to Cromer.

21 Coasthopper Bus Stop
A great way to explore the Norfolk Coast is by using this popular bus service to travel along the coast between Hunstanton and Sheringham. It's ideal for leaving the car behind and discovering this beautiful coastline.

22 St Edmund's Chapel Remains
The chapel dates back to 1272 and celebrates the reputed visit by St Edmund in 855. An interpretation panel at the site explains more about the remains. Also see **33** below.

23 Lighthouse
Beacons or lantern lights have been warning shipping of dangerous sandbanks in the Wash for many hundreds of years and the first Lighthouse was built here in 1666. The current building dates back to 1844 and is now used as self-catering holiday accommodation.

24 Land Train
Runs from Searles Leisure Resort to Cliff Car Park with various drop off points including The Green. Contact TIC for more information.

25 Heritage Trails
The 3 trails allow you to discover Hunstanton's heritage, the thrilling coastline and the charming village of Old Hunstanton. Copies are priced at 50p and available from the TIC.

26 Striped Cliffs
Norfolk carstone and red and white chalk combine to produce the magnificent striped cliffs which rise above the sea to the north of the town.

27 Le Strange Old Barns
Situated in Old Hunstanton, a fine display of local watercolours, antiques and collectables, plus working pottery and visiting craft demonstrations.

28 Lifeboat Station
Follow the path to the beach from Old Hunstanton beyond the Le Strange Arms Hotel. The Lifeboat Station is open to visitors every Sunday between 9am and 12noon.

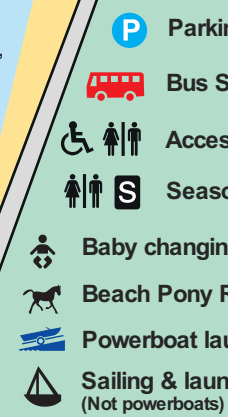
29 Old Hunstanton Beach
To the north of the main resort, Old Hunstanton beach offers vast expanses of sand and shallow sea.

30 Pitch & Putt
Open daily 1st April to 30th September (weekends & school holidays only during October). In the event of inclement weather please call 01485 535150 for more information

31 Coal Shed Gallery
See overleaf.

32 Horticultural Trail
Explore Hunstanton's gardens and open spaces with the West Norfolk in Bloom Hunstanton Horticultural Trail. This trail includes the well established gardens as well as lesser known corners where new gardens are taking root. Copies available from the TIC

33 Start of Hunstanton Wolf Trail
Explore the gardens and cliff top scenery to trace the story of St. Edmund and the legendary associations with the wolf. Free trail guide from Hunstanton TIC.



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