



Nethergong

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Welcome to Nethergong Camping

We have put together some information to help make your stay enjoyable.



Site Information



Dogs

Well behaved dogs are allowed by prior arrangement. Please keep dogs on a lead on Nethergong land, as not all children or campers love dogs. Please pick up your dog's poo and deposit in a general waste bin.

Water Safety

Nethergong is surrounded by a river and dykes. We also have two large ponds. These are not suitable for swimming in. Please make sure your children are water safe. The frog pond in the corner of the main field is never more than a few inches deep and suitable for pond dipping. Never leave young children unattended though.



The Rules

We have few rules as we are confident that our campers will treat each other, our staff and the land with respect. However there are three rules we insist on:-

1. We do not allow amplified music at any time. Please respect your neighbours' desire for peace! Large groups please be aware of noise levels late in the evening – other campers may be trying to get their children to sleep
2. Please look after our trees and our wildlife – no tearing branches off and no chasing the ducks
3. Please keep your dogs on leads at all times. We find that dogs running loose tend to poo unnoticed – not nice when children are running around

The Café, Shop and Pizza Oven

Our café serves great coffee and other drinks, pastries and bakery items. Opening hours are displayed on the door. Our camping shop stocks all the camping necessities such as marshmallows!

Our Italian wood-burning pizza oven is located next to the café and serves pre-ordered pizzas every Friday night (and Mondays too during school holidays.)

Facilities

- The main set of showers, toilets and washing up is located halfway up the site. We also have additional toilets at the back of the café. A second set of showers, toilets, washing and clothes washing facilities is located past the polytunnel next to the house. These are always quieter than the main shower block
- Drinking water taps are situated on the side of the shower block next to the house, at the back of the café opposite the ladies toilets and outside the main shower block. All water on site is suitable for drinking
- Recycling and non-recycling waste bins are by the main gate. Please do not put black sacks in the recycling bin
- If you have any food you want to keep chilled or frozen you can use the fridge/freezers in the washing-up areas. Fridges are regularly cleared of out of date food.
- Pre ordered logs and firepits will be delivered to your pitch before you arrive. If you need more logs they can be bought and collected from the shop, outside shop hours there are a few bags left in the log store between the shop and the pizza oven. Please sign the honesty sheet and pay the next morning
- There are charging points on the side of the pizza oven and outside the café

Nethergong Campfire Safety

Please read these safety tips

- Keep a bucket of water close to the campfire in case it gets out of hand and keep plenty of distance from your camping tents.
- Children love fires! Never let children add wood to the fire, as they will become too relaxed about it and next thing they want to put a forest on there.
- Never leave the campfire unattended. Very important campfire safety tip to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Douse the campfire completely before going to sleep by pouring water on the burnt embers.
- Build a campfire with kindling to get it started, there will be no need for fuels.
- Ensure no canisters, gas, hairspray or alcohol based products are close to the campfire to prevent explosions.
- If you intend to cook using the campfire, the safest way to cook is by using a cooking tripod.



Please do not tear or saw branches from our trees!

Most of the trees at Nethergong were planted in the mid-nineties by Jed's father and are nowhere near mature. We love our trees! Green wood does not burn anyway. You are welcome to pick up any kindling on the floor.

Boating

Our five rowing boats are rented to campers on Saturday mornings and other days in the school holidays. Please obey the boating rules for your safety. Lifejackets are provided for children, who must be accompanied by an adult.



Fishing

We offer recreational fishing in our lake, which is well stocked with Carp. Fishing is free for campers and can be carried out whenever the boats are not rented out. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.



Our Wildlife

You will see wildlife everywhere at Nethergong. Please respect all the wildlife you see at Nethergong and in particular take notice of the pond dipping for frogs rules displayed by the side of the frog pond.



Cycling

There are some good family cycle rides around the area. These include:

Reculver to Minnis Bay - CT6 6SS, a lovely flat cliff top ride with a beautiful beach at the end. 3.7 miles only.

Crab and Winkle Line - from Canterbury to Whitstable. Start at Canterbury West CT1 2AH and ride for 7 miles to Whitstable. You can ride back or hop on the train back to Canterbury.

Fowlmead Country Park - CT14 0BF, about a 25 minute drive to this flat country park. Only walkers and cyclists allowed. Bikes can be hired by the hour.

Walking

We have some fabulous walks in the area, including parts of the Saxon Shore Way and Wantsum Walks. Nethergong itself can be walked around in 20 minutes so not too taxing! Ask in the shop for an Ordnance Survey map of local footpaths etc



Pub Walks from Nethergong

Grove Ferry Pub 01227 860302/ Stodmarsh Nature Reserve (road route. 15/20 mins for adults)

- Turn left out of Nethergong
- Walk 50m up the hill. Go up steps (Public Footpath)
- Walk diagonally across the field (follow the trodden path)
- Find entrance to small track and go down the track
- Come out on the main road turn left
- Take 2nd turning on the right (across road)
- Walk down the hill (careful no path)
- Grove Ferry is at the bottom of the hill
- The pub is one your left and the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve is on your right

Grove Ferry Pub 01227 860302/ Stodmarsh Nature Reserve (Cross Country Route 30/35 mins)

- Go to the eastern end of Nethergong to the 5-bar gate
- Climb over the gate and follow the track for 100m until you see the Public Footpath Sign
- Turn right at the sign and walk across the field using the trodden track
- At the end of the field look for the steps leading up to a higher field. Climb the steps
- At the top of the steps turn right and continue along the edge of the field until you see another public footpath sign
- Turn left at the sign and walk across the field to the A28
- At the Main Road (A28) cross over carefully and pick up the Public Footpath sign on the other side of the road
- You should cross this field diagonally downhill and into the corner (sometimes the farmer doesn't leave an obvious footpath)
- You will walk down some steps and arrive at the Level Crossing
- Grove Ferry Pub is in front of you, the nature reserve on the right of the road

The Gate Inn at Marshside 01227 860498 (35 – 40 mins)

- Go to the eastern end of Nethergong to the 5-bar gate
- Climb over the gate and follow the track for c.200m
- Go over the concrete bridge on your left
- Follow the track until the end t-junction
- Turn right
- Follow the windy road through the marshes until you reach the end (about 1 mile)
- Turn right
- The Gate In is about 300m along the road

Local Beaches

The beaches in East Kent are renowned and all pass the water quality test. We have both sandy or shingle and every beach has its own character. Here are just a few of our favourites.

Sandy Beaches

Viking Bay Broadstairs - CT10 1EU

Broadstairs' main beach, bucket and spades, fish and chips, fresh-water pool with good crabbing at low tide. Morelli's for delicious ice cream.

Botany Bay Broadstairs - CT10 3LG

Beautiful big bay with interesting rock formations, good low tide crabbing.

Joss Bay Broadstairs - CT10 3PG

Popular horseshoe shape bay, surf shack, kids play area. Can get packed in high season.

Minnis Bay, Birchington - CT7 9QR

Long bay popular with dog walkers/cyclists on the cliff top. Loads of space at low tide. The Minnis Restaurant does a great Sunday Breakfast, free parking on the prom.

West Bay, Westgate - CT8 8QG

Popular beach with locals, loads of sandy space, good crabbing at low tide. Grassed area on cliff good for playing at high tide. Only one café. Great for watching sunsets and having a coffee.

St Mildred's Bay, Westgate - CT8 8AU

Another locals beach, slightly busier than West Bay. Two cafes (Millie's Café is a great sun trap.)

Shingle Beaches

Tankerton Slopes - CT5 2LQ

Great long prom and pastel coloured beach huts. Fish and Chips from Ossies or a snack at JoJos Café. Great for kite-flying.

Whitstable - CT5 1AB

More popular for the harbour, shellfish and shopping, packed at weekends. Still lovely place to sit on the beach and watch the tourists stroll on the boardwalk.

Herne Bay - CT6 6BA

Definitely ice cream, arcades and fish and chips atmosphere. Great kids playground on the prom and a helter skelter on the pier.

Other Things to Do

Stodmarsh Nature Reserve

This beautiful reserve is only 5 minutes walk from Nethergong. A 50 minute walk along the riverbank brings you to the Red Lion at Stodmarsh, past Polish ponies, marsh harriers and sometimes bitterns.

Howletts Zoo Park

For elephants, tigers, gorillas and much more, Howletts is only 10 minutes drive away. (CT4 5EH).

Wingham Wildlife Park and Wildwood

For smaller animals both Wingham Wildlife Park and Wildwood are only 10 minutes away. Wingham Wildlife Park - CT3 1BZ & Wildwood - CT6 7LF.

Dover Castle

Dover Castle and the ferry to France are only 35 minutes drive away. (CT16 1HJ).

Canoe Wild

Canoe Wild is a terrific experience for couples or families. Canoes can be hired by the hour and can take 2 adults and 2 children). Telephone 01227 469219 to book. They can pick you up from Nethergong.

Grove Ferry River Trips

Leaving from Grove Ferry Inn a river trip is a more leisurely way to view the Nature Reserve. Tel: 07985 273070.

Towns to Visit

Whitstable - for great boutique shops, shellfish and good restaurants.

Margate - for the Turner Contemporary Gallery and the retro shops in the Old Town.

Ramsgate - for the Marina and sea front café culture.

Canterbury - for the Cathedral, history and vibrant atmosphere.

Broadstairs - for the beach, the prom and ice cream!



Local Pubs

The Grove Ferry

Grove Road (0.8 miles)
Upstreet
Canterbury
CT3 4BP
01227 860302

The Gate Inn

Marshside (1.4 miles) Church Lane
Chislet
Canterbury
CT3 4EB 01227 860498

The Red Lion

The Street (4.1 miles)
Stodmarsh
CT3 4BA
01227 721339

The Duke William

The Street
Ickham
CT3 1QP
01227 721308

The Prince of Wales at Hoath

Maypole (2.3 miles)
Canterbury
CT3 4LN
01227 860338

The Rose Inn

The Green (4.2 miles)
Wickhambreaux
CT3 1RQ
01227 721763

The Fordwich Arms (restaurant)

King St Fordwich,
Canterbury
CT2 0DB
01227 710444

The Yew Tree Inn

32, Westbere Lane,
Westbere
Canterbury
CT2 0HH
01227 710501



Useful Numbers

Shops

The Post Office is located at the top of Nethergong Hill, turn right and walk on for about 250m. It also sells newspapers and groceries. A 10 minute walk.

Sainsburys Superstore (4.3 miles) CT6 6GZ 01227 360331

Asda 24 hr (5.1 miles) CT1 1DG 01227 479719

Cooperative Store (4.2 miles) CT2 0BD 01227 712610

All stores above have Cashpoints

Lidl's (4.5 miles) CT6 8NZ

Camping Supplies

W.M. Camping (6.3 miles) CT6 7LH 01227 712222

Halfords (7 miles) CT1 1YU 01227 477800

Transport

Longleys Taxis 01227 710777

Kev's Taxis (cheapest) 07887 668940

Buses - 8 & 8a to Canterbury and Thanet run every 15 minutes.

Bus stop is outside /opposite Upstreet Post Office.

Train - The nearest station is Sturry, main station is Canterbury West (Charing Cross or St Pancras) or Canterbury East (Victoria).

The fast train to St Pancras takes just under an hour to London and leaves hourly

Petrol Stations

Nearest petrol station is the Sainsburys Herne Bay one CT6 6GZ, about a 7 minute drive away. Others are on the A299 (before Whitstable-15 minutes) or on the A28 (just before Birchington-10 minutes).

Medical

A & E QEQM Hospital (10.7 miles) CT9 4AN 01843 225544

Minor Injury, urgent treatment centre – Estuary View,

Whitstable CT1 3NG / 08:00 – 20:00 7 days/week.

This is a walk in clinic but can be booked via 111

Emergency Dentist Dentaline (7.6 miles) 01227 284309

Kent & Canterbury Hospital CT1 3NG 01227 766877

01277 781818

Pharmacy

Delmergate (3.0 miles) CT6 7LY 01227 366042

Boots (4.2 miles) CT6 5EB 01227 374363



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**We hope you had a great time.
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