



The Swale

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# An Outdoors Break in... Isle of Sheppey

Kent's Treasure Island

This Country Break explores the **Isle of Sheppey**, one of England's few true islands, sited at the mouths of the Thames and the Medway and cut off from the rest of Kent by the tidal channel and estuary known as the Swale.

At just 36 square miles the island packs a lot in, from the miles of beaches (perfect for lazing on or getting wet from), its acres of low-lying marshes making it one of the best places in UK to see birds of prey, to its renowned fossil beds which provide regular prehistoric finds.

Scratch a little beneath the surface and you'll also discover more history and heritage per square mile than just about anywhere else in the country. Uncover the strong maritime tradition, stand on the same soil as Saxon Queens, Dutch Invaders and famous writers, and for the piece-de-résistance visit the site of the birthplace of UK aviation.

So forget what you think you know about Sheppey and come and take a fresh look, you're sure to find something surprising!



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# The Great Outdoors...

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With its big skies, rolling landscape and miles of beaches and marsh, Sheppey is a great choice for getting out and about in the great outdoors, and there are no shortage of ways to do so... fortunately we've done the hard work, so here are the very best!

These are just a few ideas so feel free to mix it up or swap them around, combine with any events that are on in the area (remember to check local websites and magazines) and in short make it an experience of your own. Do be sure to note those activities that need to be booked in advance.

Speaking of which, why not book a **Sheppey Greeter** to get things off to a good start? These are volunteers full of useful local knowledge and experience to help you get even more from your day.

## Getting There

The Isle of Sheppey is easily reached via the **Sheppey Crossing** (A249) from the M2 and the A2 at Sittingbourne.

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[www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk)

[www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk)

[www.ruralkent.org.uk/swailrail.htm](http://www.ruralkent.org.uk/swailrail.htm)



## Getting Started...

Start by getting out there with Sheppey's numerous winged residents and discover why this is such a renowned spot for all things avian!

Details on **Page 3.**



Elmley Marshes

# Getting twitchy

## Bird watching for the pro's

The Isle of Sheppey is one of the UK's best bird watching destinations. For those with more than a passing interest in birds, there is more than enough to keep you busy on a day's spotting.

Start your day at the **RSPB's Elmley Marshes Reserve**. This wetland wilderness has many species of breeding and migrating birds, meaning it's worth a trip at any time of year. In spring the waders, avocets, lapwings and redshanks are displaying for potential mates; in summer the resulting chicks can be seen ; autumn brings migrants on their way to Africa including little egrets; while winter sees thousands of ducks, geese and waders in residence.

The reserve is reached by a 2 mile drive across the flat Elmley Marshes, which in itself provides excellent bird-watching opportunities from your own mobile hide! There are five hides on the reserve itself, reached by two trails. One is a 6 mile round trip to the furthest hide, the other a 2 mile walk visiting two hides.

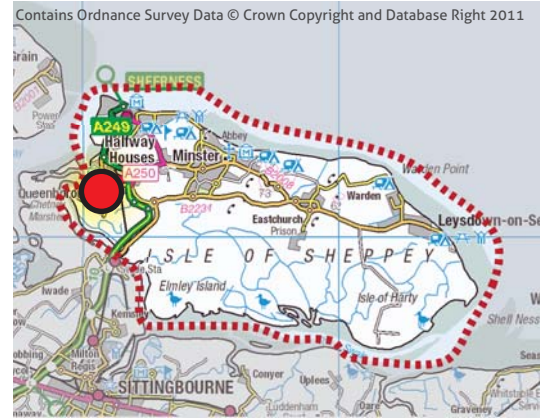
Once back at the car park, head down the Harty Ferry Road to the **Raptor Viewpoint at Capel Fleet**; stopping en route at **Brambledown Farm Shop** to pick up some local delicacies for a picnic (alternatively head to Sheerness to stock up on supplies).



At the viewpoint, which offers a 360° panorama across the marshland, make the most of your time looking out for the marsh and hen harriers, barn and short-eared owls, peregrine, rough-legged buzzard and more that are regularly spotted there.

Once you've finished spotting raptors, it's a short drive to Leysdown. It's a pleasant walk from **Muswell Manor** (handy for a drink or lunch at the weekends) to Shellness at the Eastern Boundary of the **Swale National Nature Reserve**. This coastal stroll is likely to reward birders with sightings of gulls, waders and estuary species. There are three hides (including a tower hide) at the reserve, and a 1 mile nature trail, although a full circular walk around the reserve is a good six miles!

End your day by comparing notes over a pint of ale, glass of wine and a good dinner at the **Shurland Hotel** in Eastchurch, or the **Rose & Crown** back in Leysdown.



## Getting There

**Elmley Marshes** is easily reached via the Sheppey Crossing (A249) from the M2 and the A2 at Sittingbourne.

Several bus routes cross the island with the nearest stop being **Queenborough**. See the map.

The nearest station is Swale Halt, just over the Kingsferry Bridge, but trains also stop at **Queenborough**.



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[www.muswellmanor.co.uk](http://www.muswellmanor.co.uk)

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Marsh Harrier © Boldings

## Extending your break...

Had enough of birds? Well don't worry; Sheppey has plenty of other natural experiences on offer.

Take a walk on the wild side starting on **Page 5**.



Keep your eyes peeled!

Walk

## on the wild side

Not just for the birds...

Sheppey is well known for its birds, but this island has lots of other wildlife on both land and sea. From seals to honeybees, keep your eyes peeled on this day out and see how many species you can spot.

Start your wild day at **Queenborough Harbour** where you may see porpoises playing if you take a short walk north along the footpath from the creek to Crundall's Wharf, you can also stop for a fortifying breakfast at **Castle Connections**.

From Queenborough, it's a short drive around the western point of the island to **Barton's Point Coastal Park**, which is a great spot for birds. The eagle eyed could spot hunting harriers, wading oyster catchers and many types of gulls. Try your luck at crabbing (the **Boat House Cafe** and shop sells the gear you'll need), or if fishing takes your fancy, head over towards Minster and the fishing Lake at **Stonnes Family Centre**. There are three lakes at the centre, including a small one for children.

The cafe at **Stonnes** makes a good stop for lunch before your next wildlife encounter, alternatively head east along Harty Ferry Road to the **Ferry House Inn**, from where; if you look out over the water to the mainland you may be lucky enough to see seals as you enjoy your lunch.



The Swale from the Ferry House Inn

Revitalised head a mile or so back across the Marsh to **Capel Fleet Raptor Viewpoint** 'perhaps the best bird of prey viewpoint in the UK' according to the RSPB. Begin your afternoon here and you may be rewarded with sightings of owls and harriers and other birds of prey hunting for mice and voles.

To sample produce from the day's smallest wildlife, visit **Flynn's Bee Farm** for a honey cream tea and a chance to sample the 8 blends they produce, on summer afternoons they often have an observation hive where you can see the bees at work.

Sunset on the **RSPB Reserve at Elmley Marshes** makes a relaxing way to complete your wild day out, possibly adding hares and some rare marsh birds to your spotter's list. As a little tip keep your eyes peeled as you enter the reserve, the fields and marshes here are clearly very popular with rabbits!

End your day back at Queenborough with dinner at **The Aviator** or the **Queen Phillipa Hotel**, with plenty of local Kentish Ales to sup at the end of your Sheppey safari.



#### Further Information

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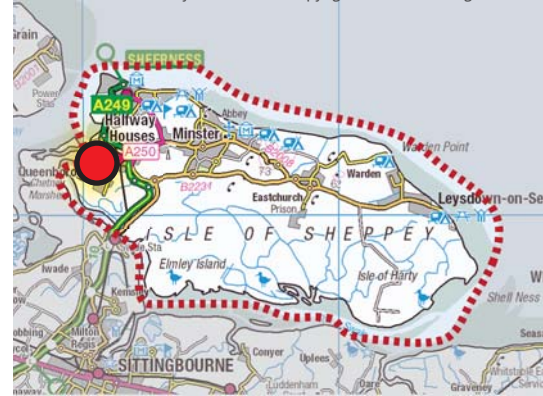
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#### Getting There

**Queenborough** is easily reached via the Sheppey Crossing (A249) from the M2 and the A2 at Sittingbourne.

Bus routes **360/362/363** cross the island calling at **Queenborough**. See the map.

**Queenborough** has its own station and trains run to Sheerness and destinations off the island via Sittingbourne.



#### Extending your break...

Get out in the fresh air and pursue some country sports!

Try your hand at huntin', shootin' n' fishin' over on **page 7**.



Tools of the trade © Mark Woodward

# Huntin' n' fishin'

## Country Pursuits all round...

It's not the wilds of Alaska, it's Kent! Just an hour and a half from London you can practice your shots on clay pigeons and fish in sea or fresh water all in one day. This makes a great group day out.

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience shooting, you can take your pick from the **Kingsferry Gun Club, Stonnes Family Centre** or **Marden Clay Targets** (at the **Ferry House Inn**), all of which offer clay pigeon shooting and tuition where needed (make sure to call ahead though).

Hungry hunters can stop for lunch at the **Central Pie Shop** in Sheerness High Street, or whet their appetites for an afternoon's fishing in Queenborough with fresh cockles from **Captain Crimps** by the creek.

There are a number of options for your afternoon's fishing. If you prefer freshwater fishing, try your hand at carp fishing at **Wallend Carp fishery** on the edge of the **Elmley nature reserve**. Wallend has been established for 15 years and offers day and night fishing for Common Carp & Mirror Carp, Rudd & Roach.

**Stonnes Family Centre** in Minster also offers Carp fishing as well as Bream on its 3 lakes with fish between 6 & 7lbs regularly caught. If you have the kids in tow Stonnes also has a dedicated children's lake.

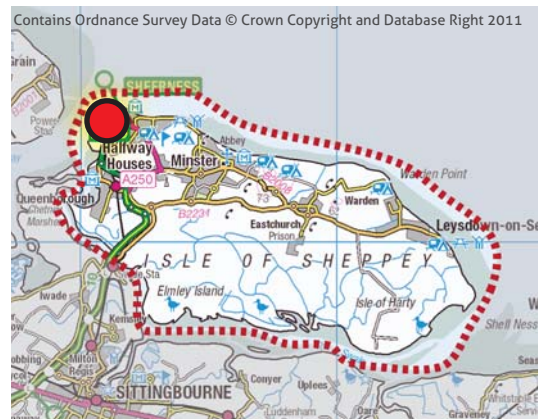


If it's sea fishing that takes your fancy (and you are on an island after all), **Barton's Point** is good for flat fish, bass and even cod or head over to **Eastchurch Gap** where Rays are regularly caught, although you'll need to negotiate some cliffs to reach the Gap so take care, especially at high tide.

You can stock up on bait and tackle and no doubt some useful local knowledge at **M & A** or **EML Angling** on Sheerness High St, **Island Bait and Tackle** on Halfway Rd in Minster, or the **Sea Angling Centre** on West St in Queenborough.

Nothing biting from the beach? For those looking for a little more adventure, you can also charter the **Morgan James** out of Queenborough for an afternoon or days sea fishing in the Swale or the Thames estuary.

How else to end your day but with a Fish and Chip supper? Take your pick of Fish n' Chip restaurants in Sheerness and tell tales about the one that got away (or head to **Barton's Point Coastal Park** and barbecue the one that didn't!)



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[www.mardenclaytargets.co.uk](http://www.mardenclaytargets.co.uk)

[www.countrysports.co/fishing.php](http://www.countrysports.co/fishing.php)

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[www.emlangling.co.uk](http://www.emlangling.co.uk)

[www.charterboats-uk.co.uk](http://www.charterboats-uk.co.uk)



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## Extending your break...

Sheppey is great for wildlife, but we don't just mean the warm and breathing kind!

Head to **page 9** to get prehistoric and discover some dinosaurs!





Warden Cliffs © Fred Clouter

# Comb

## for Dinosaurs!

### Fossiling where the Fossils are

The coast of Sheppey is known for its fossils. The beaches on the North of the island are excellent grounds for fossils that have been well preserved in the 'London Clay' cliffs that reveal ancient plants and animals as they erode.

You'll need some good wellies for what is likely to be a muddy day out. The eroding cliffs provide the opportunity to find in situ specimens, however it's generally more productive to explore the foreshore and the wave-washed tip of collapsed cliff sections. Check the tides before you leave as low tide tends to reveal the best finds and the water can come up close to the cliffs at the end of your walk.

There's free parking at the car park at the end of Imperial drive in Warden. Walking along the beach from Warden to Eastchurch Gap (2 miles), scouring the pebbles and mud (at low tide) as you go may reveal ancient wood, fruits and gastropods. Around 52 million years ago, Kent lay beneath a shallow warm sea, so marine fossils such as well-preserved shark's teeth or even fossils of crabs and lobsters are regularly found here.

For a fuller guide on what to find and how to find it, we recommend checking out [www.sheppeyfossils.com](http://www.sheppeyfossils.com) and [www.discoveringfossils.co.uk](http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk). Both sites offer invaluable advice and will help you tell the difference between a fantastic find and a rather ordinary rock!



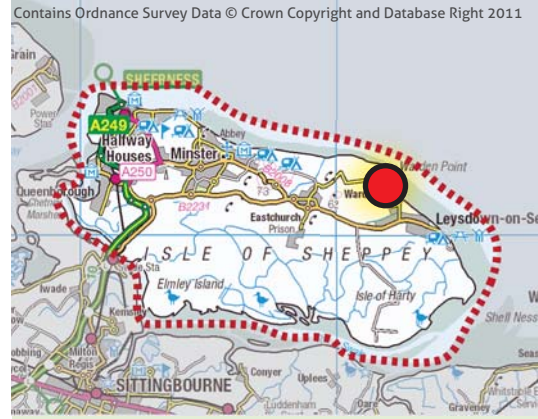
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When you feel you've exhausted the cliffs and beaches head for lunch at the **Wheatsheaf Pub** in Warden or the **Shurland Hotel** in Eastchurch.

Afterwards it's back to the fossils! A short stroll east from **Minster Leas** is another good but muddy spot to look out for teeth from very ancient sea-dwellers. From here at low tide you can walk the 2 mile stretch back to Eastchurch Gap, which will mean you have covered the whole of the island's most productive fossil grounds. Head back to Minster for afternoon tea at the **Little Oyster Cafe** back at your starting point on the Leas.

The perfect way to end your fossil hunting day is with a visit to the **Minster Abbey Gatehouse Museum**, which houses a great collection of local fossils. Compare your finds with their collection and perhaps identify some of the weird and wonderful ancient flora and fauna you have dug out of the mud! Wash off your wellies and head into Minster for dinner at the **White House** for Indian food or one of the many welcoming pubs, like **The Playa** or the **Harp's Inn**.



## Getting There

Imperial Drive is reached from the Leysdown Road, take Warden Bay Road and follow it to the car park.

Several bus routes cross the island between Minster and Leysdown, with buses on route **362** being your best bet. See the map.

The nearest train stations are a in the west of the island, handily also on route **362**.

Minster Leas looking towards Warden



Mucky business! Image © Roy Shepherd



Knowing what you are looking for! Image © Roy Shepherd

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[www.sheppeyfossils.com](http://www.sheppeyfossils.com)

[www.minstergatehousemuseum.info](http://www.minstergatehousemuseum.info)

[www.thewhitehouse-restaurant.com](http://www.thewhitehouse-restaurant.com)

[www.the-playa.com](http://www.the-playa.com)

## Extending your break...

Big skies, the desolate marshes, and dramatic seascapes, it's enough to make you want to pick up a brush or a camera!

**Page 11** tells you where to go.



# Big skies...

## Drawing, painting and photography

The Isle of Sheppey has famously provided inspiration for Turner and Hogarth with its big skies, dramatic seascapes and naval history. Today, its wildlife, variety of land and seascapes, wonderful light and historical artefacts are just as inspiring.

Start early to make the most of the light by heading onto the old **Kingsferry Bridge** for views over the Swale and to the newer Sheppey crossing. From the bridge it is 3 miles to the car park at **Elmley Marshes RSPB Nature Reserve**. A further mile or so walking will bring you into the nature reserve proper, with its hides providing good cover for those wishing to draw or photograph the abundant birds and other wildlife.

From the Marshes, take in some naval history at **Bluetown** on the edge of Sheerness. Bluetown gets its name from the houses dock workers painted with blue naval paint taken from the Yard. The old wooden houses are no longer there, but the giant anchors, ruins of the church and walls at the old Dockyard make an interesting subject. Learn more about the fascinating history of Blue Town, and Sheppey more generally, at the **Bluetown Heritage Centre**, who also has an exhibition of historic photos and antique cameras.

You can eat at the **Bluetown Heritage Centre's** tea room, or carry onto Minster, where **The Playa** pub offers views out to sea over lunch.

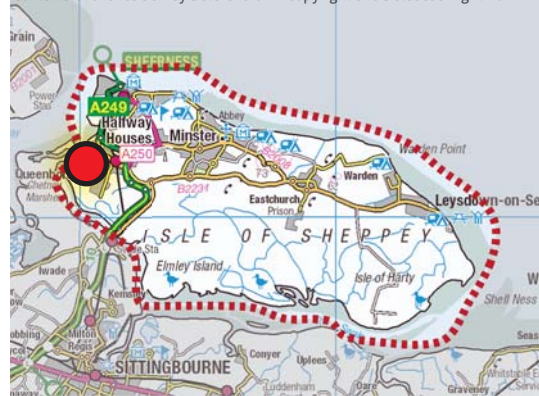


After lunch, head up to one of the island's highest points on the roof of **Minster Gatehouse Museum** for an excellent view of the island and beyond, which should provide inspiration for those interested in big landscapes. The gatehouse itself provides an interesting architectural subject as does the **Abbey Church** close by, (particularly look for the Greenman above the east door).

From here, head back to sea level down the Harty Ferry Road, through gentle farmland onto marshes and dramatic sightings of birds of prey from the **Raptor viewpoint at Capel Fleet**, a must for any wildlife photographer. Continuing down Harty Ferry Road, you'll reach the 11th century Norman **Church of St. Thomas the Apostle**, a remote and striking outpost on the estuary (and an atmospheric candle-lit interior).

End your day in Queenborough at the **Flying Dutchman** pub or at **Nic's Restaurant**, specialising in home-cooked local produce. Queenborough, according to locals, is where Turner found his sunset view for the 'Fighting Temeraire', one of his masterpieces. It is one of the few places in Kent to see the sunset over the water, making an excellent way to end a day of inspirational views.

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View from Minster Gatehouse Museum



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[www.hartychurch.org.uk](http://www.hartychurch.org.uk)

## Extending your break...

Sometime the wonder of the great outdoors is finding somewhere tranquil and secluded.

We'll show you the best spots on **page 13**.



Queenborough Sunset



All to yourself...

# Get on your bike...

...and away from it all

Fancy a quiet day out in a peaceful corner of undisturbed England? Bring your bike to Sheppey and escape the rat race.

Start your day in **Leysdown**, where you can get provisions for a picnic at the **Leysdown Bakery** before a gentle cycle ride of 1.5 miles along the coast to Warden Bay. The beach here is relatively quiet and a great place to settle down with a favourite book and spend a relaxing morning.

However if reading isn't your thing, you are only about half a mile from some of the best fossil beds in the country. Continue north along the beach to **Warden Point** and spend a few hours ambling over the beach at low tide looking for those elusive prehistoric sharks teeth, chances are you'll have the place to yourself so enjoy the silence!

For a panoramic alfresco lunch, rinse off those muddy hands, return to car park at Imperial drive and take the path uphill on the cliffs, there are plenty of good spots with a cracking sea view (just be careful near the edge these cliffs are eroding fast!)

After your picnic, get back in the saddle and cycle back through **Leysdown**, past **Muswell Manor** (where you can stop for a drink or lunch at the weekends) and onto the **Isle of Harty Cycle Route**. The route is mainly off-road, but flat and largely on concrete or tarmac, with some gravel.



Fossil beds at Warden © Fred Clouter

The route will take you through a tranquil landscape of farmland and marshes to **St Thomas the Apostle at Harty**, an 11th century church and the most remote in Kent. There are fantastic views across the Swale here and its likely even in summer you'll have the solitude to sit back and soak up the atmosphere.

From here a spur off the main route will take you to the **RSPB Raptor viewing point at Capel Fleet**. This spot is an age away from the bustling coastal stretch at Leysdown and is perfect to watch birds of prey swooping in silence over the marshes. You can also choose to park your bike at the **Swale National Nature Reserve** for wildlife spotting on foot.

End your day with a good dinner and views over the estuary to the mainland at the **Ferry House Inn**, before pedalling your way back to civilisation (although they do have rooms if you can't bear to leave the peace, quiet and solitude of the marshes behind just yet!).



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### Getting There

**Leysdown** is on the main B2231 Leysdown Road that crosses the Island.

Several bus routes cross the island to Leysdown, with **route 360/362** being your best bet. See the map.

The nearest train stations are at Queenborough and Sheerness, in the west of the island, handy also on **route 360/362**.



### Extending your break...

Looking for more cycling routes to test your legs on?

We'll make sure to check out our **active Itineraries!**

# More Information

## Listings & Details



### Attractions

Name	Telephone	Website	Address
RSPB Elmley Marshes Reserve	01795 665969	<a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/e/elmleymarshes/">http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/e/elmleymarshes/</a>	Kingshill Farm, Elmley, ME12 3RW
RSPB Capel Fleet Raptor Viewpoint	01795 665969	<a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/e/elmleymarshes/">http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/e/elmleymarshes/</a>	Harty Ferry Road, Harty, ME12 4BQ
Bluetown Heritage Centre	01795 662981	<a href="http://www.bluetownheritage-centre.com">http://www.bluetownheritage-centre.com</a>	69 High Street, Bluetown, Sheerness, ME12 1RW
Minster Abbey	01795 879200	<a href="http://www.minsterabbey.org.uk/3.html">http://www.minsterabbey.org.uk/3.html</a>	High Street, Minster, ME12 3QD
Minster Abbey Gatehouse Museum	01795 875111	<a href="http://www.minstergatehouse-museum.info/index.php">http://www.minstergatehouse-museum.info/index.php</a>	Union Road, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 2HW
Marden Clay Targets	01622 728760	<a href="http://www.mardenclaytargets.co.uk">http://www.mardenclaytargets.co.uk</a>	Harty Ferry Shoot, Harty, ME12 4BQ
Kingsferry Gun Club	07753 265401	<a href="http://www.kingsferrygunclub.co.uk">http://www.kingsferrygunclub.co.uk</a>	The Old Ferry Road, Elmley, ME12 3RN
Muswell Manor	01795 510245	<a href="http://www.muswellmanor.co.uk">http://www.muswellmanor.co.uk</a>	Shellness Road, Leysdown-on-sea ME12 4RJ
Church of St.Thomas the Apostle	01795 875146	<a href="http://www.hartychurch.org.uk/">http://www.hartychurch.org.uk/</a>	Harty Ferry Road, Harty, ME12 4BQ
Swale National Nature Reserve	0845 600 3078	<a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/designatedareas/nnr/1006143.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/designatedareas/nnr/1006143.aspx</a>	Shellness Road, Shellness, ME12 4RJ
Barton's Point Coastal Park	07909 994196	<a href="http://www.bartonspointcoastal-park.co.uk/">http://www.bartonspointcoastal-park.co.uk/</a>	Marine Parade, Sheerness, ME12 2BX

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Morgan James - Charter Boat	07879 074 894	<a href="http://www.charterboats-uk.co.uk/morganjames-isleof-sheppey/">http://www.charterboats-uk.co.uk/morganjames-isleof-sheppey/</a>	Queenborough Harbour, ME11 5EL
Wallend Carp Fishery	01795 880340	<a href="http://countrysports.co/">http://countrysports.co/</a>	Lower Road, Elmley, ME12 3RR
Flynn's Bee Farm	01795 874935	<a href="http://www.flynnsbeefarm.co.uk/">http://www.flynnsbeefarm.co.uk/</a>	Elmley Road, Brambledown, ME12 3SS
Stonnes Family Centre & Fishery	01795 580411	<a href="http://www.stonnesfamilycentre.co.uk/">http://www.stonnesfamilycentre.co.uk/</a>	Halfway Road, Sheerness, ME12 3AA
Queenborough Harbour	N/A	<a href="http://www.queenborough-harbour.co.uk/">http://www.queenborough-harbour.co.uk/</a>	Queenborough
Isle of Harty Trail	N/A	<a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast/cycling/cycle_routes/isle_of_harty_trail.aspx">http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast/cycling/cycle_routes/isle_of_harty_trail.aspx</a>	Start on Leysdown Promenade
Roy Shepherd Discovering Fossils	N/A	<a href="http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk/isle_of_sheppey_fossils.htm">http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk/isle_of_sheppey_fossils.htm</a>	N/A
Sheppey Fossils	N/A	<a href="http://www.sheppeyfossils.com/home.htm">http://www.sheppeyfossils.com/home.htm</a>	N/A

## Food & Drink

Name	Distance	Website	Start & End
The Ferry House Inn	01795 510214	<a href="http://www.theferryhouseinn.co.uk/">http://www.theferryhouseinn.co.uk/</a>	Harty Ferry Road, Harty, ME12 4BQ



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Central Pie Shop	01795 662455	N/A	56 High Street, Sheerness, ME12 1NL
Harp's Inn	01795 875959	N/A	Minster Road, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 3NR
Muswell Manor	01795 510245	<a href="http://www.muswellmanor.co.uk">http://www.muswellmanor.co.uk</a>	Shellness Road, Leysdown-on-sea ME12 4RJ
The Aviator	01795 666094	<a href="http://www.aviatorsheerness.co.uk/">http://www.aviatorsheerness.co.u k/</a>	Queenborough Corner, Queenborough, ME12 3DJ
Castle Connections	01795 661277	<a href="http://www.castleconnections.co.uk">www.castleconnections.co.uk</a>	Railway Terrace, Queenborough, ME11 5AY
Boat House Cafe at Barton's Point	07909 994196	<a href="http://www.bartonspointcoastal-park.co.uk/">http://www.bartonspointcoastal- park.co.uk/</a>	Marine Parade, Sheerness, ME12 2BX
Captain Crimps	01795 664209	N/A	South Street, Queenborough, ME11 5AA
The Queen Phillippa Hotel	01795 666924	N/A	High Street, Queenborough, ME11 5AQ
The Playa	01795 873059	<a href="http://www.the-playa.com">http://www.the-playa.com</a>	The Leas, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 2NL
The White House Restaurant	01795 877008	<a href="http://www.thewhitehouse-restaurant.com">http://www.thewhitehouse- restaurant.com</a>	The Broadway, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 2TE

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The Shurland Hotel	01795 881100	<a href="http://www.theshurlandhotel.co.uk">http://www.theshurlandhotel.co.uk</a>	79-81 High Street, Eastchurch, ME12 4EH
The Rose & Crown	01795 510523	N/A	Main Road, Leysdown-on-Sea, ME12 4RD
The Little Oyster Cafe	01795 860608	N/A	The Leas, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 2NJ
The Wheatsheaf Inn	01795 880318	N/A	Warden Road, Warden, ME12 4HA
The Flying Dutchman	01795 662884	N/A	19 High Street, Queenborough, ME11 5AA
Nic's Restaurant	01795 661146	<a href="http://www.easisites.co.uk/page.html?SiteID=nicrestaurant&amp;View=1">http://www.easisites.co.uk/page.html?SiteID=nicrestaurant&amp;View=1</a>	4 Railway Terrace, Queenborough, ME11 5AY

## Shopping

Name	Telephone	Website	Address
Brambledown Farm Shop	N/A	N/A	The Promenade, Leysdown, ME12 4QB
EML Angling	01795 669222	<a href="http://emlangling.co.uk/">http://emlangling.co.uk/</a>	198 High Street, Sheerness, ME12 1UQ
M&A Tackle	01795 581175	N/A	23 High Street, Sheerness, ME12 1NY
Island Bait & Tackle	01795 668506	N/A	68 Halfway road, Halfway, ME12 3AT

# Outdoors

Name	Telephone	Website	Address
Sea Angling Centre	01795 660594	N/A	West Street, Queenborough, ME115AD
Leysdown Bakery	01795 511119	N/A	20-22 Leysdown Road, Leysdown-on-Sea, ME12 4RE

## General Information

Name	Telephone	Website	Address
Sheppey Greeters	N/A	<a href="http://www.visitkent.co.uk/greeters/">http://www.visitkent.co.uk/greeters/</a>	N/A
Sheppey History Website	N/A	<a href="http://www.sheppeywebsite.co.uk">http://www.sheppeywebsite.co.uk</a>	N/A
Explore Kent	N/A	<a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast.aspx">http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/countryside_and_coast.aspx</a>	N/A
Visit Sheppey	N/A	<a href="http://www.visitsheppey.com">http://www.visitsheppey.com</a>	N/A
Visit Swale	N/A	<a href="http://www.visit.swale.gov.uk">http://www.visit.swale.gov.uk</a>	N/A
Visit Kent	N/A	<a href="http://www.visitkent.co.uk">http://www.visitkent.co.uk</a>	N/A

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