

What are the benefits for you and your dog?

Safety is the most important benefit to following the guidance in this pack but you might be surprised to know that your dog will also be more enriched and stimulated, you will have a more relaxing walk, and you should see more wildlife during your visit.

Benefits to wildlife

Many visitors to the coast say one of the reasons they visit is seeing wildlife. To increase your chances of seeing coastal wildlife there are a few simple things you can do such as sticking to designated paths. Read on for more detailed information.

Why visit the Dee Estuary with your dog?

The coast is a great place to get out and enjoy a walk. There is scientific research that demonstrates that seeing water on your walk has an even bigger positive effect on your mental health than seeing green spaces. On the coast you get both!

How can you keep your dog safe at the coast?

There are a few key things you need to know to keep your dog safe when walking in coastal areas and this pack will explain them in detail.

There are other resources out there to help you and your pawsome pal stay safe on the coast including The Marine and Coastal Wildlife Code and The Countryside Code produced by the Government.



It is now possible to walk the entire coast of the Dee Estuary via two separate path systems that meet in Chester.

Wales Coast Path | Llwybr Arfordir Cymru

The **Wales Coast Path | Llwybr Arfordir Cymru** is a path that runs around the entire coast of Wales. The section within the Dee Estuary is easily accessible and a great, dog friendly option when you stick to the well maintained paths.

Highlights along the **Wales Coast Path | Llwybr Arfordir Cymru** include:

1 Flint Castle

Great views of the mud flats and saltmarsh, especially in autumn and winter when the migratory waders flock here to feed and rest.

2 Greenfield Valley

Historic site with the visitors' centre and exhibits being dog friendly.

3 Talacre

Enjoy the Wales Coast Path and obvious routes through the sand dunes. Please keep your dog on a lead during the spring and summer months so as not to disturb ground nesting birds.

Another highlight just inland of the estuary is Wepre Park.

King Charles III England Coast Path

Highlights along the **King Charles III England Coast Path** include:

4 Neston Marshes

Please stay on the coast path and do not venture into the marsh as there are deep gulleys and it is not safe for walking. Marsh Harrier, along with many other bird species, nest here and are easily disturbed.

5 Parkgate

Stop here for refreshments and great views over the estuary into Wales.

6 Wirral Country Park and Wirral Way

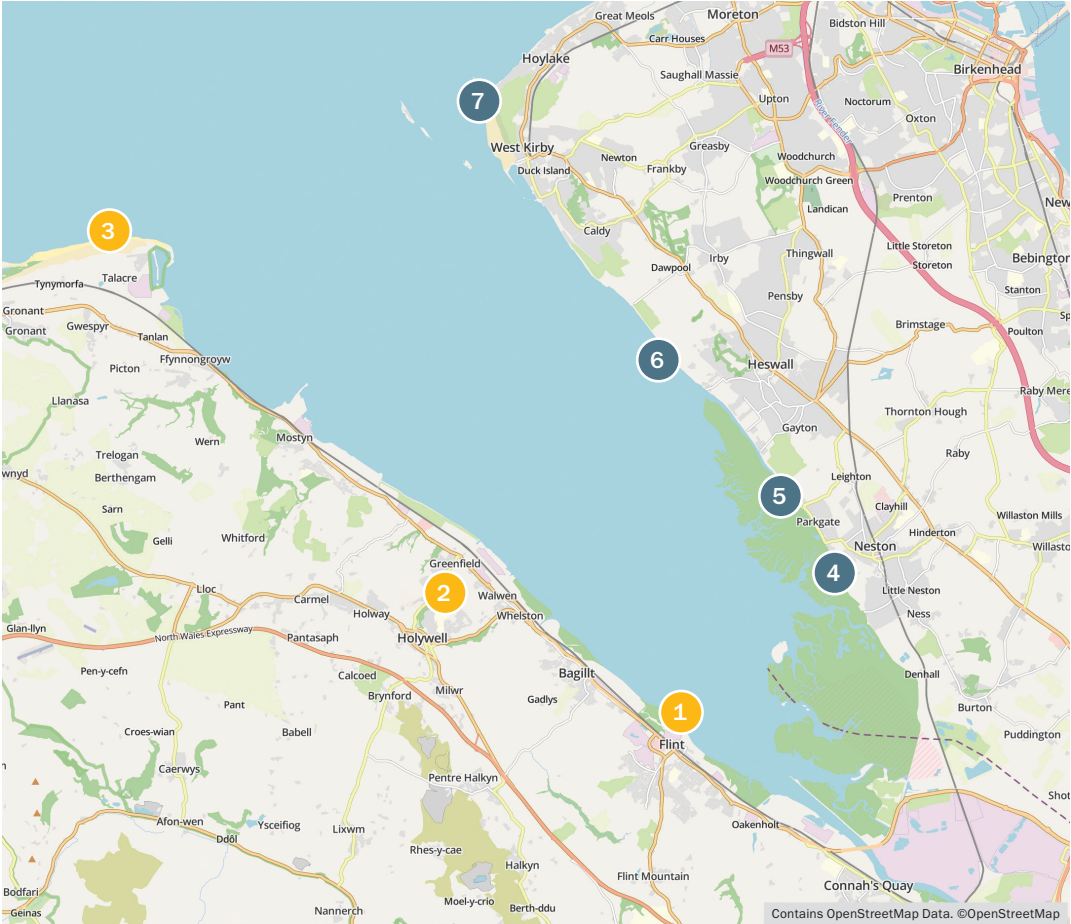
The Wirral Way is a 12 mile stretch of disused railway line that has been given a new life as a path for all including a bridleway for horse riders.

WIRRAL WAY:

We recommend you have your dog on a lead as this path is also used by walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders.

THURSTASTON BEACH:

A popular beach with walkers and horse riders.



7 Red Rocks Nature Reserve

This site is a unique coastal nature reserve with sand dune, saltmarsh and reedbed habitat. The fragile ecosystem of the habitat is easily damaged by dog poo which also attracts predators; these can predate on the breeding birds and rare reptiles that call the site home. Please stay on the established paths and clean up after your dog, this will enable this site to flourish and be here for everyone to enjoy for many years to come.

Please remember:



BAG IT, BIN IT!

Please clean up after your dog and use bins provided.



Always keep your dog under **CLOSE CONTROL** to avoid disturbing resident wildlife and other visitors.