

WELLS MARSHES

These images show Wells Marshes. This tidal warning also applies to Burnham Overy Staithe, Scolt Head and Stiffkey.



From 4 hours before high tide, the sea starts to flow into the main and deepest channels.



Within a few hours, large areas will be under water. Only the highest ground remains dry.

Tide times

Scan here for local tide times (Wells Bar)

or search
tidetimes.org.uk/wells-bar-tide-times



WELLS BEACH

The sea is a **very long** way out at low tide. The areas near to the sea do not completely drain and are shown with a black/yellow circle below and on the map overleaf). The red/yellow dot shows the change to the area where you might be walking.



If you're walking on the beach, when the tide is out, you could end up here - red/black dots, unaware of the water in the channel creeping in beside you.

If it is still possible, the **safest route is to retrace your steps** along the DRY sandbank, to rejoin the main part of the beach.

If the area is completely surrounded by water **call the Coastguard IMMEDIATELY on 999. Stay calm and DRY and wait for help.**

In both cases the channels are likely to be deep with fast flowing water.

As the tide comes in the whole area is rapidly engulfed by the sea.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CHY 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 006329F), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ

Easy safety tips



Check the weather and tide times. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you'll be back.



IN EMERGENCY
Call **999** or **112**
and ask for
the Coastguard



Always carry a means of calling for help and keep it within reach. A mobile phone in a waterproof pouch is ideal.

On the beach

In recent years, approximately 1 out of every 2 people rescued by Wells Lifeboat crew were beach visitors cut off by the tide.

To stay safe, make sure you return to dry sand/land **at least 4 hours before high tide**.



During the summer, a **warning siren** will sound on Wells beach: as a reminder to return immediately to dry sand/land.

The areas you are most likely to be cut off are highlighted in red.

If your dog goes into the water, don't go in after them. Move to a place where the dog can easily get out and call them. If your dog can't get out, call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard.

Risk of tidal cut off



4 hours before
high tide

