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# Bracklesham Bay Kitesurfing Information



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# Kitesurfing Information

## Background:

The Bracklesham Bay code of conduct for kitesurfers was formed to manage kitesurfing in the Bracklesham and East Wittering area. Kitesurfing is only recommended under the following conditions agreed with the Council. Ignoring the information contained in this leaflet jeopardises the use of this superb location for all kitesurfers.

**Note: This is the only location on Bracklesham Bay where kitesurfing is recommended**

## The Aim:

The aim is to ensure the continued, safe use of the beach for kitesurfing.

## Insurance:

3rd Party Liability Insurance (i.e BKSA) is a recommendation for kitesurfing here.

## Parking:

A car park is available at the end of Bracklesham Lane, a small fee is payable during the summer season, it is free during the winter period. Season tickets are available.

## Incident Reporting:

1. Do not hesitate to contact the emergency services if necessary. Dial 999 for the coastguard
2. A safety patrol is based at the foreshore office by the car park during summer months. Their telephone number is 01243 672133
3. For all lost kites and boards you must notify the Solent Coastguard on 023 92552100.

## Navigation (on the water) Guidelines:

1. Give way to other water users, swimmers and other watercraft.
2. The starboard tack rider (the kite is to your right and your right leg leading) has right of way over the port tack rider (kite to the left, left leg leading).
3. When passing, the upwind rider gives way to downwind rider by raising their kite high to allow the downwind rider to pass underneath. The downwind rider must lower their kite.
4. Maintain a downwind buffer zone when jumping and performing a transition.
5. Always look before starting any manoeuvre.
6. Riders coming in to the beach must give way to those leaving.
7. When wave riding, 1<sup>st</sup> rider on the swell line has priority. If 2 begin riding a swell simultaneously, the rider closest to the break (usually upwind) has priority on the wave.

**Tides:** All kitesurfers should be aware of the tidal state throughout their session.

**Wind:** Do not kitesurf in Offshore Winds (NW-N-NE-SE)

## Beach Guidelines:

1. To kitesurf at this location it is recommended that you have **Public Liability Insurance**.
2. Avoid kitesurfing two hours either side of high tide (at high tide there is very little space on the beach and the risk to other beach users and yourself is increased considerably).
3. No launching/setup near the car park area.
4. Rigging/launching of kites should be done at least 4 groynes to the East of the Bracklesham Carpark, however it is recommended to walk down past the last house on the beach to rig, launch and land. Once launched, proceed to the kitesurf area. (See Map below).
5. Assist other kitesurfers when launching and landing their kites.
6. Do not launch or land your kite when a member of the public is walking down wind of you. Wait until they have passed.
7. The beach is not to be used to practice flying kitesurfing kites, this should only be done only while standing in the water at low tide, except during onshore winds.
8. Please be courteous to homeowners by not kite flying on the top of the shingle banks or near houses
9. When your kites are not in use for any length of time they should be fully disabled and placed at the foot of the shingle bank, no more than two deep, with the kite lines wound up on the bar, (lines must not be left out across the path of other beach users).
10. All kites should have an effective kite safety system.
11. You must know the **Navigation Guidelines** before entering the water.
12. If kitesurfing outside of the kitesurf area, i.e along the shoreline, stay 500m or more out to sea.

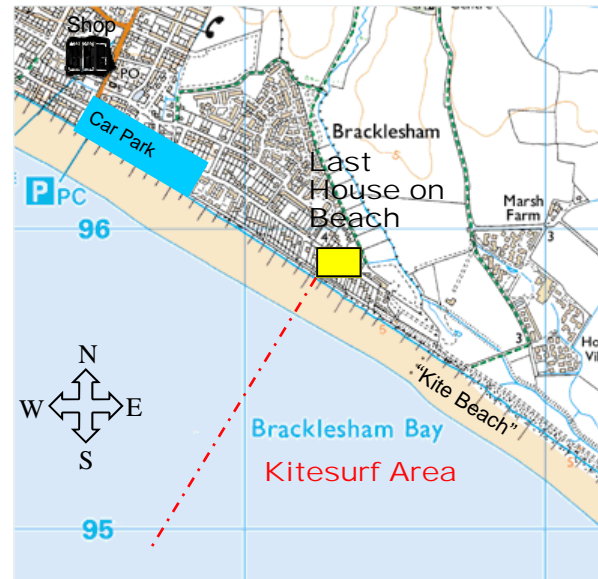


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