

Outstanding beaches

...Torbay has some of the cleanest bathing waters in the country, scooping 14 awards last year, with 14 of our beaches also achieving 'Recommended' status by the Marine Conservation Society in their Good Beach Guide.

Aptly named The English Riviera, the Bay has 22 miles of unspoilt coastline, with stunning and breathtaking views. There are over 20 beaches to choose from ranging from long, sandy stretches to secluded rocky coves.



So, if you are looking to laze on a sunny day, take a leisurely walk, build sandcastles and paddle, or go rock pooling, you are sure to find a beach to suit.

Safety

We also have some of the safest beaches in the country, however, you must take heed when warning signals are in place.

An orange windsock flying at the beach indicates that the wind conditions are especially dangerous. Do not take inflatables in the sea when you see this windsock

The red flag flying warns of dangerous water conditions. Never go in the water when the red flag is flying.

...and finally, always remember your suncream before you head off to the beach to have some fun!



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Beach	Accessibility	Beach Wheel-chair available	Car Park	WC	Disabled Toilet	Dogs	Food outlet	Beach Staff/ First Aiders	Beach Hut Hire	Deck Chair Hire	Beach Type
1 Maidencombe	Difficult		D	S		Y	✓				Sand/Rock
2 Watcombe	Difficult		D	S		Y	✓				Sand/Rock
3 Oddicombe	Limited		D	S	S	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sand/Shingle/Rock
4 Babbacombe	Limited		C	S		Y	✓				Sand/Shingle
5 Ansteys Cove	Difficult		D	S		Y	✓				Shingle/Rock
6 Meadfoot Beach	Limited		M	S	S	N/Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rock/Sand/Shingle
7 Beacon Cove	Limited		M			Y					Shingle/Rock
8 Abbey Sands	Good		D	Y	Y	N	✓	✓		✓	Sand/Rock
9 Corbyn Sands	Limited		D	S	S	N	✓		✓	✓	Sand/Shingle/Rock
10 Livermead Beach	Difficult		D			Y					Sand/Shingle/Rock
11 Institute Beach	Difficult		D			Y					Sand/Shingle/Rock
12 Hollicombe	Limited		M			N					Sand/Rock
13 Preston Sands	Good	✓	C	Y	Y	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sand/Rock
14 Paignton Sands	Good	✓	D	Y	Y	N	✓	✓		✓	Sand
15 Fairy Cove	Difficult		M			Y					Sand/Shingle/Rock
16 Goodrington Nth	Good		C	S		Y	✓			✓	Sand
17 Goodrington Sth	Good	✓	M	Y	Y	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sand/Rock
18 Oyster Cove	Difficult		D			Y					Sand/Shingle
19 Saltern Cove	Difficult		D			Y					Sand/Shingle
20 Broadsands	Good	✓	C	Y	Y	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sand/Rock
21 Elberry Cove	Difficult		D			Y					Shingle/Rock
22 Churston Cove	Difficult		D			Y					Shingle/Rock
23 Fishcombe	Difficult		D	S		Y	✓				Shingle/Rock
24 Breakwater Beach	Good		C	Y	Y	N	✓	✓		✓	Shingle/Rock
25 Shoalstone Pool	Limited		M	S	S	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
26 St. Marys Bay	Difficult		D			Y					Sand/Shingle/Rock
27 Shoalstone Beach	Limited		M			Y					Rock/Shingle

The Good Beach Guide

The Marine Conservation Society's 'Good Beach Guide' recommends fourteen beaches within the bay. They are:

Maidencombe; Watcombe; Oddicombe; Babbacombe; Ansteys's Cove; Meadfoot; Beacon Cove; Abbey Sands; Hollicombe; Preston Sands; Goodrington; Broadsands; Breakwater Beach and St. Mary's Bay.



Breakwater Beach



Maidencombe

























Broadsands Beach

Key:








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| <p>Car Parking:
 D - Parking some distance away
 M - Moderate distance, some walking
 C - Close to beach with easy walking</p> | <p>Toilets:
 S - Seasonal (April to Oct)
 Y - All year round
 Dogs:
 Y - Year round access for dogs
 N - Dog ban from 1May to Sept 30</p> |
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Guide to awards and watersports on Torbay Beaches...

- 1 Maidencombe Beach - SA,GBG
- 2 Watcombe Beach - GBG
- 3 Oddicombe Beach - SA, GBG    
- 4 Babbacombe Beach - GBG  
- 5 Ansteys Cove - SA,GBG 
- 6 Meadfoot Beach - SA,GBG  
- 7 Beacon Cove - GBG
- 8 Abbey Sands - SA, GBG 
- 9 Corbyn Sands
- 10 Livermead Beach 
- 11 Institute Beach
- 12 Hollicombe - GBG
- 13 Preston Sands - SA,GBG
- 14 Paignton Sands - SA   
- 15 Fairy Cove
- 16 Goodrington Sands North
- 17 Goodrington Sands South* - SA, GBG  
- 18 Oyster Cove
- 19 Saltern Cove
- 20 Broadsands - SA,GBG   
- 21 Elberry Cove 
- 22 Churston Cove
- 23 Fishcombe Beach
- 24 Breakwater Beach - SA,GBG  
- 25 Shoalstone Beach
- 26 Shoalstone Pool
- 27 St Marys Bay - GBG

Key:

-  = Blue Flag
- SA = Seaside Award
- GBG = Good Beach Guide recommended
- * = Water Ring Ride & Water park
-  = Water skiing lane
-  = Small Boat hire
-  = Diver
-  = Kayak
-  = Pedalo
-  = Windsurfer