



# Nethergong

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# Welcome

Welcome to Nethergong Camping whether this is your first time camping with us or if you are a regular visitor. We have put together some information to help make your stay enjoyable.



## Site Information



### Dogs

Well behaved dogs are allowed by prior arrangement only. Please keep dogs on a lead on Nethergong land as not all children or campers love dogs.

### Water Safety

Nethergong is surrounded by a river and dykes. We also have two large ponds. These are not suitable for swimming in. Please make sure your children are water safe. The frog pond in the corner of the main field is never more than a few inches deep and suitable for pond dipping. Never leave young children unattended though.



### Campfires

We allow campfires using one of our portable fire pits which are £5 to hire. We can sell you logs and kindling. Logs will be brought round every afternoon and you can either order them earlier in the day at the Shop or buy them when we deliver them to you. If you have ordered and find you have run out in the evening, a small stock of logs will be left outside the polytunnel. You can pay for them in the morning.

Please be very careful with your campfires and read our fire safety guidance overleaf. In particular, make sure they are fully tamped out before you go to sleep, and don't leave them unattended.

### The Gong Café, Shop and Pizza Oven

Following feedback from our campers we have built our café 'The Gong' serving breakfasts, snacks, cakes and beverages. The Gong will be open at weekends from 8.30am to 6pm on Fridays and Saturdays and from 8.30am to 1pm on Sundays. Other opening hours will be displayed on the door.

The camping shop is now located in The Gong and stocks all the camping necessities such as marshmallows!

Our Italian Wood-Burning Pizza Oven is located next to The Gong and will serve pre-ordered pizzas every Friday night.

## Facilities

- We have showers, toilets, washing and clothes washing facilities in the stable and lean-to by reception. A second set of showers, toilets and washing up is located halfway up the site. We also have additional ladies toilets at the back of the café.
- Drinking water taps are situated to the side of the left-hand stable, over the bridge to the field and outside the Tractor Shed.
- Recycling and non-recycling waste bins are by the main gate.
- If you have any food you want to keep chilled or frozen you can use the fridge/freezers in the washing-up areas.

## Nethergong Campfire Safety

### Please read these safety tips

- Keep a bucket of water close to the campfire in case it gets out of hand and keep plenty of distance from your camping tents. It only takes a small floating ember to ruin your tent.
- Children love fires; they are intrigued by them. Never let children add wood to the fire, as they will become too relaxed about it and next thing they want to put a forest on there.
- Never leave the campfire unattended. Very important campfire safety tip to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Douse the campfire completely before going to sleep by pouring water and soil on the burnt embers.
- Build a campfire with kindling to get it started, there will be no need for fuels. Firelighters are ok but still not required if your wood is dry.
- Ensure no canisters, gas, hairspray or alcohol based products are close to the campfire to prevent explosions (apart from your bottle of beer of course).
- If you intend cooking using the campfire, the safest way to cook is by using a cooking tripod.



### **Please do not tear or saw branches from our trees!**

Most of the trees at Nethergong were planted in the mid-nineties by Jed's father and are nowhere near mature. We love our trees!

Green wood does not burn anyway. You are welcome to pick up any kindling on the floor.  
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## Walking around Nethergong

You are welcome to walk around anywhere at Nethergong (see map for our boundary) to look at the wildlife. Please picnic anywhere you wish but please bring your rubbish back and respect our wildlife.



## Fishing

We offer recreational fishing in our lake, which is stocked with Carp. Our charges are £10 for a weekend fishing or £5 for a day pass. Children under 15 are free but must be accompanied by an adult.



## Veg Boxes

If you would like to take one of our veg boxes home with you, let Lewis know as soon as possible. We can usually make one or two extra boxes up. Fresh local fruit and vegetables in season will always be on sale in the shop or on our fruit stall.

## Our Wildlife

You will see wildlife everywhere at Nethergong. There is a place for all wildlife. Please respect all the wildlife you see at Nethergong and in particular take notice of the pond dipping for frogs rules displayed by the side of the frog pond.



## Cycling

There are some good family cycle rides around the area. These include:

**Reculver to Minnis Bay** - CT6 6SS, a lovely flat cliff top ride with a beautiful beach at the end. 3.7 miles only.

**Crab and Winkle Line** - from Canterbury to Whitstable. Start at Canterbury West CT1 2AH and ride for 7 miles to Whitstable. You can ride back or hop on train back to Canterbury.

**Fowlmead Country Park** - CT14 0BF, about a 25 minute drive to this flat country park. Only walkers and cyclists allowed. Bikes can be hired by the hour.

## Walking

We have some fabulous walks in the area, including parts of the Saxon Shore Way and Wantsum Walks. Nethergong itself can be walked around in 20 minutes so not too taxing! Ask Christine for an Ordnance Survey map of local footpaths etc.



# Pub Walks from Nethergong

## Grove Ferry Pub 01227 860302/ Stodmarsh Nature Reserve 15-20mins for adults

- Turn left out of Nethergong
- Walk 50m up the hill. Go up steps (Public Footpath)
- Walk diagonally across the field (follow the trodden path)
- Find entrance to small track and go down the track
- Come out on the main road turn left
- Take 2nd turning on the right (across road)
- Walk down the hill (careful no path)
- Grove Ferry is at the bottom of the hill
- The pub is one your left and the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve is on your right

## Grove Ferry Pub Cross Country Route 25/30mins

- Go to the end of Nethergong to the 5-bar gate
- Climb over the gate and follow the track for 100m until you see the Public Footpath Sign
- Turn right at the sign and walk across the field using the trodden track
- At the end of the field follow the public footpath sign across a second field
- At the Main Road (A28) cross over carefully and pick up the Public Footpath sign on the other side of the road
- You should cross this field diagonally downhill and into the corner (sometimes the farmer doesn't leave an obvious footpath)
- You will walk down some steps and arrive at the Level Crossing
- Grove Ferry Pub is in front of you

## The Gate Inn at Marshside 01227 860498 35 mins for adults

- Go to the end of Nethergong to the 5-bar gate
- Climb over the gate and follow the track for c.200m
- Go over the concrete bridge on your left
- Follow the track until the end t-junction
- Turn right
- Follow the windy road through the marshes until you reach the end (about 1 mile)
- Turn right
- The Gate In is about 300m along the road

# Local Beaches

The beaches in East Kent are renowned and all pass the water quality test. We have both sandy or shingle and every beach has its own character. Here are just a few of our favourites.

## Sandy Beaches

### Viking Bay Broadstairs - CT10 1EU

Broadstairs Main Beach, bucket and spades, fish and chips, fresh-water pool with good crabbing at low tide. Morelli's for delicious (and not cheap) ice cream.

### Botany Bay Broadstairs - CT10 3LG

Beautiful big bay with interesting rock formations, good low tide crabbing.

### Joss Bay Broadstairs - CT10 3PG

Popular horseshoe shape bay, Surf Shack, kids play area. Can get packed in high season.

### Minnis Bay, Birchington - CT7 9QR

Long bay popular with dog walkers/cyclists on the cliff top. Loads of space at low tide. The Minnis Restaurant does a great Sunday Breakfast, free parking on the prom.

### West Bay, Westgate - CT8 8QG

Popular beach with locals, loads of sandy space, good crabbing at low tide. Grassed area on cliff good for playing at high tide. Only 1 Café. Great for watching sunsets, having a coffee.

### St Mildred's Bay, Westgate - CT8 8AU

Another locals beach, slightly busier than West Bay. 2 café's (Pav's Café great sun trap).

## Shingle Beaches

### Tankerton Slopes - CT5 2LQ

Great long prom and pastel coloured beach huts. Fish and Chips from Ossies or a snack at JoJos Café. Great for kite-flying.

### Whitstable - CT5 1AB

More popular for the harbour, shellfish and shopping, packed at weekends. Still lovely place to sit on the beach and watch the tourists stroll on the boardwalk.

### Herne Bay - CT6 6BA

Definitely ice cream, arcades and fish and chips atmosphere. Great kids playground on the prom and a helter skelter on the pier.



# Other Things to Do

## Stodmarsh Nature Reserve

This beautiful reserve is only 5 minutes walk from Nethergong. A 50 minute walk along the riverbank brings you to the Red Lion at Stodmarsh, past Polish ponies, marsh harriers and sometimes bitterns.

## Howletts Zoo Park

For elephants, tigers, gorillas and much more, Howletts is only 10 minutes drive away. (CT4 5EH).

## Wingham Wildlife Park and Wildwood

For smaller animals both Wingham Wildlife Park and Wildwood are only 10 minutes away. Wingham Wildlife Park - CT3 1BZ & Wildwood - CT6 7LF.

## Dover Castle

Dover Castle and the ferry to France are only 35 minutes drive away. (CT16 1HJ).

## Canoe Wild

Canoe Wild is a terrific experience for couples or families. Canoes can be hired by the hour for as little as £15 (canoe can take 2 adults and 2 children). Telephone 01227 469219. They can pick you up from Nethergong.

## Grove Ferry River Trips

Leaving from Grove Ferry Inn a river trip is a more leisurely way to view the Nature Reserve. Tel: 07985 273070.

## Towns to Visit

**Whitstable** - for great boutique shops, shellfish and good restaurants.

**Margate** - for the Turner Contemporary Gallery and the retro shops in the Old Town.

**Ramsgate** - for the Marina and Sea Front café culture.

**Canterbury** - for the Cathedral, history and vibrant atmosphere.

**Broadstairs** - for the beach, the Prom and Ice Cream!



## Local Pubs

### The Grove Ferry

Grove Road (0.8 miles)  
Upstreet  
Canterbury  
CT3 4BP  
01227 860302

### The Gate Inn

Marshside (1.4 miles) Church Lane  
Chislet  
Canterbury  
CT3 4EB 01227 860498

### The Red Lion

The Street (4.1 miles)  
Stodmarsh  
CT3 4BA  
01227 721339

### The Duke William

The Street  
Ickham  
CT3 1QP  
01227 721308

### The Prince of Wales at Hoath

Maypole (2.3 miles)  
Canterbury  
CT3 4LN  
01227 860338

### The Rose Inn

The Green (4.2 miles)  
Wickhambreaux  
CT3 1RQ  
01227 721763

### The Fordwich Arms (restaurant)

King St Fordwich,  
Canterbury  
CT2 0DB  
01227 710444

### The Yew Tree Inn

32, Westbere Lane,  
Westbere  
Canterbury  
CT2 0HH  
01227 710501



# Useful Numbers

## Shops

The Post Office is located at the top of Nethergong Hill, turn right and walk on for about 250m. It also sells newspapers and groceries.

**Sainsburys** (5.6 miles) CT1 1BW 01227 456860

**Asda 24 hr** (5.1 miles) CT1 1DG 01227 479719

**Cooperative Store** (4.2 miles) CT2 0BD 01227 712610

All stores above have Cashpoints

## Camping Supplies

**W.M. Camping** (6.3 miles) CT6 7LH 01227 712222

**Halfords** (7 miles) CT1 1YU 01227 477800

## Transport

**Longleys Taxis** 01227 710777

**Kev's Taxis** 07887 668940

**Buses** - 8 & 8a to Canterbury and Thanet run every 15 minutes.

Bus stop is outside /opposite Upstreet Post Office.

**Train** - The nearest station is Sturry, main station is Canterbury West (Charing Cross or St Pancras) or East (Victoria). The fast train to St Pancras takes just under an hour to London and leaves hourly at 25 minutes past.

## Petrol Stations

Nearest petrol station is on the way to Canterbury-10 minutes drive. Others are on the A299 (before Whitstable-15 minutes) or on the A28 (just before Birchington-10 minutes).

## Medical

**A & E QEQM Hospital** (10.7 miles) CT9 4AN 01843 225544

**Emergency Dentist Dentaline** (7.6 miles) 01277 781818

**Kent & Canterbury Hospital** CT1 3NG

## Pharmacy

**Delmergate** (3.0 miles) CT6 7LY 01227 366042

**Boots** (4.2 miles) CT6 5EB 01227 374363



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**We hope you had a great time.  
Please visit us again next year.**

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