



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.



WELLS MARSHES

These images show Wells Marshes and correspond to the left and right areas circled in red on the map overleaf. This tidal warning also applies to Burnham Overy Staithe, Scolt Head and Stiffkey.

WELLS BEACH

The sea is a very long way out at low tide.



As water flows back in, it creates a channel.



If you're walking from Holkham 4 hours before high tide, you could end up here, unaware of the channel creeping in beside you. **You are in danger of being cut off by the tide.**

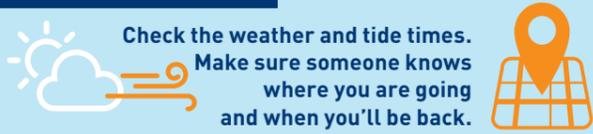
The safest route is to retrace your steps along the dry sandbank, rather than attempt to wade through the channel which will be deep and potentially fast flowing now.

The whole area is rapidly engulfed by the sea as high tide approaches.



This area is shown as the middle area circled in red on the map overleaf.

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.

Easy tide times

Download a tide app like *Tides Near Me* or *My Tide Times*. Look out for local information boards showing the latest daily tide times. Ask a beach warden, car park attendant, or at the Harbour Office or Coastwatch Lookout.

On the beach

Two out of three people rescued by Wells lifeboat crew in 2020 were walkers cut off by the tide. To stay safe, make sure you return to dry beach sand or the dry land by the marshes **4 hours before high tide**. Avoid the **red circled areas** unless you have good local knowledge. During the summer, a siren will sound on Wells beach **4 hours** before high tide. When you hear this siren, return immediately to dry sand or land to avoid being cut off by the rapidly incoming tide. 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.



16 miles to Sheringham



Lifeboats

RNLI guide to

STAYING SAFE
by the water in the Wells and Holkham National Nature Reserve areas



Map key

- RNLI lifeguarded beach
Season: July and August
Patrols: 10am–6pm
- Be safe:
High risk of tidal cut-off
within 4 hours of high tide.
Avoid, unless you have
good local knowledge!
- Deep, fast flowing water from 4
hours before high tide
- NCI STATION Coastwatch Lookout
- LIFEBOAT STATION Wells Lifeboat Station
- Parking
- Caravan/camp site
- Miniature train
- Wells Harbour Office
- Toilets
- Tourist Information in the Maltings
- Holkham National Nature Reserve (SSSI)
- Cafe