## TOP ATTRACTIONS





Relax on the **beach** with a picnic or take a dip in the inviting waters. The stretch of beach towards Reculver is a haven for those looking for a peaceful hideaway. It is also popular with children searching for sharks' teeth and fossils.

With seven miles of open and accessible coastline, you can walk or cycle to Whitstable or, in the other direction, to Reculver and Minnis Bay.

There is plenty to keep the children amused with our traditional **seaside entertainment** including trampolines on the beach and mini golf (2F/G) on the sea front.

The Reculver Towers and Roman Fort (1L) is an imposing landmark on the Herne Bay coast. The 12th century towers are the remains of an important Roman 'Saxon Shore' fort and Saxon monastery. The adjoining Reculver Country Park is home to a large and diverse collection of plants and wildlife and offers lovely country walks.

Discover the town's seaside history at **Herne Bay Museum and Gallery (1I)** including what it was like as a Victorian seaside resort. See finds from nearby Reculver Roman fort, mammoth tusks from local beaches, a Barnes Wallis Bouncing Bomb prototype, seaside amusements and pictures of the coast and countryside. You can also visit the art gallery and see one of our exhibitions and purchase souvenirs from our museum shop.

The Herne Bay **Cultural Trail** provides an opportunity to find the historical and general places of interest in the town. Points of interest include the statue of Sir Barnes Neville Wallis, designer of the bouncing bomb, and a large mural depicting famous people who have lived or been associated with the town.

Memorial Park (3H) forms an integral part of the town and provides a relaxing atmosphere. There is a small lake, children's play area, tennis and basketball courts and sports fields.

Stroll along the **promenade** with ice cream in hand and admire the beautiful seafront gardens creatively designed to add a rainbow of colour alongside the **clock tower (1I)**. The clock tower is one of the tallest in the

country and it is believed to be the first freestanding purposebuilt clock tower in the world.

The **Central Bandstand (1H)** is an ideal venue for those who enjoy café culture and is also a focal point for summer concerts, other musical events and children's entertainment.

Just a few minutes' drive from the seafront is Herne village, once the haunt of smugglers. Don't miss **Herne Mill (8K)**, a Grade I listed timber smock windmill dating back to the 18th century with original milling machinery and displays of milling history and memorabilia.

A short bus ride from Herne Bay is **Wildwood**, a unique woodland discovery park and home to over 200 British animals including wolves, deer, owls, badgers, wild horses, bison, boar and many more. Ideal for children as you can experience close encounters with the animals and enjoy a woodland play area.

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