

In the 18th and 19th centuries, smuggling was rife on Romney Marsh, both in fact and also in the fictional stories of Dr Syn which are re-enacted every two years in Dymchurch. France is only about 25 miles away and this coastline has always been open to invasion - but it also made it perfect for smuggling!

There are numerous inns all over Romney Marsh with many having smugglers tales to tell, as well as serving excellent food and quality cask ales.



Being almost completely flat, it is ideal for walking and cycling for all the family, either on the Marsh or along the 5.5 mile seawall.



## Where we are

Romney Marsh is located in the south east corner of Kent, 10 miles south of Ashford.



With easy access from the M20, the port of Dover and Ashford International Station.

To find out where to stay, where to eat and more on Romney Marsh, please go online to:

**[www.theRomneyMarsh.net](http://www.theRomneyMarsh.net)**

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# Romney Marsh

## The Fifth Continent





Romney Marsh offers natural beauty, unique diversity of habitats, rich history and sheep. About 100 square miles in size with an extensive coastline, the area is mostly farmland with a few towns and small villages.

With excellent accommodation, fine food and drink, there are also outstanding attractions, glorious sandy beaches and rare wildlife to be seen. With walking, cycling, fishing and golf, it all makes for an ideal place to visit, explore and enjoy for the whole family.



The Marsh has many historic sites including the Old Lighthouse at Dungeness, three Martello Towers, the medieval town of Rye, the remains of a Roman fort and a multitude of others spanning 1,000 years of history.



There are fourteen medieval churches scattered all across Romney Marsh, with St Thomas à Becket being the most iconic - marooned amidst the landscape without a graveyard or fence to keep the sheep away.

Romney Marsh has five museums that help tell of its fascinating history, from when it was still under the sea 4,500 years ago up to modern times. There are also art and craft galleries to visit.



The Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway is the world's smallest public steam railway and has run since it opened in 1927. The small gauge, light railway runs for about 13.5 miles from Hythe to Dungeness.

The sound mirrors at Dungeness Nature Reserve were a predecessor to radar and are large concrete structures designed as an early warning system to detect enemy aircraft in the late 1920's.

This Reserve, and the RSPB Reserve next to it, are a couple of the most important protected wildlife areas in the world. They are home to flora and fauna rarely found elsewhere in the UK and are regularly visited by migrating and uncommon birds.



Romney Marsh has three of the finest sandy beaches in Kent and the south coast. All are perfect for sea and beach sports, swimming and sunbathing.



The Royal Military Canal - perfect for cycling, walking & wildlife

***"The World, according to the best geographers, is divided into Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Romney Marsh (...the Fifth Continent)"***

*Rev. Richard Harris Barham, author of The Ingoldsby Legends*



Port Lympne - The Aspinall Wild Animal Experience