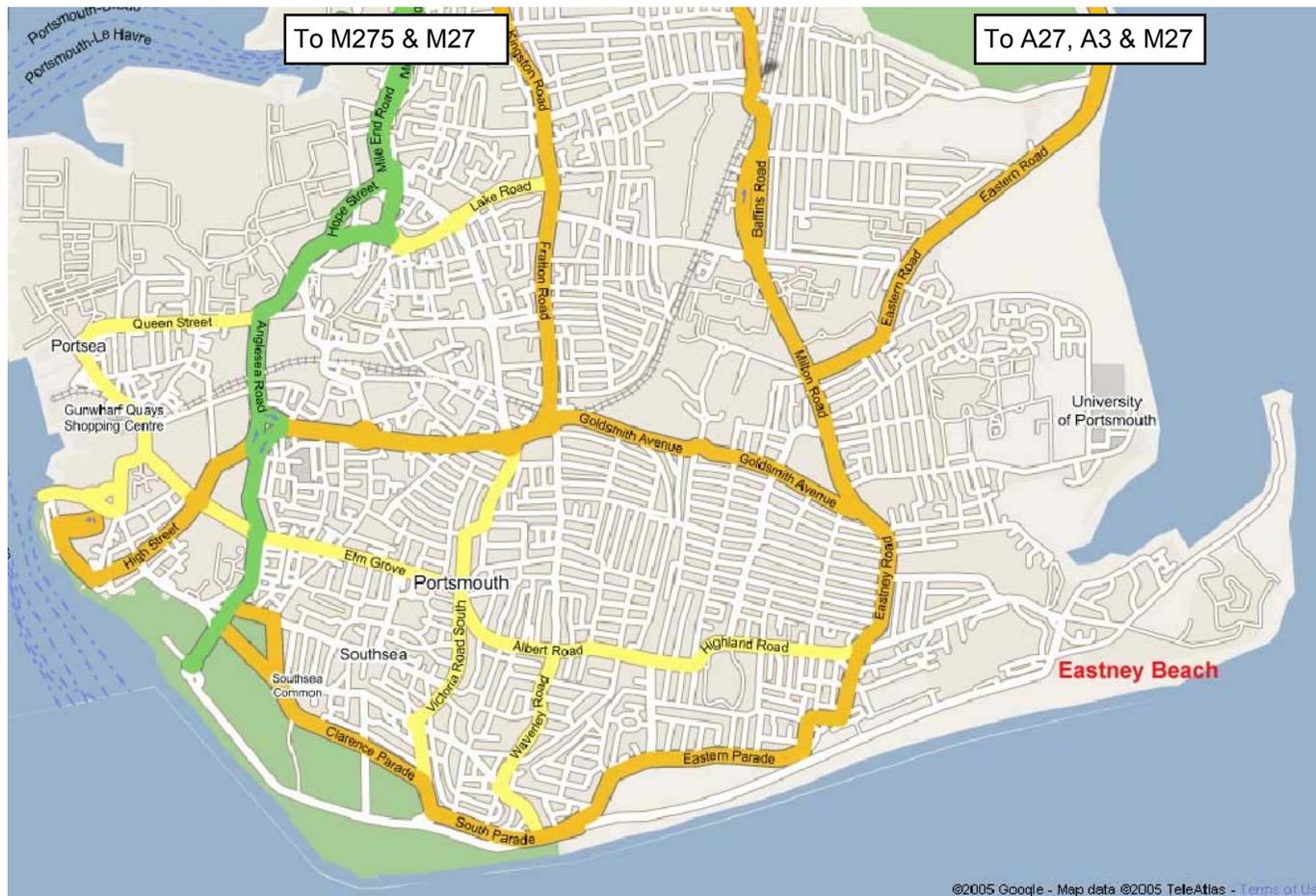


How to get to Eastney Beach

Eastney beach is situated at the eastern end of the city as shown in red on the map below. If travelling from the west come via the M27 and M275 into the city and follow signs for Southsea. Once you are on the seafront head east towards the radar station. You will see the towers standing up as a landmark. Park in the car park at the end of Fort Cumberland Road. Follow the footpath by the caravan site down to the beach where you will see the sign as shown on the front of this leaflet. An alternative route is via the A2030 (Eastern Road). Turn left at the traffic lights where you see Fratton Park in front of you. Follow the road for ½ mile and turn left at the traffic lights opposite the Fort Cumberland Arms. Follow the road alongside Bransbury Park and then turn left into Fort Cumberland Road. You will see the car park at the end of the road. From within the city there are a number of buses. No's 6, 7, 15, 16, 16a, 17 & 18 will take you there.



**THE BEACH
BEYOND THIS
POINT IS
USED
BY NUDISTS**

Did you know that Portsmouth has its own nudist beach that has been regularly used for nude swimming and sunbathing for the past 50 years?

Did you know that its continued use by nudists/naturists was under threat due to the construction of 131 apartments that will overlook it?

About Naturism/Nudism

What's it all about?

The International Naturist Federation (INF) describes naturism thus;

"Naturism is a lifestyle in harmony with nature, expressed through social nudity, and characterised by self-respect of people with different opinions and of the environment."

Naturists/nudists just feel more comfortable without clothes in the right setting - and the right temperature! Like the beach on a sunny day.

Do I have to have a great body to be a nudist?

Emphatically NO! We respect people of all body types. All are welcome - we respect people for who they are.

What would people think of me being nude?

An NOP survey in 2001 found that

- 40% of adults consider naturists to be sensible.
- 88% of adults consider naturists to be harmless.
- Only 2% of adults thought that they were criminal.

Where can I find out more?

Try these websites

www.british-naturism.org.uk
www.eastneybeach.org.uk
<http://sunaked.com/>
www.armage.demon.co.uk/nuff/index.html

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The threat and our campaign

The former MoD establishment at Eastney, now owned by QinetiQ, is about to be sold to developers. Portsmouth City Council, whilst being supportive of our views, have given outline planning permission for the construction of 131 apartments on the site which will overlook the nudist beach.

Our fear is that once the apartments are built the developers or buyers will object to the presence of nudists on the beach in front of their properties. Pressure may be brought to bear on the local authority or the police to ban nudity on the beach. We have anecdotal evidence of this beach being used by nudists for about 50 years and so we naturally object to the possibility that nude swimming and sunbathing could be stopped there due to the prejudices of new home-owners.

Our campaign is being backed by the Central Council for British Naturism which is the national organisation that represents our interests in this country. Together with local campaigners they have attended council hearings and been in contact with the local councillors and MPs concerning this issue.

We continue to represent the interests of naturists and others who use this beach by holding regular meetings to discuss the latest news and formulate plans of action to peacefully counter the on-going threat.

www.eastneybeach.org.uk

What you can do to help

If you are already a naturist then please frequent Eastney beach as often as you can. If there is a common and numerous presence we may be seen as a more difficult group to move on. Join our group and become involved in our campaign. You can be as public or private as you wish in any involvement.

If you feel confident enough to be open about your naturist lifestyle then please promote the beach and its naturist use.

Speak to or write to your local councillor or MP and ask them to positively represent your interests in keeping the beach for future use by naturists.

If you have not tried this lifestyle but feel that you would like to then don't be shy - come forward. You may make contact with Eastney Naturists by visiting their website below. Try visiting the beach and you'll only be noticed if you're still dressed!

If you are not a naturist, and don't wish to become one, we would ask you to be sympathetic to our cause in attempting to secure future naturist use of this short stretch of Portsmouth's extensive coastline. Our experience is that people who would never strip off on a beach are generally very accepting of those who do.

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