

Access Statement for Weymouth Beach

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our visitors.

Introduction

Weymouth's fine Georgian seafront is an impressive backdrop to the long arc of fine, golden sand. The beautiful safe, gently shelving beach is just minutes from the town centre and historic harbour. Enjoy a stroll along the level promenade or on the sands. The views from the bay are spectacular, stretching across the horizon taking in the Jurassic Coastline

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance, either:

- Phone - 01305 239832
- Email - beach@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Pre-Arrival

- Weymouth train station is approximately 150m from the seafront. It is the end of the South Western main line from Waterloo. Taxis are available just outside the station
- There are a number of taxi ranks ranging in distance from the promenade itself (evenings only) to just 150m from the promenade
- The main bus stops are situated around the Kings Statue with half of the stops directly accessible from the promenade itself; the others are just 30m away on the other side of the road

Car Parking and Arrival

- There is no parking on the promenade
- There are 6 council car parks all within easy walking distance of the beach, plus there is on street parking and private car parks
- All parking, blue badge included must be paid for in the council car park.
- The Pavilion car park (DT4 8DZ) is just 200m from the beach; access is via a well-lit and level promenade
- Please click [here](#) for full details of all council car parks
- All the council car parks are tarmac and even

Areas Adjacent to the Beach

- Adjacent to the entire length of the beach is a level, tarmacked and well-lit promenade

- Cycling is currently not permitted along any of Weymouth promenade this may change in the future
- General traffic is not permitted along the promenade. Service vehicles/deliveries etc are done before 10am from Good Friday until September. A land train runs along part of the Promenade and can be caught near the Kings Statue during summer months and school holidays (weather permitting)
- The average width of the prom is around 8 metres
- On the seaward side of the promenade are railings and posts running from Pavilion Car Park to the Jubilee Clock
- The promenade is directly adjacent to the road, between the Kings Statue and the Jubilee Clock there are 3 pedestrian crossings each with tactile paving
- Along the promenade there are 7 Victorian shelters with seating available and some have empty bays so wheelchair users can get right underneath the shelter
- Between the Pavilion and Pier Bandstand there are approximately 80 benches, almost half with arm rests
- The main beach information sign is situated on the seaward side of the Beach Control Office (adjacent to the Kings Statue)
- Safety and Beach Information signs are on each access point to the beach. These have a map, general beach information and contact details clearly displayed and include pictograms
- All fixed bollards and bins on the promenade are painted blue with contrasting white either as a band or lettering
- The promenade is well lit at night with lamp posts at regular intervals

Beach Access Points

- Access to Weymouth Centrals award winning sands is very good, there are 18 sets of either steps, slipways or a combination of both
- The promenade is a reddish colour whilst the edge where the steps are is grey concrete or stones
- All steps that lead towards the sea have at least 1 hand rail, the number of treads vary depending on the level of the sand
- Slipways can become wet and sandy at times, but efforts are made during the summer season to prevent the build-up of sand

On the Beach

- Weymouth beach has some of the finest golden sands around and is incredibly safe as far as beaches go. It faces east within Weymouth Bay; the beach is very

sheltered and shelves gently with no drop offs. It is very rare to have any rip or tidal currents. During the bathing season (May until end of September) '8 knot' buoys are placed in the bay by the Harbour Master, no unauthorised anchoring of vessels is permitted inside of these

- Weymouth Town Council's Beach Control team are operational every day from May until September providing first aid, lost children service and beach equipment hire. Deckchairs, windbreaks and sunbeds are all available to hire on Weymouth beach (and deckchairs on the promenade) for a small fee
- Beach Control have 2 beach wheelchairs available to hire free of charge (ID must be provided on hiring)
- For people who prefer to use their own wheelchairs, young families with pushchairs and anyone with mobility difficulties can use the access matting which is on the beach usually from large slipway adjacent to the Kings Statue (May – early Sept)
- The RNLI provide beach lifeguards every day from early May until the end of September 10am – 6pm, their tower is positioned on the beach adjacent to the Kings Statue. They are on duty when the red and yellow flags are flying. The lifeguards also provide First Aid cover when they are on duty
- Drinking water taps are located on the beach close to the promenade at intervals along the entire length of the beach, plus there are 2 cold water showers – 1 adjacent to the Kings Statue the other near Greenhill

Public Toilets

- Within the award-winning beach itself is a set of public toilets on the promenade; these are adjacent to the Kings Statue. The male and female toilets are accessible by approximately 18 steps down. Opening hours during the summer 8am to 6pm, during the winter they are open until 6pm. A limited amount of toilets are available 24hrs a day
- In addition to the underground toilets are 2 ground level disabled toilets. Only one of the disabled toilets requires a RADAR key, this is available to use 24hrs a day. The doorways into the disabled toilets measure 95cm wide, once inside there are grab rails either side of the toilets. The space next to the toilet measures 60cm. Both toilets are well lit with a sky light and ceiling light, the floor is level and painted in non-slip paint. Each basin has lever taps
- The Changing Places facility is available 24hrs a day and entry is via a special access fob, registration for this should be sought before arriving in Weymouth where possible, more details can be found on the Changing Places website [here](#)
- Just outside of the award-winning beach at the Pier Bandstand, is ground level toilets consisting of men's, ladies, disabled and baby changing facilities

Food & Drink Outlets

Weymouth Central benefits from 7 food and drink outlets, 4 of them are accessible from prom level, the additional 3 are seasonal catering kiosks based on the actual beach itself. Access to the seasonal kiosks is down either a ramp or steps then across the sand. All of the outlets have outside seating areas; they all provide hot and cold food and drinks.

Beach Shop(s) & Amusement Arcade(s)

Within the immediate vicinity of the award-winning beach is a variety of attractions catering for all ages. On the promenade is a viewing platform to the world-famous Sand Sculptures. Further along the promenade we have a Clairvoyant. The 'Heritage' attractions include a traditional Punch and Judy show (can be enjoyed from the prom or beach) and donkey rides. Children's rides include swing boats, trampolines and bungee trampolines, a mini snail rollercoaster ride and roundabouts. Plus, there is a Crazy Golf on the beach. With the exception of the donkey rides and sand sculptures, all of the attractions are seasonal.

Beach Attractions/Activities

Weymouth hosts a wide variety of events, click [here](#) for more information.

Additional Information

- From Good Friday until 31st October (inclusive) dogs are not permitted on Weymouth's award-winning sands other than in the designated dog area which is clearly marked on the beach. Registered assistance dogs from the following charities - Dogs for the Disabled, Support Dogs, Canine Partners for Independence are permitted anywhere on the beach at any time, as long as being used for their prescribed purpose
- Less than 1km from Weymouth Central beach is Weymouth Community Hospital. This is home to the Minor Injuries Unit, a nurse led drop in facility open 7 days a week from 8am until 10pm (01305 762545). The same building also houses a GP drop in facility open 7 days a week from 8am until 8pm (01305 980000). No appointments are needed for either of these services
- Weymouth has an accessible beach hut just outside of the main award-winning beach at the Pier Bandstand. This is a great facility and includes its own child sized beach wheelchair; only registered members of the [Dorset Parent-Carer Council](#) can hire this hut

Future Plans

- We are planning a review of all our literature to make other formats available plus simplifying and adding pictograms where possible

Contact Information

Address: Beach Office, The Esplanade, Kings Statue, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7AN

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Grid Reference: SY 68022 79304

Hours of Operation: Open access to the beach all year. Beach Office - full time from May to September, at all other times call ahead on 01305 239832

Local Equipment Hire: Active Mobility 01305 774422, Dorset Mobility 01305 781122, Weymouth Mobility 01305 760575

Local Accessible Taxi: Weyline 01305 777777

Local Public Transport: For local public transport information please visit [Travel Dorset](#)