

Whitepark Bay Access Statement

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Introduction

This property is located in the small village of Ballintoy, County Antrim. The spectacular sandy beach forms a white arc between two headlands on the North Antrim Coast. The landscape in and around the bay took shape between 200 million and 50 million years ago.

Through faults, landslips and raised beaches, fossils like Belemnites, Ammonites and Gryphaea have been revealed.

Look out for Elephant Rock - legend claims that this in fact is a woolly mammoth that tried to escape a volcanic eruption

Livestock do graze in all areas so please be alert to this and put dogs on leads

NB - Mobile phone reception is not very good across the site. In an emergency, please make contact on the phone number above as soon as you are able.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

The car park entrance is accessible 300 yards from a T-junction with the A2. There are brown signs from this junction and at the entrance of the car park. The road down to the car park is quite steep and narrow. The car park surface is firm with a top layer of loose gravel. There are no marked designated spaces for disabled people.



There is no fee for parking.

Access from the car park to the start of the walks to the beach is done via a 75 yard access road with uneven surface .

Access on the trail are done via kissing gates due to livestock on the site. This gates are accessible by wheelchair or push chair.



The trail accessing the beach is 700 yards long with steps and uneven terrain .

There is a slope to the side of the steps which has a gradient of 1:12 and can be slippery if the weather is wet.

The surface at the top of the slope is firm with a gravel covering, progressing to a firm surface underneath a general covering of sand.



There are no refreshment facilities available.
There are no toilet facilities.

There is one seat along the trail, set back from the main thoroughfare. This is a bench seat which will allow an opportunity to rest and take in the view of the surroundings.



The beach is not monitored by RNLI and not suitable for swimming or watersports as it has a strong rip tide.

In case of emergency please dial 999

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.

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Map

