

Porthor Car Park Access Statement

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Introduction

- The property is a level car park which holds approximately 180 vehicles
- Mobile phone reception is intermittent. In an emergency visitors should call 999 (or 101 in a non-emergency situation).
- Assistance dogs are welcome in the car park, welcome cabin and on the beach. The local
 authority imposes seasonal restrictions on other dogs on the beach between April and
 September. A water bowl is available at the cabin. There are no dog hitching points. There is
 no shade in the car park, and we discourage visitors from leaving their dogs in their cars.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The site is quite remote but clearly signed from the main road (approximately 3 miles).
- The car park has a one-way entry and exit system and is clearly sign posted- visitors should use the correct entry points as there are exit ramps in place.
- There are 3 specifically designated parking areas for disabled visitors and parking is free on production of a blue badge.
- The car park surface is gravel and grass which is kept short, but which can be muddy and slippery in continued wet weather. The access routes are gravel.
- There is no transfer vehicle to the beach.
- It is possible to drop off visitors at the beach. The access road is very narrow and the drop off driver may need to reverse up a steep incline approximately 300 metres back to the car park.
- Access from the car park to the beach is via a short gravel exit and down a tarmac road for approximately 300 metres. The road is accessible for powered wheelchairs. It is very steep and not suitable for manual wheelchairs (unless given assistance by two able bodied helpers).
- There is one picnic table on a grass surface.
- Interpretation is via visual signage. There is no tactile or audio information available.
- Overflow parking is available in an adjacent farm field grazed by sheep. The surface is grass and the entrance is muddy and slippery in wet weather. The overflow is approximately 175 metres



from the toilets (through the car park on a gravelled surface) and 300 metres from the beach (down a tarmac road).

WCs

There are two unisex, ambulant NT toilets adjacent to the welcome cabin.

- One has a baby changing unit.
- Both toilets are 124cm wide and have a concrete floor.
- Sanitary and nappy bins are provided in both.
- Both are lit by natural and artificial light.
- Both have soap, cold water and a hand dryer.

There is one male and one female National Trust toilet in the bottom of the car park.

- The toilets are not designated as accessible; However, the entrances are level and there is room for a wheelchair in each toilet. The ladies toilet has a left hand transfer rail and the gents toilet has a right hand transfer rail.
- There are no changing facilities for adults or children. There are sanitary and nappy bins in the ladies toilet.
- The toilets are dimly lit by natural light only.
- The toilets have cold water, soap and automatic hand dryers.

There are two National Trust toilets by the beach (300m from the car park)

- Both toilets are unisex.
- Both toilets have a nappy changing unit.
- The toilets have sanitary and nappy bins.
- The toilets are not designated as accessible; However, the entrances are level and there is room for a wheelchair in each toilet. Both toilets have wall handrails near the sink on the right and also a left-hand transfer rail.
- Doorways are 82cm wide in both.
- The toilets are lit by both natural and fluorescent light.
- The toilets have soap, cold water and hand dryers.



Visitor Reception

- The welcome cabin is wooden with zinc sheets and wood cladding.
- The entrance is up a 3cm step from the gravelled surface and concrete slabs of the car park.
- The entrance has double doors, and both are 77cm wide with glass windows.
- The entrance doors are manual opening (outwards) and are always left open when the cabin is operational.
- The reception surface is one metre high. There is also a reception desk which is 1.12 metres high.
 A clipboard is available for visitors to use on their lap.
- The area is lit by natural light and artificial light.
- There is a swivel chair and a folding chair available.
- There is no induction loop available.
- Staff/volunteers are seasonal and do not normally have any particular communication skills such as BSL.
- No wheelchairs are available to loan.

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