

## **Studland Bay Access Statement**

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### **Introduction**

A glorious slice of natural coastline in Purbeck featuring a four-mile stretch of golden, sandy beach, with gently shelving bathing waters and views of Old Harry Rocks and the Isle of Wight. Ideal for water sports and includes the most popular naturist beach in Britain. The heathland behind the beach is a haven for native wildlife and features all six British reptiles.

There are designated trails through the sand dunes and woodlands, allow for exploration and spotting of deer, insects and bird life as well as a wealth of wild flowers. Some of our paths are uneven and difficult to access. Dogs are welcome all year at Studland but must be on a short lead (under 2m) on the beach from the 1 May to 30 September. Cattle graze on the heathland so please be alert to this and put dogs on a lead in these areas. Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas.

- We have a limited number of beach accessible wheelchairs available at Knoll Beach which can be hired free of charge (non-monetary deposit requested). Please call us and we will do our best to ensure one is available for you.
- Deckchairs and sun loungers can be hired during the summer from Studland Watersports.

**NB** - In an emergency please call 999

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

The main car park for Studland is at Knoll Beach, accessible from Ferry Road. There are brown tourism signs that mark the entrance to the car park. The entrance driveway is tarmac, it slopes down to the beach and parking area which is compacted gravel.

There are speed restrictions of 5mph in our car parks and speed bumps in Knoll, Middle and Shell Bay car parks.

There is a designated area for disabled persons and persons with mobility difficulties to park at Knoll Beach. This area is signposted and can be found to turning left into the main car park, drive to the far end, turn right towards the beach huts and look for the disabled signage on the car park surface in each designated disabled space. The surface in this area is compacted gravel. From these parking spaces there is a solid block pathway to the café and toilets, approximately 50 metres.



*Disabled parking area*



*Pathway from car park to Café and Shop*

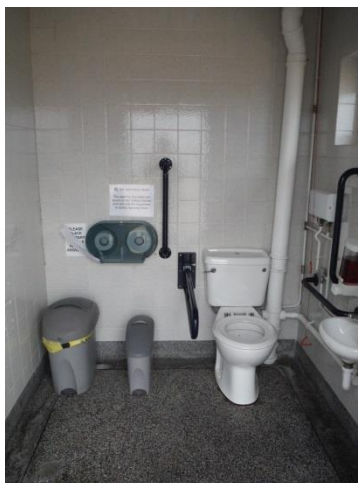
Parking at Studland is pay and display or at the entrance hut at Knoll Beach. There is a pay and display machine located near the parking area for disabled visitors. Prices are shown on the machine. Parking is free for National Trust members (we ask that you scan your membership card at the machine). Parking charges do not apply to blue badge holders.

Knoll Beach car park is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, parking charges apply every day 8am – 8pm. The café and shop are open every day, (except for 25 December). It is advisable to check details about the café and shop opening times, facilities and events via our website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay), Facebook or on our answer machine message.

Please be aware that during busy times the car park can become full and the overflow car park is not as accessible as the main car park. To ensure you have the best chance of a parking space we would recommend arriving early.

## **WCs**

There is a left hand transfer wheelchair accessible toilet at Knoll Beach next to the café and shop. This can be opened at any time with a RADAR key. All toilets have automatic hand driers, tiled floors with natural light and halogen lights. RADAR keys are available from the Knoll Beach Office, next to the shop entrance. An alarm is not fitted to this toilet.



## Visitor Reception

The Knoll Beach Office is based in a beach hut which is accessible from the turning circle at Knoll Beach car park. Other than parking, Studland Beach is free to access, and you can find out about the local area and the work of the National Trust at our Office. The floor in this building is level concrete covered in non-slip vinyl and the wall surfaces are wood panelled. One side of the building is glazed and doors and the lighting is LED. The reception desk is 110cm high but there is a lower area, 75cm high. Seats are available in the hut. A hearing loop is fitted.



*Knoll Beach Visitor Reception showing beach accessible wheelchair*

## Catering

The restaurant is located in the Knoll Beach Centre, which can be accessed from the patio and block pathway from the car parking area for disabled visitors.

- The doorway is 88cm wide and is up a ramp approx. 5% gradient and 1.5 metres long. The glazed door is usually open to at least 90 degrees and is non-power assisted. The door opens outwards. Catering team members can assist if required.
- The counter is 90cm high. Catering team members are available to assist with service and carrying trays. A hearing loop is fitted.
- If you find difficulty in queuing for counter service, table service is available on request.
- Straws are available and paper cups.
- The floor is concrete covered in non-slip vinyl, wall surfaces are wood panelled and the lighting is LED. The chairs are wooden and have backs with no arms and there is a seating area beside the log burner that has sofa and arm chair seating.
- The external picnic tables allow for close wheelchair access with inbuilt gaps



*Knoll Beach Café Interior*

## **Retail**

The shop is in the same building as the restaurant.

- There is a separate doorway to the shop which is 88cm wide and is up a ramp approx. 3% gradient. The glazed door is usually open to at least 90 degrees and is non-power assisted. The door opens outwards. Retail team members can assist if required.
- The floor is concrete covered in non-slip vinyl, wall surfaces are wood panelled and the lighting is LED.
- The counter is 90cm high but staff are able to assist with service here and with lifting and carrying goods if required. An induction loop is fitted.
- There is circulation space between the display tables of around 100cm and some of the goods on the central tables can be easily reached by all.



*Knoll Beach Shop Interior*

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