



Fringe by the Sea Accessibility Guide 2026

If you have any questions or specific requirements about accessibility, please contact:

info@fringebythesea.com with “**accessibility**” in the subject line

On site during the festival, please speak to any member of staff or come to the Box Office in the main hub.

The festival site

Fringe by the Sea takes place in a public park setting - North Berwick’s Lodge Grounds.

- Mainly grass with some pathways
- Some areas are **uneven or sloped**
- **In wet weather the ground may become boggy**
- Seating areas are available across the site including wheelchair friendly picnic tables
- A team of friendly staff, volunteers and stewards who can offer assistance

Getting to Fringe by the Sea

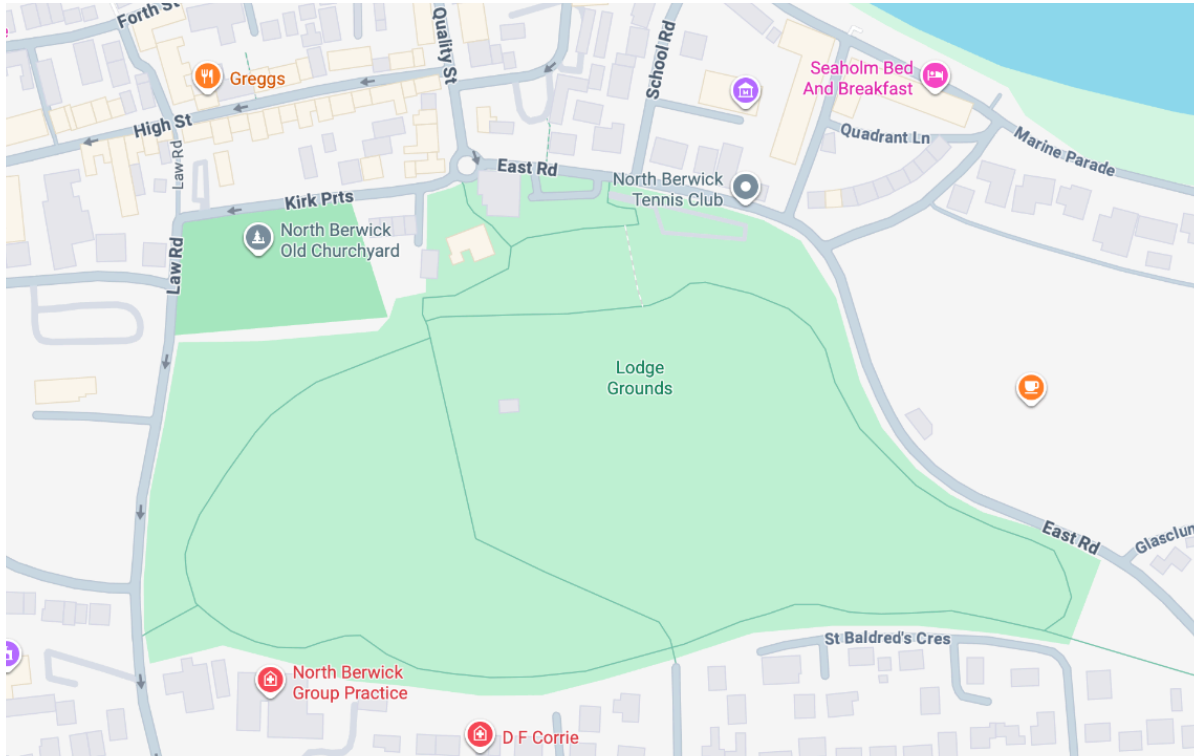
Location:

The festival hub and the majority of ticketed events take place at:

Lodge Grounds, 2C East Rd, North Berwick, EH39 4HN

The festival site is approximately 0.7 miles from the train station.

There are a number of access points to the festival site in the Lodge grounds: from the north on Lady Jane Road, from East Road to the south, from the west on Law Road and from the east on East Road.



Taxi company numbers:

Bass Rock Taxis: 01620 890 490

A2B: 01620 895 000

The Glen: 01620 499 499

Recommended Route

To avoid steeper inclines, we recommend approaching the site from the **north via Lady Jane Road**.

By Bus

- **X5 / 124 / 121** – Stops at Bowling Green or Dundas Avenue
- **120** – Stops at Lady Jane Road (closest and most accessible)
- **Town Centre (Church Road)** – Approx.0.2 miles distance with an uphill section

Accessible Parking & Drop-Off

A number of temporary Blue Badge parking spaces are designated during the festival dates at St Baldred's Crescent.

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The Blue Badge spaces are located to the south of the festival site with access from St Baldred's Road (EH39 4PZ).

Accessibility Meet & Greet / Buggy Assistance

There is a clearly marked **Accessibility Meet & Greet point** on St Baldred's Crescent.

Staff routinely check the Meet & Greet point however if there is no member of staff present on arrival, please phone the number displayed on the signage.

Additional nearby parking information highlighting other Blue Badge parking spaces can be found here: [East Lothian Council](#).

On-Site Transport

Festival buggies are available during the festival to assist visitors with access requirements (supported by North Berwick Community Area Partnership).

- Festival buggies offer customers transportation between the Meet & Greet point and entrances to the: Big Top, Lodge Stage and The Dome venues.
- To request assistance, speak to staff at the Meet & Greet or call the number displayed at the drop-off point.
- *Please note: buggies do not operate within the central festival hub.*

Venue Accessibility

All venues and the general festival site are wheelchair accessible.

If you require assistance when you arrive, please speak to a member of our team on-site.

Big Top

- Wheelchair accessible
- Large screens either side of stage with live caption subtitling for conversation events
- There are two accessible entry options (see festival map)
 - Dedicated queue at the main (north) entrance with seating
 - Accessible entrance on the east side (near drop-off point), leading directly to the accessible seating area
 - Accessibility customers are prioritised at entrance.
- Accessible seating platform:
 - A limited number of seats available for customers with accessibility requirements plus one person
 - Bookable at ticket purchase
 - Available for both seated and standing shows
- Accessible area within venue:
 - An area to the front of the venue (for seated and standing events) is reserved for customers with accessibility requirements, wheelchair users and mobility scooters.
 - Seating space and wheelchair space is on a first come first serve basis.
 - Please advise staff and explain your requirements, and they will endeavour to find you the best seating/location within the venue to suit your needs.

Lodge Stage

- Wheelchair accessible
- For some events, accessibility queues are shared with general entry while some may have separate accessibility entrance. All customers with accessibility requirements are welcome to make their way to the front of the queues.
- Customers with accessibility requirements will be given priority access to events.
- An area to the front of the venue (for seated and standing events) is reserved for customers with accessibility requirements, wheelchair users and mobility scooters.
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The Dome

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Other venues

These include The Times Lounge, Kids Zone, Plants Can Dance venue and Love of Life. All venues and spaces are wheelchair accessible.

Tickets & Booking

There are no specific Accessible tickets for shows. Please purchase standard tickets on the event listings.

An in-person box office is open at North Berwick Library until 30th July 2026 (library opening hours).

We offer **complimentary Personal Assistant or Carer tickets**.

Please contact us at info@fringebythesea.com at least **48 hours in advance** of your event to arrange this.

Seating

We are sorry but additional seating cannot be brought into venues for safety reasons.

Customers are welcome to bring a small, portable **foldable stool or seat** to take breaks and rest to the outside of venues.

The duration of the majority of headline performances is 60–75 minutes.

Assistance Dogs & Dogs

- Assistance Dogs are welcome at all performances/events. Staff may ask if your dog is an assistance dog.
- Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome across the site and at many events other than specific headline standing shows (as noted on event listings).
- If a dog becomes disruptive, we may ask the owner to take the dog out of the venue.

Wheelchair Hire

We don't offer wheelchair hire on site however our partner **Beach Wheelchairs**, a local charity providing free-to-hire equipment, can assist. Contact them in advance of coming to the festival:

www.beachwheelchairs.org/north-berwick
info@beachwheelchairs.org

Facilities

Changing Spaces Toilet

A Changing Spaces Toilet facility is available on site near the main toilet block in the festival hub (to the north of the festival site).

It offers a fully equipped facility with hoists, privacy curtains, an adult-sized changing bench and enough space for multiple carers.

Changing Spaces toilets are designed for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. The Changing Space Toilet will include:

- Height adjustable, adult sized changing bench
- Ceiling track hoist system
- Adequate space for the disabled person and up to two assistants
- Centrally located toilet with space both sides for assistants
- Wide paper roll
- Large waste disposal bin
- Washbasin at wheelchair access height.

The Changing Spaces Toilet will be on site from 31st July to 9th August, open from 10am each day. It will be fully manned and accessible during festival hours.

The Changing Spaces Toilet has been made possible thanks to funding and contributions from supporters of the Beach Wheelchairs community.

Accessible Toilets

There are Accessible toilets within the Big Top arena, at The Lodge venue area and within the main toilet block to the south of the site.

Clearly signposted with stewards available to assist if needed.

Welfare and First Aid

We have a team of first aid professionals on site for all events.

Please notify a member of staff if you require help.

If you are looking for a quiet space, please ask a member of staff.

Food, medication, and larger bags may be brought into ticketed events by customers who have specific requirements.