



Fringe by the Sea: Travel Guide 2026

Getting Here & Getting Home

We're committed to making Fringe by the Sea as sustainable and easy to access as possible.

We're encouraging visitors to make use of public transport services, additional bus options or considering walking/cycling to the festival if possible.

North Berwick is well connected by train and bus, and for 2026 we're introducing additional late-night travel options to help visitors get home after shows.

Festival location:

Most events take place at and the festival hub is at **The Lodge Grounds, 2C East Rd, North Berwick, EH39 4HN**

Happy Bus (Late-Night Services)

We're delighted to introduce **Happy Bus** - dedicated late-night services running after major headline events. These pre-bookable buses offer a reliable, direct journey home from the festival. Buses can be booked at www.fringebythesea.com

Routes include:

- North Berwick → Haddington (Boots, High Street) – £12
(includes East Linton High St drop off)
- North Berwick → Dunbar (Train Station) – £13
- North Berwick → Edinburgh (Burns Monument, Regent Rd) – £14
(via Longniddry, Prestonpans & Portobello)
- Glasgow ↔ North Berwick (return) – £36
(Departs Glasgow 4pm, returns 11:20pm, via North Lanarkshire & Livingston)

Departure times: 11:20pm from St Baldred's Road (stewards will be on hand to direct and assist)

Happy Bus has been getting people to major events since 1996 and partners with onboard:earth to support more sustainable travel.

By Train

Travelling by train is one of the easiest ways to reach the festival.

- Regular direct services from **Edinburgh to North Berwick** with ScotRail
- Journey time: approx. 30 minutes
- Station is approximately 0.7 miles/ **15-minute walk** from the festival site

A late-night **midnight service (00:01)** from North Berwick to Edinburgh stopping at all stations will operate (not Sundays).

www.scotrail.co.uk

By Bus

Local and regional buses provide great links to North Berwick.

Services include:

- X5
- 124
- N124 (night bus)

The N124 night bus runs on Saturdays and Sundays, making it a great option after late shows, with stops across East Lothian and Edinburgh.

East Coast buses will also be running an additional 124 bus service from North Berwick to Edinburgh on the 31st July and the 1st, 6th, 7th and 8th August. This will depart from Church Road, North Berwick at 23.45

The nearest Bus Stops are: X5/124 and 121 (Bowling Green or Dundas Ave), 120 (Lady Jane Rd). All buses additionally serve Church Road in the town centre.

www.eastcoastbuses.co.uk

Walk or Cycle

If you're local, walking or cycling is a great way to arrive.

- Bike racks available on site
- Planned return of **free bike health checks** for 2026
- North Berwick sits on the scenic John Muir Way – perfect for active travel

By Car

Parking is limited during busy periods.

New parking charges are being introduced across North Berwick from 1 June 2026.

We're asking people arriving by car to park responsibly and safely. Please do not park over resident driveways. Traffic attendants will be monitoring parking around the festival site over the duration.

A phone hotline will be available to report any parking/transport issues during the festival. Details will be published at www.fringebythesea.com

Key parking information:

- Central areas: £1 (up to 75 mins) / £2 (90 mins)
- High Street: 45 minutes free
- Other zones: from 50p (30 mins)
- Some areas (e.g. Recreation Park) remain free
- The majority of parking restrictions finish at 4pm

👉 This makes public transport or shared travel the easiest and most cost-effective option.

If you do drive, we recommend parking away from the central zones and walking in 'park and stride'.

The majority of parking options are within an approximate 15 minute walk of the festival site.. Please allow time to find a space and make your way to the festival site, particularly if you are attending an event/show.

Parking options around town:

- **North Berwick High School** – 10 mins (free)
- Recreation Park - 5 mins (free)
- The Lodge – 0 mins
- Scottish Seabird Centre – 0 mins
- Imperial Car Park – 2 mins
- Kirk Ports – 2 mins
- The Glebe – 8 mins
- North Berwick Station – 15 mins (free)

More info: [East Lothian Council Parking Information](#)

Accessible Travel & Parking

- Blue Badge parking and drop-off: **St Baldred's Crescent**
- Meet & greet point with buggy transport to festival venues
- Access to: Big Top, Lodge, Dome

Our team can assist from arrival point to venue entrances.

For more details on Accessibility, please see our Accessibility Guide online at www.fringebythesea.com

Getting Around the Site

The Lodge Grounds has four main access points:

1. Quality Street / East Road
2. Top of Law Road
3. North end of Lady Jane Road
4. East Road / Dunbar Road junction

Plan Ahead

We strongly recommend planning your journey in advance, especially for headline shows.

Download the Traveline Scotland app for real-time updates across trains and buses. If you can, **leave the car at home**. With regular trains, late buses, and our new Happy Bus services, getting to and from Fringe by the Sea has never been easier - or greener.