

Cowes Mobility Map



- ### LEGEND
- Designated Accessible Parking
 - Designated Accessible Toilet
 - Library
 - Medical Services
 - Post Box
 - Post Office
 - Supermarket
 - Telephone
 - Public Toilet
 - Seat
 - Picnic Bench
 - Play Ground
 - Bus Stop
 - Information Centre
 - ATM
 - BBQ
 - Parking
 - Council Customer Service
 - Stairs
 - Taxi Rank
 - Police Station
 - Place of Worship
 - Footpath
 - Walking Track
 - Prominent Building
 - Off-Street Parking
 - Reserve
 - Commercial Area
 - Suggested Crossing Point
 - Pedestrian Crossing
 - Rocks
 - Ascending gradient up to 1 in 20 manual wheelchair limit
 - Ascending gradient up to 1 in 14 assisted wheelchair limit

DISCLAIMER:
 The map provides information about access and facilities for people with limited mobility. While all attempts have been made to ensure accuracy, the information on the map is a matter of opinion and is not based on any legislative or statutory requirements. Information in this map could change at any time. Correct at October 2012.

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Facing the protected waters of Western Port, Cowes provides for a variety of experiences for visitors and locals within the main shopping area of Thompson Avenue.

The best beach access is to the east side of the Cowes Pier, although this ramp may be too steep for some users and doesn't currently meet Australian Standards.

A short distance along the foreshore to the west is Erehwon Point, a reserve with playground, views and accessible toilets (accessible from the foreshore track only).

Cowes Recreation Reserve is located further east along Chapel Street.

Ferry services operate from Cowes Pier to French Island or Stony Point at regular times, or Seal Rocks by charter. See the Visitor Information Centre for more information and timetables.

Parking in and around Thompson Avenue is limited during peak summer season so keep this in mind as you plan your trip. Traffic in this area is also busy during this season so be careful to cross at suggested crossing points or official pedestrian crossings.

Map Notes

Please be aware of the following items identified on the map:

- toilets and arcades are subject to various opening times.
- public telephones and ATMs may not comply with the most recent Australian Standards for access and mobility.
- walking track surfaces vary from firm, fine gravel to softer sand.

Further Access Information

Below is a list of information available regarding accessibility in Bass Coast Shire. For more information on any of these topics you can:

- Visit our Accessibility page on www.basscoast.vic.gov.au
- Contact our Community Facilitator – Rural Access on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or via the National Relay Service on 13 36 77 (for people with communication difficulties)
- Email ruralaccess@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Beach Wheelchairs

Bass Coast Shire Council has two beach wheelchairs available for loan. These specially made wheelchairs are designed to navigate sandy beaches and many of our walking tracks. The wheelchairs can be dismantled for transporting.



Contact Inverloch Visitor Information Centre on 1300 762 433 to book the Hippocampe Wheelchair



Contact Focus on Lifestyle in Cowes on (03) 5952 3352 to book the All Terrain Wheelchair

Easy Access Beaches Guide

An Easy Access Beaches guide is available with information on our most accessible beaches, including the availability of designated accessible parking and toilets.

Designated Accessible Parking and Toilets Guide

Information sheets on designated accessible toilets and parking bay locations are available.

Easy Access Eateries Guides

Eateries in Inverloch and Cowes have supplied information on access to their premises as a guide for residents and guests with limited mobility.

Mobility Maps

A range of mobility maps are available to help you move more freely in and around our beautiful towns, regardless of age or physical ability. Our maps show the most accessible pedestrian routes and accessible facilities in the central shopping areas of Cowes, Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

Access Improvements

Bass Coast Shire Council is committed to improving access for residents and visitors alike. To alert us of any areas in our shire where you believe access could be improved please contact us.

Public Transport Guides by Town

Bass Coast Transport Connections has put together town transport guides, providing information on transport options available from your town.

Tips for Mobility Scooter Users

- People using mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs are considered to be pedestrians and therefore must obey the same road rules as pedestrians.
- Footpaths are safer than roads. However where footpaths are unavailable, plan your trip to using quieter roads, where possible. When travelling on the road, you must travel facing the oncoming traffic if practicable to do so.
- Slow down near other people, especially pedestrians, cyclists, older people and children.
- Keep to the left where possible when passing other mobility users or pedestrians.
- Pedestrian crossings and traffic islands are the safest places to cross roads. Use our Mobility Maps to help plan your travel. Otherwise cross at a well-lit, quiet, straight section of the road.
- Mobility scooter users and other pedestrians must give way to motor vehicles at roundabouts.
- Avoid crossing at roundabouts as motorists have to look in many directions and therefore it may be more difficult to see you.
- Be aware of people exiting buildings in shopping strips. When parking or stopping keep clear of doorways, gateways or driveways.
- Other people use footpaths as well. Drive and park your vehicle so that other people can move along the footpath freely

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