

# WELCOME TO ST HELENS

St Helens is a sand/shingle beach on the eastern side of the Island. It is a favourite spot for local residents as well as the nearby holiday camps. Running alongside the beach you have a flat



unmade promenade which leads you to the WC facilities that include a separate disabled unit and a catering establishment which provides a menu for all tastes. On the entrance to the promenade on your left hand side you have a large grassed area which comes with picnic benches in situ. A free drinking water tap is also available alongside the public conveniences. Public transport to the beach is very limited. However, if travelling by car parking is available for approximately 51 vehicles including two disabled bays.

Like anywhere, St Helen's has its natural hazards, so be sure to take notice of the safety signs and also read the safety guidelines and have a good time. Information is provided at each area so check this out.

Should you need to report a problem such as broken glass or damage to premises, the Isle of Wight Council provides an emergency service for these type of problems. The number to call out of hours is 01983 821105.

## Access Statement for St Helen's, Isle of Wight

**N.B. This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.**

### Pre-Arrival

For details on how to reach us please see information on our website by visiting [www.iwight.com/just\\_visiting](http://www.iwight.com/just_visiting) This will also provide the opportunity to plan your journey to and around the island. A number 8 bus runs on an hourly basis which takes you to St Helen's village green leaving a 15/20 minute stroll to the beach.

# Car Parking and Arrival

Pay and display parking is available for approximately 51 vehicles including two disabled bays. For current details of the parking charges please visit

[http://www.iwight.com/just\\_visiting](http://www.iwight.com/just_visiting)

## Areas Adjacent to the Beach

The main surface and access to the promenade is unmade and can be slightly uneven underfoot. However, as part of a coastal protection scheme that was completed in 2012, the surface in front of the beach huts is now made up of a concrete decking system making the surface even underfoot. The parking area is incorporated along the prom but is separated by a narrow footpath on the seaward side. Safety equipment such as lifebelts are strategically placed along the prom for emergency situations.

## Beach Access Points

Access to the beach is available by a concrete slipway together with various wooden/concrete steps along the entire length of the promenade.

Wheelchair and push chair access is possible using the slipway which has a shallow gradient.

## On the Beach

St Helen's has a very flat beach which has a tide that ebbs some distance. Several breakwaters are found along the length of the beach and bait digging is a popular pastime.

The area between Brading Marshes and St Helen's Ledges is designated SSSI and is managed in accordance with guidance from English Heritage

Designations also include "Ramsar" (wetlands defined areas of marsh, fen, peatland or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary) and SPA (Special Protection Area).

The beach is excellent for swimming with sand dunes at the rear of the promenade. Birds and wildlife are abundant in the area and the view of Bembridge Harbour is breathtaking.

During the summer season St Helen's beach is litter picked on a regular basis.

## Public Toilets

Public toilets are also located along the promenade which includes a separate disabled facility with access by use of a radar key. The disabled facility is unisex and can be accessed by use of a Radar key. Radar is a nationwide disabled access scheme, please follow this link for details <http://www.radar-shop.org.uk/Range.aspx?id=0>

All WC units currently have automatic hand washing and drying facilities

## Food & Drink Outlets

Perfect setting on St Helen's bay, Baywatch cafe and seafood restaurant offers wonderful crab, mussels in many styles, memorable prawns, plus steaks, pasta, vegetarian dishes, salads and other light snacks. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner. Access to this facility is on one level making it suitable for all mobilities.

## Contact Information

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please feel free to contact us.

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