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ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE

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Various Venues, Brighton, UK

Accessibility Information

We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Great Escape Festival 2026 (TGE).

The Great Escape Festival & Convention is committed to making our event as accessible as possible for everyone.

We are a city-based festival which takes place in 30+ venues in the centre of Brighton. Please be aware that our venues have varying levels of facilities and levels of accessibility. We work closely with the venues throughout the year to monitor these facilities and make recommendations based on our customer feedback.

Please take the time to read this accessibility guide carefully. It contains essential information.

Remember to share this accessibility guide with your Essential Companion, as they must also know the information in this document.

This guide includes information on TGE venues across Brighton and is updated regularly.

Collecting Your Accessibility Wristband

When collecting your wristband, please bring the email you received from us confirming your approved accessible facilities.

To help you find this email, it was sent from **accessibility@greatescapefestival.com**, and the subject line is **The Great Escape Accessibility Approval Confirmation**.

If you cannot find the email, please contact us at **accessibility@greatescapefestival.com** before leaving home.

Forms of ID Required

Please ensure you bring one of the following forms of identification with you:

- Nimbus Access Card
- Current passport
- Current driving licence

- The Great Escape Festival Digital Access Pass + photo ID

You will be asked to present your form of identification when collecting your wristband.

Box Office Location

You can collect your Accessibility Wristband from the main Festival Wristband Exchange (located at Jubilee Square) if you are a festival ticket holder, or Delegate Registration (located in Leonardo Royal Waterfront Hotel) if you are a delegate or conference pass holder.

Please refer to the web pages below for full information about collecting your wristband (including opening times):

[Information for festival ticket holders](#)

[Information for delegate/conference pass holders](#)

Essential Companions

If you have been approved to attend The Great Escape with an essential companion, please ensure they arrive with you.

Your essential companion must be present with you at check-in to receive their wristband. You will not be sent a ticket in advance of the event for your Essential Companion.

Please ensure that your Essential Companion is willing and able to perform all your requirements, as needed, and be able to assist during an evacuation or other emergency.

Additional Information

Effect Lighting

Smoke machines, strobe lights, lasers, and other effects may be in use at some venues. Anyone affected by these should bear this in mind.

Medical and Welfare

Paramedics and First Aiders are available at the TGE Beach. First Aiders are available at the other venues.

The nearest Accident & Emergency is approximately 1km from the TGE Beach Site and 2.25km from Jubilee Square:

- Royal Sussex County Hospital
Eastern Road
Brighton
BN2 5BE

Open 24 hours

There is an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) in Brighton city centre, for medical help that is not a life-threatening emergency:

- Brighton Station Walk-in Clinic
Aspect House
84-87 Queens Road
Brighton
BN1 3XE

Open: 08:00 – 20:00 daily

The most central pharmacy is Boots in Brighton city centre. There is also a later opening pharmacy at ASDA Brighton Marina:

- Boots Pharmacy
129 North Street
BN1 2BE

Open: 09:00 – 18:00 Mon-Sat / 11:00 – 17:00 Sun

- ASDA
Brighton Marina
BN2 5UT

Open: 09:00 – 20:00 Mon-Sat / 11:00 – 17:00 Sun

Security, Stewards, and TGE Staff

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, Security, Stewards, and TGE Staff are deployed throughout the event. They will assist in moving everybody to a place of safety. They are also briefed to offer information, help and support. If you are unwell or require assistance, please approach a member of staff.

Where to Find Help During the Event

The Accessibility Team will be located at the TGE Beach venues and are identifiable by their purple tabards.

TGE staff will be located at the Leonardo Waterfront Hotel and can contact the Accessibility Team if required.

There will be a TGE Rep at every venue.

The Accessibility Team will also be monitoring their inbox throughout the event, and can be contacted using [The Great Escape Accessibility contact form](#).

General Event Information

Answers to most queries can be found by visiting [The Great Escape FAQ Page](#). If you have any other questions that are not answered there, please contact a member of the team at info@greatescapefestival.com.

Useful Links to Local Facilities

- Blue badge parking information: [Brighton & Hove City Council Parking Information Webpage](#).
- Taxi information: [Brighton & Hove City Council Taxi Information Page](#).
- Local Changing Places facility information: [Brighton & Hove Changing Places Toilets Page](#) and the [National Changing Places Toilets Finder](#).
- General Visit Brighton accessibility information: [Visit Brighton Accessibility Information Page](#).
- Accessible Bus Information: [Brighton & Hove Buses Accessibility Information](#).

How to Contact Us

If you require any further information on venue accessibility and facilities, please contact the TGE Accessibility Team using [The Great Escape Accessibility contact form](#).

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Brighthelm Centre

Address:

North Road, Brighton, BN1 1YD

Website:

www.brighthelm.org.uk

Venue Access:

Level access from the street into venue. Ground floor, all level access.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Basement toilet access via lift
- Seating available
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Queens Road – 200m

Taxi Rank:

Located at Brighton Railway Station – 640m

Blue Badge Parking:

Parking Available on North Road – 160m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 500m

Brighton Dome

Address:

Church Street, BN1 1UE

Website:

<http://www.brightondome.org/access>

Venue Access:

Level access from street into venue. All areas of the venue are accessible via ground level, ramps, or lifts.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets in every lobby - RADAR key required
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Bars have lowered counters & large-print menus
- Induction loops – Advanced booking required
- Hearing assistance – Advanced booking required
- Viewing platform – Advanced booking required
- Wheelchair accessible
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Marlborough Place Queens Road – 640m

Taxi Rank:

Church Street – 320m

Blue Badge Parking:

Church Street – 320m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 800m

Brighton Unitarian Church

Address:

New Road, BN1 1UF

Website:

<https://www.brightonunitarian.org.uk>

Venue Access:

Level access from street into venue via ramp. All venue areas are accessible, except the gallery.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets available through the rear door of auditorium
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Hearing loop/Induction loop
- Seating available
- Fridge to store medication
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

North Street/Old Steine – 500m

Taxi Rank:

Castle Street – 600m

Blue Badge Parking:

New Road – 200m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 640m

Club Revenge

Address:

32 Old Steine, BN1 1EL

Website:

<https://revenge.co.uk/accessibility/>

Venue Access:

Multiple staircases into venue from street, no lift facilities.

Facilities:

- Large print bar menus
- Seating available
- Raised accessible viewing area
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Old Steine Charles Street – 135m

Taxi Rank:

Outside venue – 5m

Blue Badge Parking:

Poole Valley Coach Station – 100m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

Chalk

Address:

Pool Valley, BN1 1NJ

Website:

<https://chalkvenue.com/accessibility-information>

Venue Access:

Access via ramp at the back of the venue, up two sets of stairs. Ramps are steeper than the recommended gradient for wheelchair use.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets (ask a member of staff for access)
- Hearing loop
- Seating available
- Raised accessible viewing area

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Old Steine Stop T – 90m

Taxi Rank:

East Street Taxi Rank – 220m

Blue Badge Parking:

Bartholomew's – 190m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

Charles Street Tap

Address:

8 Marine Parade, BN2 1TA

Website:

www.charlesstreettap.co.uk

Venue Access:

23 steps from street into venue. Lift access to all areas.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Accessible lift
- Seating available
- Staff trained to assist and personalise service for accessibility customers

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Marine Parade – 100m

Taxi Rank:

Marine Parade – 50m

Blue Badge Parking:

Madeira Drive – 150m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

Concorde 2

Address:

Madeira Drive, BN2 1EN

Website:

<https://www.concorde2.co.uk/your-visit#accessibility>

Venue Access:

Step-free access throughout the venue.

Facilities:

- Raised viewing platform
- Accessible toilet – RADAR key required
- Standing venue, but seating can be provided on request

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Paston Place – 500m (via stairs)

Taxi Rank:

Cannon Place – 1450m

Blue Badge Parking:

Madeira Drive – 45m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 2400m

Daltons

Address:

Madeira Drive, Lower Promenade, BN2 1TB

Website:

www.daltonsbrighton.com

Venue Access:

Access to venue via ramp to the right of Brighton Zip, down to sea front level. All areas of the venue are accessible.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Seating available
- Queue jump provisions on entry
- Welfare space
- Staff trained to assist and personalise service for accessible customers

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Old Steine – 100m

Taxi Rank:

Old Steine – 100m

Blue Badge Parking:

Madeira Drive (opposite Brighton Zip) – 20m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1600m

Dust

Address:

77 East Street, BN1 1NF

Website:

www.dustvenue.com

Venue Access:

16 steps into venue – no lift.

Facilities:

- Medics/trained staff
- Staff trained to assist and personalise service for accessible customers

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Old Steine – 450m

Taxi Rank:

East Street – 950m

Blue Badge Parking:

Kings Road – 10m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

Fabrica

Address:

40 Duke Street, BN1 1AG

Website:

<https://www.fabrica.org.uk/accessibilityinfo>

Venue Access:

Level access into venue via ramp. Two steps to the stage. Lift available.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Seating available
- Sensory/quiet space
- Medics/trained staff

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

North Street (Stop Y) – 120m

Taxi Rank:

East Street – 300m

Blue Badge Parking:

Outside venue – 30m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 800m

The Green Door Store

Address:

2 – 4 Trafalgar Arches, BN1 4FQ

Website:

<https://thegreendoorstore.co.uk/venue-info/access/>

Venue Access:

Level access from street to venue. All areas of the venue accessible via ground level.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets – Ask security or bar staff for a key
- Seating available
- Lowered bar service area

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Brighton Railway Station (front) – 160m

Taxi Rank:

Brighton Railway Station (rear) – 160m

Blue Badge Parking:

Brighton Railway Station, Stroudley Road – 480m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 160m

The Hope & Ruin

Address:

11 – 12 Queens Road, BN1 3WA

Website:

<https://www.hope.pub/access/>

Venue Access:

No level access from street to venue. Live music space is located up a flight of stairs with no lift.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets available; 1 in venue, 1 ambulant toilet in bar accessed via 2 steps
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Seating available on request
- Fridge to store medication
- Medics/trained staff

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Queens Road / Clock Tower – 200m

Taxi Rank:

Queen Square – 150m

Blue Badge Parking:

Church Street – 300m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 480m

Horatios

Address:

Brighton Palace Pier, Madeira Drive, BN2 1TW

Website:

<https://www.brightonpier.co.uk/info-support/accessibility/>

Venue Access:

Level access via Brighton Pier. Venue is located toward the end of the pier on east side.

Facilities:

- Seating
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Queue jump provisions on entry
- Welfare space
- Fridge to store medication
- Medics/trained staff

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Old Steine (stop S) / Sea Life Centre (stop K) – 800m

Taxi Rank:

Madeira Drive – 650m

Blue Badge Parking:

Madeira Drive – 900m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 2100m

Komedia

Address:

Regent Street, BN1 1UL

Website:

<https://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/visit/accessibility/>

Venue Access:

Level access from street into building. Lift access to both performance venues (studio & downstairs space).

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets on both levels
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Bars have large print and braille menus
- Service areas with lowered counters
- Infra-Red hearing system in downstairs performance space – Advanced booking required
- Fridge to store medication
- Staff trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Marlborough Place Queens Road – 320m

Taxi Rank:

Queen Square – 480m

Blue Badge Parking:

Outside venue – 5m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 640m

Leonardo Royal Waterfront Hotel

Address:

Kings Road, BN1 2GS

Website:

www.leonardo-hotels.com/brighton/

Venue Access:

Via Kings Road (Seafront) - Level access from street to lobby.

Via Bartholomew Square (Lanes) - Ramp access from street to atrium lift.

Access to all floors, with exception of the health club.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Induction loop at reception
- Accessible hotel rooms
- Portable handrails
- Bars have large print menus and lowered counter service areas
- Take 5 Space (located downstairs). Designated low-stimulation area where people can pause and regulate for a few moments
- Seating in both conference venues and all networking/party events

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

North Street – 480m

Taxi Rank:

The Old Ship Hotel, Kings Road East Street – 160m

Blue Badge Parking:

Black Lion Street – 160m

Bartholomews – 160m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

The Old Market

Address:

11A Upper Market Street, BN3 1AS

Website:

<https://www.theoldmarket.com/access>

Venue Access:

Level access to venue, box office and bar from the street. Lower-level access via platform lift.

Facilities:

- Accessible Toilet downstairs via platform lift - RADAR keys available on request
- Seating available
- Accessible viewing area
- Queue jump provisions on entry
- Welfare space, fridge to store medication
- Medics/trained staff

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Western Road by Brunswick Square – 160m (to Brighton)

Western Road by Co-op Supermarket – 170m (to Hove)

Taxi Rank:

Church Street – 1287m (staff able to call for a taxi from the venue)

Blue Badge Parking:

Outside venue – 5m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1600m

One Church

Address:

Gloucester Place, BN1 4AA

Website:

www.onechurchbrighton.org

Venue Access:

Due to the age and type of building, the only access to the venue is via two flights of stairs.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilet
- Seating available
- Bars have large print menus and low counter service areas

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Gloucester Place – 140m

Taxi Rank:

Church Street – 640m

Blue Badge Parking:

Church Street – 640m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 640m

Patterns

Address:

10 Marine Parade, BN2 1TL

Website:

<https://patternsbrighton.com/accessibility/>

Venue Access:

Level access to the ground floor bar and terrace. The basement is only accessible via a flight of stairs.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets on ground level - RADAR key required
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Large print format bar menus
- Seating
- Queue jump provisions on entry
- Welfare space
- Fridge to store medication

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Multiple bus stops along Marine Parade – 160m

Taxi Rank:

Outside venue – 5m

Blue Badge Parking:

Marine Parade – 160m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1400m

Players

Address:

171 – 181 Kings Road Arches, BN1 1NB

Website:

<https://www.playersbattlebar.com/>

Venue Access:

Level access from lower promenade into venue. Lower promenade access via public ramp or stairs from Kings Road. All areas of the venue are accessible.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets – RADAR key required
- Seating available
- Raised viewing area
- Large print menus
- Lowered bar service area

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

North Street – 320m

Taxi Rank:

The Old Ship Hotel, Kings Road – 40m

Blue Badge Parking:

Middle Street – 160m

Black Lion Street – 160m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1100m

The Prince Albert

Address:

48 Trafalgar Street, BN1 3ED

Website:

www.princealbertbrighton.co.uk

Venue Access:

Stairs into main bar and stairs into the auditorium.

Facilities:

- Seating
- Medics/trained staff

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Brighton Railway Station – 100m

Taxi Rank:

Brighton Railway Station – 200m

Blue Badge Parking:

Whitecross Street – 100m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 100m

Quarters

Address:

187 – 193 King's Road, Brighton, BN1 1NB

Website:

<https://www.quartersbrighton.co.uk/accessibility>

Venue Access:

Level access from the street into venue.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Seating available
- Raised viewing area
- Queue jump provisions on entry
- Welfare space
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Kings Road – 50m

Taxi Rank:

Kings Road – 50m

Blue Badge Parking:

Middle Street – 100m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1100m

Queens Hotel

Address:

1 – 3 Kings Road, BN1 1NS (The Sandringham Suite)

Website:

www.queenshotelbrighton.com

Venue Access:

Ramp access into the lobby. Accessible lift to main level and basement. Temporary wheelchair ramp available.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets – key card available from reception or bar
- Hearing loop
- Seating available
- Fridge to store medication
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Old Steine – 320m

Taxi Rank:

East Street – 160m

Blue Badge Parking:

Town Hall (rear) – 160m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

The Tempest

Address:

159 Kings Road, BN1 1NB

Website:

www.tempest.pub

Venue Access:

Level access from street to venue, 12 steps from venue to auditorium.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilet downstairs – via ramp access
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Seating available
- Queue jump provisions at bar
- Staff trained to assist and personalise service for accessible customers

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Kings Road – 50m

Taxi Rank:

Kings Road – 100m

Blue Badge Parking:

Russell Road NCP Car Park – 320m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 900m

TGE Beach

Address:

Brighton Beach, BN2 1EN - adjacent to Maderia Drive

What3Words Location:

[actual.solar.mops](https://www.what3words.com/actual.solar.mops)

Website:

<https://greatestescapefestival.com/accessibility/>

Venue Access:

Situated on Brighton Beach, access is via the promenade down a ramp and across the level crossing over Volks Railway.

The TGE Beach site is built directly on to the shingle beach. Metal Roadway and temporary paths are installed throughout the TGE Beach site giving pathways to the venues, bars, food traders and accessible toilets.

The two main venues at the site (The Deep End and Soundwaves) are accessible via pathways and have hard floor. Please be aware the ground is not completely level due to the shingle beneath.

The Jetty outdoor stage has no hard flooring but can be viewed from the accessible paths and trackway.

Facilities:

- Accessible toilets
- Assistance dogs welcome
- An accessible viewing area with limited seating is available at the front of the Deep End and Soundwaves venues. These areas are managed by our Accessibility team and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. We are unable to reserve spaces in these areas.

- Queue jump provision on entry to the site and beach venues with a TGE Accessibility Wristband
- There are trained medics on site should you require any assistance. Please ask the nearest staff member or security
- Lowered bar service areas
- Staff are trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Marine Parade – 600m (via stairs)

Taxi Rank:

Outside Venue – 20m

Blue Badge Parking:

Madeira Drive – 50m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 2200m

Volks

Address:

1 – 3 The Colonnade, Madeira Drive, BN2 1PS

Website:

www.volksclub.co.uk

Venue Access:

Level access from street to venue. Main areas of the venue including bars, smoking area, and dancefloor are accessible.

Facilities:

There are no accessible toilets within the venue. Public toilets are located 20 metres from venue and are open until 20:00 daily.

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

Marine Parade – 600m (via stairs)

Taxi Rank:

Madeira Drive – 20m

Blue Badge Parking:

Madeira Drive – 20m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1400m

WaterBear Music Bar

Address:

40 – 70 Manchester Street, BN1 2RT

Website:

<https://waterbear.org.uk/brighton/facilities/waterbear-music-bar/>

Venue Access:

5 Steps from street to venue, and 20 steps to the auditorium – no lift.
Toilets are up 2 flights of steps.

Facilities:

- Seating – Available on the ground floor, not the basement
- Queue jump provisions on entry
- Limited sensory/quiet welfare space
- Staff trained in accessibility awareness

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

St James Street – 60m

Taxi Rank:

East Street – 100m

Blue Badge Parking:

Marine Parade – 70m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 1200m

WaterBear Venue

Address:

169 – 170 Kings Road Arches, BN1 1NB

Website:

www.waterbear.org.uk

Venue Access:

Located on a ramp on the seafront. Stairs into the bar, venue, and to fire exits.

Facilities:

- There are no accessible toilets within the venue – Steps leading to toilets
- Medics/trained staff

Closest Transport Connections:

Bus Stop:

North Street – 480m

Taxi Rank:

East Street – 320m

Blue Badge Parking:

NCP Brighton Centre – 480m

Train Station:

Brighton Railway Station – 320m