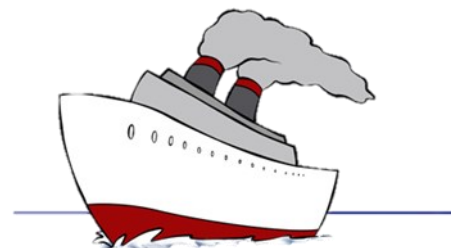


## BEACHES & BOATS

Southampton is a major port so there are plenty of ways to enjoy the water. It has quays, marinas, waterside parks and beaches which are great places to watch cruise ships and boats pass in and out.



See also Museums & Galleries for Portsmouth's historic dockyard

### Beaches & Boat Viewing

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**The Rose Road Association – Avon Tyrrell**







# 1. Bournemouth Beach

- ⇒ Bournemouth beach is one of the safest beaches in the UK with Lifeguards based all the way along the 7 mile stretch of beach. Lifeguards are also based to the east of Boscombe Pier 365 days a year
- ⇒ Above the beach at Pier Approach there are family attractions, cafés and restaurants
- ⇒ Deck chairs, sunbeds, windbreaks and parasols can all be hired on the beach - help yourself and an attendant will collect the hire charge once you're settled
- ⇒ Colourful beach huts available to hire from 'beach pods'. Each pod features include mains electricity, bespoke kitchenette, kettle, microwave, sandwich toaster, seaside furniture set and kitchen utensils to make your stay as enjoyable and comfortable as possible. To book call 0845 055 0968
- ⇒ Dog friendly beaches can be found at Alum Chine, Middle Chine, Fisherman's Walk and Hengistbury Head May-September

*Opening Times*


The beach is always open to the public, attraction opening times vary

Using the beach itself is free, attraction and parking costs vary

-  Bournemouth Seafront, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 5AA
-  08450 511 700
-  [info@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:info@bournemouth.gov.uk)
-  [www.bournemouth.co.uk](http://www.bournemouth.co.uk)



## Land trains

- ⇒ Sit back and enjoy the seafront scene
- ⇒ 2 Routes: (Bournemouth Pier, Boscombe Pier, Boscombe Gardens, Boscombe High Street) and (Bournemouth Pier, Alum Chine)
- ⇒ Daily departures: Easter to October half term, February half term, Boxing Day to 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Only a weekend service rest of the year, the service is subject to weather conditions.
- ⇒ For operating times, check the train stop notice board or call the Seafront Office: 01202 451 781
- ⇒ Under 5's, wheelchair users and 1 carer per disabled customer travel for **free** 

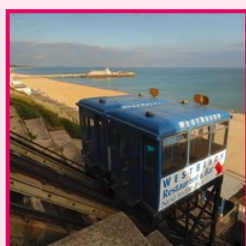


## Gardens


- ⇒ Bournemouth's Gardens are split into three areas and retain much of their Victorian character, starting the Lower Gardens are adjacent to the sea and lead to the Central Gardens in the town centre and then the Upper Gardens. You can take a beautiful walk from the seafront through these gardens for 1.5 miles and take in the many trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials from around the world, planted to provide interest throughout the year.
- ⇒ *Lower Gardens*: renowned for their floral bedding displays throughout the year, which bring together brilliant colours, textures, height variations and scent. The Lower Gardens also play host to many events and attractions during the summer months including concerts at the Pine Walk Bandstand, the Aviary and the Pinewalk Art Exhibition –the Aviary is free of charge but a donation is suggested
- ⇒ *Boscombe Chine Gardens*: features a children's water play area, mini golf and the *Italianate Gardens* are also near, off Boscombe Cliff Road
- ⇒ *Alum Chine*: boasts an award winning tropical garden, laid out with path borders and dry stonewalls in the 1920's to create a terrace garden overlooking the bay. There are many unusual exotic plants in the gardens to discover

## Historic Cliff Lifts

- ⇒ *West Cliff lift*: links the beach to the Bournemouth International Centre and hotels on the cliff top
- ⇒ *East Cliff lift*: a leisurely journey to hotels on the East Overcliff, the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum and East Lift house where you can learn about the cliff lifts' history
- ⇒ *Fisherman's Walk cliff lift*: a link to the cafés and the sunken garden on the cliff top
- ⇒ All lifts operate daily, subject to weather, Easter to October half term. The East and West cliff lifts also operate Boxing Day to 3<sup>rd</sup> January and weekends during the winter.
- ⇒ Under 5's and wheelchair users plus 1 carer per disabled customer travel for **free**




### **Accessibility**


- ⇒ A full 28 page 'Access to Bournemouth Visitor Information' is available on the website
- ⇒ Permanent wheelchair users and 1 carer can enjoy free use of the land trains, cliff lifts and access to Bournemouth Pier for **free** 
- ⇒ Neighbouring Boscombe Beach has new *accessible beach huts* for hire, designed specifically for disabled beach users. To book: 0845 055 0968 (local rate)
- ⇒ *Beach going wheelchairs* fitted with balloon tyres are available for customers to gain access onto the sand. Call for details 01202 451781
- ⇒ The gardens stretch for a mile and a half and are fully accessible with wide level pathways. Boscombe Chine Gardens /Italianate Gardens /Alum Chine gardens are wheelchair accessible, with seating located throughout; however they are on a steep incline from seafront level up to cliff top level
- ⇒ Accessible *parking* spaces are available on the promenade between the piers (chargeable)
- ⇒ Fully accessible *toilet facilities* are available across the seafront, utilising RADAR keys
- ⇒ *Hearing loops* are at all the seafront offices and cliff lifts



## 2. Hythe Marina Village

⇒ Over 200 small cruise boats and a sea lock to watch, with many shops, restaurants and bars in the area

 Shamrock Way, Hythe,  
Southampton, SO45 6DY

 02380 207 073

 enquiries@mdlmarinas.co.uk

 [www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-hythe-marina-village](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/mdl-hythe-marina-village)




Always accessible


Charges apply



## 3. Hamble Point Marina

⇒ Over 200 boats are docked here  
⇒ Surrounded by nature reserves, walks, trails, shops, bars and restaurants

 School Lane, Hamble,  
Southampton, SO31 4NB

 02380 452 464

 enquiries@mdlmarinas.co.uk

 [www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/hamble-point-marina](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/hamble-point-marina)




Always accessible


Charges apply



## 4. Mayflower Park

⇒ Located on the waters edge just south of the city centre, the park is a good place to watch boats and famous cruise liners set sail  
⇒ The park is also used for the Southampton Boat Show  
⇒ Nautical-themed play park with a pirate ship climbing frame, slide, swings, swing boat and roundabout  
⇒ Café and often an ice-cream van  
⇒ There is a steep unfenced slope down to the water

 School Lane, Hamble,  
Southampton, SO31 4NB

 02380 452 464

 enquiries@mdlmarinas.co.uk

 [www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/hamble-point-marina](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/hamble-point-marina)

Always accessible to the public

Free of charge



Metered parking



## 5. Ocean Village

- ⇒ Marina with many small boats and good views
- ⇒ Restaurants, bars, cinemas, boat trips and parks near by
- ⇒ Large cruise ships sometimes dock here and you can get an up close view



Ocean Village, Southampton,  
SO14 3TG



02380 229 385 (Ocean Village Marina)



[www.oceanvillagesouthampton.com/visit](http://www.oceanvillagesouthampton.com/visit)



Always accessible  
Free of charge



Blue Badge holders can park **free** in West Quays multi-storey

## 6. Town Quay

- ⇒ Located on the eastern shores of Southampton's waterfront the quay has good views of boats, ships, liners, ferries and the catamaran service to the Isle of Wight
- ⇒ Bars, restaurants and shops near by
- ⇒ Accessible at all states of tide
- ⇒ Marina reception open 24 hours a day



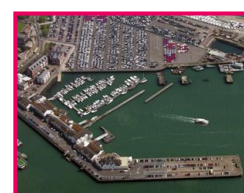
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Always accessible  
Free of charge



Blue Badge holders can park **free** in West Quays multi-storey

## 7. Weston Shore Park

- ⇒ A 2.2km stretch of public open space, a popular spot for boat and liner watching (timetable of passing ships can be found on the website)
- ⇒ Attractions include a 'Pirate Shipwreck' play area on the foreshore, heritage trails, redeveloped beach shelters which make pleasant picnic areas and an 18 hole pitch and putt (at Woodmill Lane, SO18 2JJ)
- ⇒ Hosts events and community fun days (see website)



School Lane, Hamble,  
Southampton, SO31 4NB



02380 452 464




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[www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/hamble-point-marina](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/hamble-point-marina)



Always accessible  
Free of charge  
**Pitch & Putt**  
April-October from 9.30am  
Closing times vary between 5pm-8pm dependent on day light (see website)

*Prices* 


<b>Juniors (Under 18):</b>	£4
<b>Adult:</b>	£2.50
<b>Putting:</b>	£1.50


£5 returnable deposit



## 8. Blue Funnel Cruises

- ⇒ A range of cruises available departing from Ocean Village which are between 1 and 5 hours long
- ⇒ The wide range of cruises include: the Southampton Harbour Tour, the Two Rivers Tour (2.5hrs, rivers Itchen & Test), the Three River Cruise (3hrs, rivers Hamble, Itchen & Test), the Four River Cruise (3hrs, rivers Hamble, Beaulieu, Itchen & Test), the Hamble River Cruise, Scenic Solent (4.5hrs, to Cowes on the Isle of Wight) and a day cruise to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards (5hrs). Lunch cruises also available
- ⇒ Pre-booking is advised
- ⇒ All cruises have food available

 Blue Funnel Cruises, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3FJ

 02380 223 278


 office@bluefunnel.co.uk


 www.bluefunnel.co.uk

## 9. Hythe Ferries


- ⇒ The Hythe Ferry departs daily every 20 minutes on a 25 minute round trip between Hythe Pier and Town Quay
- ⇒ It passes close to the Ocean Superliners, the Queen Victoria, the Queen Mary II and the Queen Elizabeth II when at home
- ⇒ Travel on the worlds oldest pier train along Hythe Pier to board the ferry
- ⇒ See website for timetable
- ⇒ Pier train £1.50 per person, discounts apply when quoting ROSE ROAD

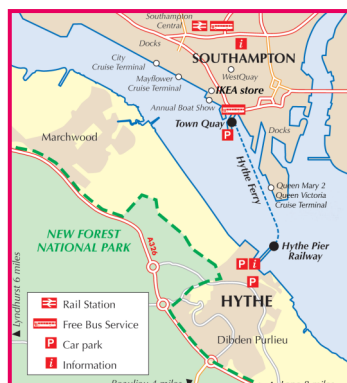


 Prospect Place, Hythe, Southampton, SO45 6AU

 02380 840 722

 post@hytheferry.co.uk

 www.hytheferry.co.uk



### Prices

Set day cruise prices very, see website for full list



Easy access for manual wheelchairs mostly. Limited/ no outdoor success for all boats bar one (Ashleigh R)



### Prices

'Standard' ticket prices (gives 2 ferry trips, valid for 1 month)

<b>Child:</b>	£3.50
<b>Adult:</b>	£5.60
<b>Concession:</b>	£3.50
<b>Disabled:</b>	£3.50
<b>Carer:</b>	£3.50

Discounts for groups of 10+

Family Returns £14.70  
Valid for 1 day





Family combinations:  
2A&2C /1A&3C,/1A,2C&10AP

- ⇒ The pier train is not wheelchair accessible but wheelchairs can be pushed down the pier to board
- ⇒ Contact in advance to arrange wheelchair access as it is tide dependent



## 10. Jubilee Sailing Trust

- ⇒ Tall sailing ship adventures. Choose a day sail or a longer voyage, and learn practical sailing skills as part of an experienced crew
- ⇒ Day sails available for children aged 12 and over
- ⇒ The ships are designed to accommodate physically disabled and non-disabled individuals including wheelchair users, those with visual impairment, epilepsy, cerebral palsy etc
- ⇒ *"50% of the crew may be physically disabled, 100% are actively involved. We believe that's just the way it should be"*

 12 Hazel Road, Southampton, SO19 7GA  
 02380 449 108  
 [info@jst.org.uk](mailto:info@jst.org.uk)  
 [www.jst.org.uk](http://www.jst.org.uk)



- ⇒ *Limits to sailing – “for safety reasons we are unable to accommodate anyone on board our ships who has profound learning disabilities, or wheelchair /occasional wheelchair users weighing more than 16 stone. Please note wheelchairs should not exceed the maximum 66.5cm width on board and MUST be manual. Anyone booking a day sail and who is severely physically disabled, has learning disabilities, or needs personal care, is required to bring an able-bodied friend (buddy) with them over the age of 18. 'Going aloft' may be possible for those who do not require climbing assistance but the opportunity will be subject to weather conditions on the day. Because of the manning levels and time constraints during a day sail, assisted climbs are not possible”*

**£**

Prices

Day Sails are £145 but bursaries are available (see website for details on applying for this)





## 11. Lymington SailAbility

- ⇒ Lymington SailAbility is a charity that provides sailing opportunities for people with disabilities aged 10 and over
- ⇒ Sailing excursions from April to October (Monday and Thursday) on Lymington River and out into the Solent. Each session lasts around 3 ½ hours, with 2 hours sailing time
- ⇒ Sailing times are tide dependent, but usually run at 9am or 1pm
- ⇒ Groups (8 children and 1 carer) can go outside the normal session times, please phone to arrange
- ⇒ Lifejackets and all safety equipment provided, just wear warm clothing and suitable shoes



**£**

Prices

Volunteers: £15 per annum  
 Disabled Sailing Members:  
 £30 per annum



Hoists, adapted seats and equipment

 Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Bath Road,  
 Lymington, SO41 3SE

 07823 338 374

 [lymsailability@gmail.com](mailto:lymsailability@gmail.com)

 [www.lymingtonsailability.com](http://www.lymingtonsailability.com)



## 12. Miniports

- ⇒ Nautikidz Ltd. offer rides in a range of miniature ships, electric powered and very easy to control
- ⇒ The 2 miniports are situated in safe sheltered locations, one surrounded by all the facilities of Gunwharf Quays, in view of the Spinnaker Tower, the other is located within the many attractions of Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard
- ⇒ Boats take a crew of 2 adults 3 children or equivalent
- ⇒ Group bookings and birthday parties can be hosted at the Historic Dockyard as it is a larger location



**£**

Prices

£10 per boat  
 1 free carer per disabled guest (or  
 guests with learning difficulties)  
 Before 12.30pm rides are 50%  
 longer

 Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth, PO13 LF  
 Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3TZ

 07788 412 562

 [info@miniport.co](mailto:info@miniport.co)

 [www.miniport.co](http://www.miniport.co)



Boats need a certain amount of mobility to get in and use



### 13. Red Funnel

- ⇒ Ferries to and from the Isle of Wight.
- ⇒ On board entertainment for children including face-painting, magicians & visits to the ship's bridge to meet the captain and see how the ship is controlled.
- ⇒ The Red Jet high-speed service (foot passengers) takes only 25 minutes (every 30mins peak times, every 60mins off-peak)
- ⇒ Please see Isle of Wight section for more information on the **discount** and places to visit when you get there



**£**

Prices

Fares vary depending on the time of year and time of day –see website for details

Rose Road users 10% off every service

 12 Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2JY

 08448 449 988

 [post@redfunnel.co.uk](mailto:post@redfunnel.co.uk)

 [www.redfunnel.co.uk](http://www.redfunnel.co.uk)



There are wheelchair accessible toilets on vehicle ferries but NOT the red jet ferry

### 14. Solent Dolphin

- ⇒ Boat trips for people with disabilities
- ⇒ The boat goes out 3 times a day, 7 days a week from 1st May to 30th September. Trips are 2 hours
- ⇒ The boat is crewed and maintained by trained and qualified volunteers
- ⇒ Call or email to arrange a booking, see website for more details

**£**

Prices

Free of charge

 Hythe Marina, Southampton, So45 6DY

 02380 848 774

 [solentdolphin@gmail.com](mailto:solentdolphin@gmail.com)

 [www.solentdolphin.co.uk](http://www.solentdolphin.co.uk)



- ⇒ Passes are given to exempt customers from parking charges
- ⇒ The boat has clamps which secures wheelchairs on deck