

Accessibility Across Block Island

Transportation, Accommodations, Restaurants, and Things To Do on Block Island that are Accessible to People with Physical Disabilities

The Block Island Visitor's Center (at the Old Harbor Ferry Landing – 120 Water Street) has wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers for rent, \$25 per day. You can call ahead to reserve: 401-466-2474

TRANSPORTATION

1) The Block Island Ferry- 304 Great Island Road Narragansett, RI 02882 AND 130 Water St. Block Island, RI 02807. Phone: (866) 783-7996 ext.3

All Traditional ferries will accommodate wheelchairs on the lower decks during the ferry ride. Early boarding is also allowed for those who need extra time getting to the upper decks. Please inform an employee upon arrival if this is the case.

The MV BLOCK ISLAND ferry has a wheelchair lift aboard the ferry for those who need it. Passengers must arrive at the ferry terminal at least 45 minutes to 1 hour prior to sailing time in order to access it. Please contact the Reservations Office to find out which sailing times have the wheelchair lift available.

Hi-Speed (Point Judith & Newport) ferries are wheelchair accessible on the main deck.

2) Block Island Express- 2 Ferry Street New London, CT 06320 AND 130 Water St. Block Island, RI 02807. Phone: CT (860) 444-4624 or BI (401) 466-2212

The New London Ferry Terminal is fully accessible to all. Handicap parking is available at the facility. Ramps for wheelchairs allow full access to the ticket office. Accessible restrooms are also available in the ticket office. The Block Island Ferry Terminal offers full access to the ticket booth. Accessible public restrooms are located nearby. Both ferry terminals offer access to the vessels through wide,

wheelchair accessible, boarding ramps. It is recommended that you arrive at the terminal at least 30 minutes prior to your departure time. When you arrive at the terminal it is important to tell the booth attendant your accessibility requirements so they can direct you toward the handicap parking located near the boarding area.

The JESSICA W. vessel is accessible to the main passenger deck, which provides excellent views, accessible restrooms, and food service. Service Animals are permitted aboard.

Reservations can be made online or over the telephone. People who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can be connected to the reservation call center through a text telephone relay service (TRS). The TRS can be reached by dialing 711 and asking to be connected to CT (860) 444-4624 or BI (401) 466-2212.

3) Viking Fleet- 462 W Lake Dr, Montauk, NY 11954 AND 80 West Side Rd. Block Island, RI 02807.

Phone: (631) 668-5700

The first deck of the vessels are handicap accessible. Keep in mind that, due to tides, the elevation of the gangplank varies, and it could be a steep incline. Mates do their best to accommodate any needs.

4) New England Airlines- 56 Airport Rd, Westerly, RI 02891 AND Center Rd. Block Island, RI 02807.

Phone: (401) 596-2460

No ramp into planes, foldable wheelchairs allowed only. Passengers must be able to stand and step up to board the plane. Small dogs under 25 pounds fly free, dogs over 25 pounds cost \$25 each way.

5) Action Airlines Air Charter Service- Phone: (800) 243-8623

The Piper Seneca aircraft has a rear door hatch that is more or less at hip height. This is often best for older customers or those with physical challenges, as they can slide in (with assistance).

The Piper Navajo is a larger aircraft that has a rear fold down door hatch with a few steps, thus requiring the passenger to climb in to be seated.

Since passengers book and confirm the trip in advance, there is no need to get a physical ticket or visit any office beforehand. Some airports even allow passengers to drive their vehicle onto the ramp and park alongside the aircraft for easy transfer.

Service animals are accepted, but the airline will need to know about them when booking. Action Airlines does their very best to accommodate their customers and make their experience as comfortable and easy as possible.

ACCOMMODATIONS WITH ACCESSIBLE ROOMS

1) 1661 Resort - 43 Spring Street (401) 466-2421

2) Block Island Beach House- 32 Dodge St. (401) 466-5500

3) Block Island Reservations- 213 Water St. (401) 466-5504

4) Champlin's Resort- 80 West Side Rd. (401) 466-7777

- 5) **Gertrude Ball Suite**- 607 Corn Neck Rd. (617) 251-4630
- 6) **Hotel Manisses**- 251 Spring St. (401) 466-9898
- 7) **Inn at Spring House**- 260 Spring St. (401) 466-5418
- 8) **National Hotel**- 36 Water St. (401) 466-2901
- 9) **Payne's Harborview Inn**- 111 Beach Ave. (401) 466-5758
- 10) **Rose Farm Inn**- 1005 High St. (401) 466-2034
- 11) **Spring House Hotel**- 51 Spring St. (401) 466-5844

FOOD & DRINK ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE

- 1) **1661 Inn** - Breakfast area has no step and there is a handicap parking spot.
- 2) **212 Water Street/OneBI**- 212 Water St. (401) 859-0890; OneBI Steak & Oyster House, Block Island Clam Cake Company, and Pasta Patch have ground level entrances.
- 3) **Aldo's Bakery and Restaurant**- 130 Weldons Way (401) 466-2198
Bakery has a ground level entrance; enter restaurant through bakery.
- 4) **Ballard's Restaurant**- 42 Water St. (401) 466-2231; Ramp
- 5) **The Barn at Spring House**- 52 Spring St. (401) 466-5844; Ramp
- 6) **Beachhead**- 598 Corn Neck Rd. (401) 466-2249; Ramp
- 7) **Block Island Grocery Store**- 242 Ocean Ave. (401) 466-2949; Ground level entrance
- 8) **Bodega**- Above Poor People's Pub, 33 Ocean Ave. (401) 800-0295; Accessible from parking area around back of building
- 9) **Champlin's Marina and Resort**- 80 West Side Rd. (401) 466-7777
The Landing at Champlin's, Cafe Boutique, Trader's Dock Bar, The Sugar Shack, and the pool are all ADA compliant
- 10) **Dead Eye Dick's**- 218 Ocean Ave. (401) 466-2654; Ramp and outdoor ground level tables
- 11) **Ellen's at The Airport**- 4 Center Rd. (401) 465-4413; Ground level entrance
- 12) **Kimberly's**- 238 Ocean Ave. (401) 466-8600; Ramp, call ahead of time at (401) 465-6243 to ensure clear access
- 13) **Los Gatitos**- 214 Corn Neck Rd. (401) 466-5855; Wheelchair elevator lift, indoor seating only

- 14) **McAloon's**- 596 Corn Neck Rd. (401) 466-2928; Ramp
- 15) **National Hotel Tap & Grille**- 36 Water St. (401) 466-2901; Ramp in back
- 16) **The Oar**- 221 Jobs Hill Rd. (401) 466-8820
Outdoor seating only, outdoor ground level tables
- 17) **Old Post Office Bagel Shop**- 123 Ocean Ave. (401) 466-5959
Ground level entrance
- 18) **Poor People's Pub**- 33 Ocean Ave. (401) 466-8533; Ramp
- 19) **Rebecca's Seafood Takeout**- 435 Water St. (401) 466-5411
Outdoor seating only, outdoor ground level tables
- 20) **The Surf at the Block Island Beach House**- 32 Dodge St. (401) 466-5505
Wheelchair elevator lift
- 21) **Winfield's**- 214 Corn Neck Rd. (401) 466-5856; Wheelchair elevator lift
- 22) **Wetherbee's**- 35 Connecticut Ave. (401) 466-7678; Ground level entrance

THINGS TO DO

- 1) **Block Island Ghost Tour**
Guides will take an alternate route to accommodate wheelchair users
- 2) **Fred Benson Town Beach**- 7 Corn Neck Rd. (401) 466-7717
Beach wheelchair available. No reservation required; speak with the beach manager at the pavilion counter for use
- 3) **Greenway Trails**- <https://www.natureblockisland.org/trails-on-block-island>
An all-terrain wheelchair is available for Greenway Trails by contacting the Nature Conservancy with 24-hour advance notice at (401) 466-2129
- 4) **Historical Society Museum Gallery & Shop**- 18 Old Town Rd. (401) 466-2481
First floor is wheelchair accessible
- 5) **Old Harbor Shopping Center**
Most of the stores along Water Street, Chapel Street, and Dodge Street are handicap accessible either by ramp or with ground level entrances
- 6) **1661 Inn Exotic Animal Farm and Gardens**- 1 Spring St. (401) 466-2421; Ground-level outdoor property