

Everyone should be able to enjoy a day out at the beach!



6 Step Booking Process:



- 1 Ensure you have (free) membership of Mae Murray Foundation. Go to our website and select **Become a Member** to sign up.
- 2 Watch our online induction and safety video, available on the *Inclusive Beaches* page of our website.
- 3 Read Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions.
- 4 Check beach schedules and equipment options for your preferred beach. If unsure about which piece of equipment is best for you, contact Mae Murray Foundation office.
- 5 Complete the online Booking Request form. You must send your request 72 hours in advance.
- 6 Await confirmation email with further instruction. If no email is received contact: Mae Murray Foundation office on **0300 600 1166**.



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INCLUSIVE BEACHES

A planned environment where people of all ages and abilities can take part.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Inclusive Beach?

An Inclusive Beach is a planned beach environment where people of all ages and abilities can take part, have fun, and be included.

Inclusive Beaches provide access, parking, and disabled toilets – which will always offer hoisting and adult-sized changing bench facilities – to full Changing Places standard whenever possible.

Inclusive Beaches in Northern Ireland offer beach equipment loan schemes operated as a partnership between Mae Murray Foundation and respective beach operators.

What is the beach equipment loan scheme?

The beach equipment loan scheme is a free service providing the opportunity to borrow a range of mobility equipment suited to the beach environment.

The service is available across Northern Ireland at several beach locations which have been given Inclusive Beach status.

The range of equipment may differ from beach to beach, but will usually include beach wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and temporary walkways.

The loan scheme operates on a pre-booked basis ONLY.
It is not possible to simply turn up.

The booking process includes compulsory online Induction – giving you information on equipment, processes and staying safe, together with important terms and conditions of use.

N.B. Only the named person who completes the Induction and booked the equipment will be able to collect, return and accept responsibility for the equipment.

Equipment descriptions, pictures and availability information can be found at maemurrayfoundation.org/projects/inclusive-beaches

Who can use beach equipment?

Beach equipment can be borrowed by anyone – with a mobility, sensory or other need – who will benefit from using it. It is essential to register as a member of Mae Murray Foundation (*free of charge*).

The loan scheme is available to residents of Northern Ireland – individuals, families, and groups. With appropriate notice, visitors to Northern Ireland can also be considered.

All loans are subject to Terms and Conditions of use.



How do I book the beach equipment?

Individuals and families should follow the **6 Step Booking Process** at maemurrayfoundation.org/projects/inclusive-beaches

Groups or visitors should contact the Community Development Officer at comdev@maemurrayfoundation.org

When and where are the beach equipment loan schemes available?

For operating schedules and times, please go to maemurrayfoundation.org/projects/inclusive-beaches

Can I find out more about individual Inclusive Beach sites and facilities?

Important information about individual locations, such as parking arrangement, toileting facilities and traffic congestion, can be found embedded in the Frequently Asked Questions section at maemurrayfoundation.org/projects/inclusive-beaches

How is beach equipment cleaned and maintained?

A risk management plan, which includes equipment cleaning, maintenance, and servicing, is implemented by Mae Murray Foundation and beach operating partners. The plan considers any specific public health measures and government advice: e.g. to reduce the transmission risk of Coronavirus. If you would like to know more, please contact the Community Development Officer at comdev@maemurrayfoundation.org

Feedback

Mae Murray Foundation, together with beach operating partners, hope that experiences at Inclusive Beaches will be fun and stress-free.

After your beach visit, Mae Murray Foundation will request your feedback: your response would be very much appreciated.

If you wish to visit an Inclusive Beach, but have a need which has not been considered, please contact the Community Development Officer at comdev@maemurrayfoundation.org