

# WELCOME TO RYDE

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During the summer season Ryde beach is machine cleaned and litter picked on a daily basis and large amounts of seaweed are removed and taken to local farmers for use as compost. Emergency equipment such as Lifebelts are strategically located along the Esplanade in order to ensure safety at any time of the year. The Inshore Rescue is also close at hand and is always on call by the Coastguard. Like anywhere, Ryde has its natural hazards such as sand banks, 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 the tide timetables to ensure your own safety and where appropriate do not swim when the red flag is flying.

For further information on this resort please phone 01983 821000. Someone is always available from Monday to Friday to help you with your enquiries.

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 Ryde, 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

Prior to your journey to the Isle of Wight, please ensure you check for full details on how to reach us by either car or public transport via [www.iwight.com/just\\_visiting](http://www.iwight.com/just_visiting)

and enter our postcode, PO33 1JE. This will also provide the opportunity to plan your journey to and around the island.

Ryde is known as the gateway to the island with public transport such as the local bus service, hovercraft, Wightlink catamaran and railway services.

## **Car Parking and Arrival**

Ample parking facilities are available along Ryde Esplanade with Lower St Thomas Street car park catering for 56 vehicles, Quay Road holding 230 bays and Appley which holds 122 vehicles. These facilities are in addition to the on-street parking which is found along the entire length of the Esplanade.

Out of all of the car parks and off-street areas a total of 26 disabled bays have been allocated.

## **Areas Adjacent to the Beach**

Ryde seafront is next to the town's shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants. There is always plenty to do at Ryde with Peter Pan's Playground, children's play areas, children's water park, boating lake, a swimming pool with retracting roof and much more. If you follow the sea wall eastwards along Ryde seafront and walk past the Appley Folly, you come to Puckpool beach which is popular with families. Here you will see traditional beach huts dotted along the seawall and parts of Puckpool Park.

## **Beach Access Points**

Ryde Beach is situated to the north of Ryde town centre and is accessible by foot, car or public transport. This is one of the most popular resorts for day trippers, holiday makers and our local residents.

Access to the beach is via concrete slipways together with various wooden/concrete steps along the entire length of the promenade.

Wheelchair and push chair access is possible using the slipways which have shallow gradients.

# On the Beach

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Emergency equipment such as lifebelts are strategically located along the Esplanade in order to ensure safety at any time of the year. Ryde Inshore Rescue is also close at hand and is always on call by the Coastguard.

## Public Toilets

Public toilets are clearly signed and can be found at three locations along the Esplanade. The first can be found at the western esplanade near to Ryde Pier and railway station. The second is located at Eastern Gardens opposite the Harbour and the third is located at Appley Park fronting on to the pedestrian walkway area, all have designated disabled facilities which can be accessed via 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>

## Food and Drink Outlets

Ryde seafront is just yards from the town's shops, cafes, chip shops amongst other fast food outlets pubs and restaurants.

## Beach Shops & Amusement Arcades

Ryde seafront has a wide-ranging variety of shops, amusement arcades, hotels, pubs, restaurants, and cafes along its Esplanade offering a variety of choice for visitors.

# Beach Attractions/Activities

At the eastern end of Ryde beach, Puckpool Tea Gardens is situated within Puckpool Park, which was once a Victorian Fortification Battery used to guard The Solent. The park is now a historic monument offering fantastic sea views & sandy beaches, with a children's play park, tennis courts, mini golf, petanque, putting & beautiful gardens.

## Pier

Ryde Pier, at nearly half a mile, is the second longest pier in the country. The pier is where many visitors access the island. Built in the height of the Victorian era, the pier still welcomes visitors from across the country. With Ryde sloping up from the sea, it is easy to pick out the large Victorian properties, which were originally built for the gentry. Located on the north-east coast of the island, enjoying views across The Solent towards Portsmouth and the shipping lanes. From Ryde Pier you can catch a bus to the island's principal towns or take the train through to Brading, Lake, Sandown and Shanklin.

At the Ryde pier head terminal you will find a new Costa Coffee shop which serves a wide range of Costa delights including sandwiches and pastries.

Under the pier at low tide you will find a wonderful array of sea life, including sea anemones, spiny crabs (these can only be found when the tide is at its lowest), shore crabs, peacock worms, guppies and soft corals. If you are really lucky when the tide is on the turn, in the sea grass you will see pipe fish and sea horses.

## Additional information

Dogs are prohibited between 1 May and 30 September on Ryde beach, from a point immediately east of the Ryde Harbour boundary wall eastwards to Appley Tower for a distance of 100 metres out from the sea wall. Click [here](#) for details of the Dog Control Orders for the Isle of Wight.

## Contact Information

If you have any queries or require any assistance please feel free to contact us.

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