



WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND  
Borough Council

## Guidance for Blue Badge holders on parking in Weymouth and Portland



## **Parking in Weymouth & Portland**

With its beautiful beaches and bays, working harbour, superb seascapes, top attractions, quality accommodation and its accessible (largely pedestrianised) shopping centre, it is no surprise that Weymouth and Portland is a firm favourite with visitors.

A proportion of these visitors (and of our local residents), are people who have disabilities. The following information has therefore been compiled to provide guidance to those who are Blue Badge holders in finding and in using parking places within the Borough.

### **What is the Blue Badge scheme?**

The Blue Badge scheme provides a national range of parking concessions for those disabled people with severe mobility problems who have difficulty using public transport. The scheme is designed to assist severely disabled people to travel independently, either as a driver or passenger, by allowing them a greater chance of being able to park close to their destination.

Details of the scheme, the concessions applicable and the responsibilities of Blue Badge holders can be found in the Department for Transport's booklets:

- "Can I get a Blue Badge?"
- "The Blue Badge Scheme: rights and responsibilities in England"
- "The Blue Badge Scheme; Guidance for Blue Badge holders and their drivers on the power to inspect Blue Badges being displayed on motor vehicles"

The first booklet is aimed at potential applicants for a Blue Badge whilst the other two are issued with all new or renewed Badges. Copies can be found in the "Blue Badge scheme" section of the Department's website [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)

Alternatively, they can be obtained from your local Blue Badge issuing authority which, for this area, is the Adult and Community Services Department of Dorset County Council (Tel: 01305 251000). Further details can be found in the "Disabled parking badges (Blue badge scheme)" section of the County Council's website [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

It is very important that all badge holders carefully read these booklets before attempting to use their badges. Whilst certain concessions are offered, particularly with regards to where waiting restrictions (yellow lines) apply, the scheme does not provide a blanket exemption from On-street parking restrictions and it does not apply to parking in Off-street car parks.

It is the responsibility of individual Blue Badge holders to ensure that their badges are used correctly. If they are using the concessions offered under the scheme whilst travelling as a passenger, they should ensure that the driver is aware of the rules which apply to the use of the badge.

## What must I do when parking with my Blue Badge?

1. You must clearly display your Blue Badge (with the side showing the expiry date and wheelchair symbol uppermost) on the dashboard of your vehicle (or the front, or nearside of the vehicle if it has no dashboard), at all times whilst the vehicle is parked. If time limits apply, your parking disc must also be clearly displayed (next to your Blue Badge), with the disc set to show the time at which the vehicle arrived.



2. Where parking spaces are provided, you must park your vehicle wholly within the markings of one of those spaces.
3. Before leaving your vehicle, whether On-street or in an Off-street car park, you must take the time to carefully read the parking signage to acquaint yourself with the rules or restrictions which apply.

## Where can I park On-Street in Weymouth and Portland using my Blue Badge?



### **On-street yellow lines**

You may park for up to three hours **provided that:**

- a) Your vehicle is not causing a hazard or obstruction, and
- b) There is not a ban on loading or unloading in force (see the “you must not park” section below).



### **On-street limited waiting bays (such as “1 hour, no return within 1 hour”)**

You may park without time limit during the hours to which the limited waiting restriction applies.



### **On-street Pay and Display bays**

You may park free of charge and without time limit, during such hours as an On-street bay is reserved for Pay and Display parking.



### **On-street shared use bay**

There are several such bays in the Weymouth town centre area. During the hours for which those bays are reserved for use by Blue Badge holders, you may park within them for so long as you wish. Most are reserved for daytime parking by disabled badge holders, usually between 10am and 5pm, and, outside of those hours, they are reserved for parking by holders of residents' parking permits, or by other specified users. You must not park in these bays during the times at which they are reserved for use by other users.



### **On-street bays reserved for use by Blue Badge holder only**

You may park in these without time limit

## **Can I use my Blue Badge in Off-street car parks?**

The national Blue Badge scheme applies to On-street parking only. It does not apply to Off-street car parks. Most car park operators provide parking spaces for disabled persons' vehicles, but it is up to the individual operators to decide whether their parking charges will apply to Blue Badge holders.

Whenever using a car park (whether council operated, or privately owned), you should therefore always check the car park information boards to see whether there are any concessions available to badge holders. You should not assume that your Blue Badge entitles you to park free of charge, as this may not be the case.

### **Using Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's Pay and Display car parks**

Blue Badge holders parking in Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's pay and display car parks are subject to the same pay and display charges as apply to other car park users. Whenever parking in one of these car parks, please ensure that a valid pay and display ticket is clearly displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle, so that the side which shows the ticket details (time, date, amount paid etc) can be easily read from outside of the vehicle.

On those car parks which have marked parking bays, all vehicles are to be parked within the bay markings. The pay and display charges apply in respect of each space which is either wholly or partly occupied by a vehicle. Parking on double yellow lines or on yellow hatched areas within the car parks is not permitted.

On some Weymouth and Portland car parks there are extra-wide designated 'Disabled' parking spaces and we are in the process of introducing more of these. In order to prevent abuse of this facility, all vehicles which are parked within these 'Disabled' spaces must have a valid Blue Badge clearly displayed on their dashboard, as well as a valid pay and display ticket.

Leaflets giving details of the locations of our car parks, of the charges payable within those car parks, of weekly and annual parking season tickets, and of the Summer Park and Ride Service may be obtained from any of the addresses at the end of this leaflet. They can also be found in the "Pay and Display" section of our website at [www.weymouth.gov.uk](http://www.weymouth.gov.uk)



### **Off-street parking places in Weymouth which are reserved for use by disabled badge holders only**

You may park in any of the following places for a maximum stay of three hours (with return prohibited within a further three hours thereafter);

- a) Coneygar Car Park – All 4 spaces (Commercial Road, opposite the multi-storey car park).
- b) York Buildings Car Park - All 4 spaces (The Esplanade, by Marks & Spencer).
- c) Pavilion Forecourt Car Park – 3 designated spaces only, all other car parking spaces are subject to a maximum stay of 30 minutes (in front of the Pavilion Theatre).

### **Use of other Off-street car parks in Weymouth**

There are a few privately operated car parks in Weymouth. The main ones are the multi-storey (Commercial Road), Brewers Quay (Hope Square) and Weymouth Station (King Street and Jubilee Close). Details of parking concessions for Blue Badge holders within those car parks can be obtained from the companies which run them.

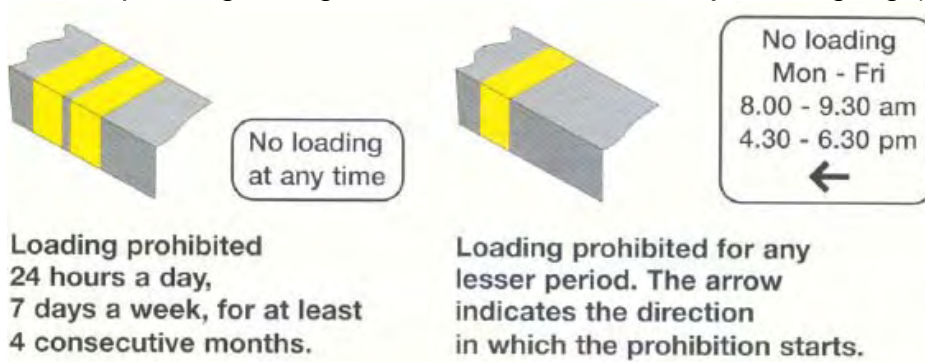


## Where should I not park?

### You must not park;

#### A) On-street parking

1. On yellow lines when there is a ban on loading or unloading in force (indicated by one or two yellow marks on the kerb and operating during the times stated on the adjacent signage).



2. On any clearway, or in a bus or cycle lane.
3. In pedestrian areas, unless signs specifically allow it.
4. On a pedestrian crossing or on the zig-zag lines before or after such a crossing.
5. On school 'Keep Clear' markings during the hours specified on the yellow no-stopping plates.

#### B) Both On-street parking and Off-Street Car Parks

1. In any bays which are reserved for specific users, or for specific purposes (such as bus stops, taxi ranks, motorcycle bays, permit holders spaces, loading bays etc.).



2. Where it would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users or car park users, including pedestrians (such as on narrow stretches of road, on bends, or near to junctions)
3. Next to a dropped kerb or, wholly or partly on the pavement.

#### C) Off-street car parks only

1. On double yellow lines, or on yellow hatched areas.



## **How can I obtain further information?**

Your Highway Code, your Blue Badge Scheme leaflet and the various websites referred to above all contain useful advice on parking. If you require further information which is specific to parking in Weymouth and Portland, we would be happy to assist you.

Weymouth Tourist Information Centre (7 days a week, all year)  
Kings Statue, The Esplanade, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7AN  
Tel: 01305 785747, Fax: 01305 788092, E-mail: [tic@weymouth.gov.uk](mailto:tic@weymouth.gov.uk)

Portland Tourist Information Centre (Easter to end September)  
The Lighthouse, Portland Bill, Portland, Dorset DT5 2JT  
Tel/Fax: 01305 861233, E-mail: [portlandtic@weymouth.gov.uk](mailto:portlandtic@weymouth.gov.uk)

Parking Administration Office (Mon-Fri)  
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Council Offices, North Quay,  
Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8TA  
Tel: 01305 838236, Fax: 01305 838260,  
E-mail: [parkingadmin@weymouth.gov.uk](mailto:parkingadmin@weymouth.gov.uk)

Alternatively, telephone enquiries can be made to the Council's customer contact centre, which is open 8am to 5pm, Mondays to Thursdays and 8am to 4.30pm on Fridays, on 01305 838000.