

Beach Walkers

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a beach walker?

Beach walkers are designed to provide support to help people walk along the sand, or other uneven surfaces.

They are constructed like a regular walker and are height adjustable with handles, brakes, four wheels, a seat and a basket under the seat. The only difference is that a beach walker has a larger frame and has soft balloon wheels, making it much more stable.

The photo below shows a regular walker (on the left) next to one of the beach walkers (on the right).



Who can use a beach walker?

Many people will benefit from using a beach walker, including people who use a regular walker for stability or support when getting around.

In particular it will be useful for people who have an injury, health condition or disability that affects their balance, strength or endurance.

Where are the beach walkers available from?

Mike Barnett Sports Complex – corner Dixon Road and Goddard St, Rockingham

Aqua Jetty – 87 Warnbro Sound Avenue, Warnbro

How do I transport the beach walker from the pick-up location to the beach?

You will need to use your own vehicle to transport the walker from the collection location to the beach and back.

How long can I hire the beach walker for?

You can hire the walker for up to five consecutive days at a time, subject to availability.

How big does my car need to be?

An SUV or station wagon where the seats fold down is ideal for transporting the walkers. A car with a larger boot or back seat may also be suitable.

When folded the walkers are 100cm wide, 120cm long and 50cm deep.

Which beach can we take it to?

The walkers are to be used to enjoy the beautiful local beaches of Rockingham, Peron, Safety Bay, Shoalwater, Warnbro, Secret Harbour, Singleton, Port Kennedy, Golden Bay and Penguin Island.

Can the beach walker get wet?

Yes, the walker can be used on beach sand and on the water's edge. Do not attempt to walk into the water as the wheels will float.

Can I take the beach walker away on holiday?

No, the walkers are only for use within the boundaries of the City of Rockingham.

Can I use the beach walker for other situations such as a walking trail?

Yes, the walkers can also be used by people wanting to access walking trails. Please always use caution when using the walker.

When can I make bookings?

Bookings for hire of the walkers are essential, and can be made 7 days per week*.

- Monday to Friday: from 8.30am to 4.30pm call Customer Services on 9528 0333
- Weekends and Public Holidays: from 7am to 7pm call Aqua Jetty on 9591 0888

* Please note that bookings cannot be taken on Easter Sunday or Christmas Day

When can I collect and return the beach walker?

Times for collection and return of the walkers are as follows:

Aqua Jetty 87 Warnbro Sound Avenue WARNBRO	Monday to Friday	8.30am to 5pm
Mike Barnett Sports Complex Corner Dixon Ave and Goddard Street ROCKINGHAM	Monday to Friday Weekends Public Holidays	8am to 5pm

Do I need to pay to hire the beach walker?

Hire of the beach walker is free.

What ID do I need to provide to hire the walker?

When collecting the beach walker you will need to complete a Beach Walker Hire Form and provide photo identification that shows your full name and address, such as a Drivers Licence. You will also be asked to provide a contact number and email address and may be contacted to complete a feedback survey about the walker.

Do I need to be a resident of the City of Rockingham?

No, you don't need to be a resident of the City of Rockingham to hire the walkers.

You will need to provide photo ID when collecting the walker, and ensure that it is not transported outside the City of Rockingham.

What beaches in Rockingham are the most easily accessible?

The City of Rockingham has some wonderful beaches, but some are definitely more accessible than others due to factors such as:

- availability of parking and toilets
- lack of steep hills, dunes or challenging terrain
- connecting footpaths, ramps and the availability of beach access matting

For people using the beach walkers, the following beaches are suggested:

- Rockingham Beach
- Palm Beach
- Peron
- Singleton Beach
- Port Kennedy Beach
- Secret Harbour Beach

Are there any Beach Wheelchairs available?

Beach wheelchairs are designed for use in outdoor environments and specifically for use on sand and in or near salt water. The City has three types of beach wheelchair available for loan free of charge.

These are hosted by community organisations and you can contact them directly to book and arrange collection.

Hire Location	Address	Contact Number	Wheelchairs Available
Rockingham Visitors Centre	19 Kent Street ROCKINGHAM	9592 3464	Hippoampe All-Terrain Wheelchair
The Cruising Yacht Club	Val Street ROCKINGHAM	9527 5468	Beach Trekker Mobi Chair
Seaside Camp for Kids	Hymus Street PERON	9527 1127	Beach Trekker

More information about the beach wheelchairs is available on the City's website at rockingham.wa.gov.au/community/people-with-disability/accessible-beaches and photos of the wheelchairs are provided below:

Hippoampe All-Terrain Wheelchair



Beach Trekker



Mobi Chair

