



# The Waterside Rollesby

## Wheelchair accessible boat - useful information

- **The Waterside Rollesby** is the Broads' newest attraction and is proud to be a member of **Broads Tourism**. Combining **boating, fishing and wildlife** with a fabulous **dining** experience, The Waterside offers a great day & night attraction for all ages.
- Nestled among the stunning surroundings of Rollesby Broad - **a triple rated site of special scientific interest** - visitors can enjoy a boat trip on the Broads in a range of tour and hire boats including our **brand new wheelchair accessible boat**. The wheelchair accessible boat is called a **Wheelyboat** which was designed and developed by **The Wheelyboat Trust**, a small national charity dedicated to providing disabled people with access to waterborne activities.
- The boat is 17ft long and has a carrying capacity of **eight people including wheelchairs (maximum load 1,000 kilos)**.
- We can accept wheelchairs of all shapes and sizes and will do our very best to accommodate you. Providing **access for all** is very important to us!
- We safely recommend no more than **4 wheelchairs on the boat** at any one time as this comfortably allows space for up to **4 carers/companions** for whom seats will be provided.
- It is mandatory for all passengers to **wear lifejackets** which we provide. Our staff will be on hand to secure your lifejacket and help you onto the boat should you require assistance.
- The boat has **roll-on, roll-off access and a flat deck**

**From just £8.75 to  
hire the whole boat  
for your enjoyment  
(1 hr rental)**

- The boat has an **accessible drive-from-wheelchair console** allowing people in wheelchairs to drive the boat themselves. It is powered by a 2kw electric outboard. If you would prefer one of our boat skippers to drive the boat then we can arrange this for you.
- Just in case you are wondering..... our Wheelyboat is named '**Stuart's Dream**' after **Stuart Bunn, aged 34 from Norwich**. Stuart has been known to the owners of The Waterside for over 20 years and has been **autistic** from birth and has always had a strong interest in trains and boats. His favourite holidays are in fact on The Broads. Stuart and his family are absolutely delighted that the boat has been named after him.
- During the day, The Waterside café and tea-room serves coffee, tea and other hot beverages plus a tempting range of cakes, pastries, snacks, lunches and traditional afternoon tea. From early evening, the venue transforms into a unique and stylish **restaurant serving contemporary English cuisine with a hint of fine dining**. **Awarded Eastern Daily Press Readers' Restaurant of the Year 2010**. The restaurant is fully accessible.
- We have a large **car park** on site with **free parking** which includes 3 disabled spaces. Regrettably we are unable to accept dogs or guide dogs on the boat for safety reasons.
- The route to the **jetty** from the car park is **gravel**.
- We have an **accessible toilet** on site.
- Health and safety is our top priority so in times of bad weather, The Waterside reserves the right to **postpone boat trips until the weather improves**. We will do our very best to accommodate you should we have to cancel your boat trip.
- Boat hire is for **1 hour** however longer hire can be arranged.



A **hire charge** is made for all of our boats – please see our website for a list of prices or call us for more information. We charge **£17.50** for exclusive hire of the wheelchair accessible boat per hour (up to 8 people) or just **£8.75** for 2 people.

- We can offer combined boat and dining packages – please contact us for details.
- 'Stuart's Dream' allows people with both physical and learning disabilities to enjoy the beauty of the Broads by boat. The boat operates throughout the day, seven days a week during the peak season and restricted days in the low season or upon request.
- **Those interested should contact The Waterside, Rollesby for full details and to make a booking.**

**Find us in the Broads, just 15 miles from Norwich and 7 miles from Great Yarmouth. Call us on 01493 740531**

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