

Beach Trekker Wheelchair

CONDITIONS OF USE, SAFETY AND HANDLING AND BEACH ACCESS

The Shire of Broome is committed to ensuring that the Beach Trekker is kept in good working order. Persons who use the Beach Trekker have a responsibility to ensure that they take all reasonable steps to avoid an accident by operating it in a safe and careful manner. Persons who use the chair do so at their own risk and the Shire cannot be held liable for any incident, which occurs while it is in the charge of a third party.

It is the responsibility of the user to ensure they have read and understood the following Conditions of Use, Safety and Handling and Beach Access information.



The Beach Trekker is made available to the Broome community through the Independent Living Centre of WA (Inc) 'Equipment for Living' Grant.

**For further information, please contact the Shire of Broome on
08 9191 3456**

Conditions of Use

1. The Beach Trekker is available to the public free of charge.
2. The Shire of Broome requests all persons wanting to borrow the Beach Trekker, to provide the Shire of Broome with at least 24 hours notice.
3. The Shire of Broome requests that the Beach Trekker is only used within the boundaries of the townsite.
4. The Shire of Broome requests that all users and carers borrowing the Beach Trekker thoroughly read all safety warnings and conditions for use, prior to journeying to the beach.
5. Whilst operating a vehicle on the beach, the Shire reminds all beach-going patrons of the 15km p/h speed limit.

Collection/Return of the Beach Trekker

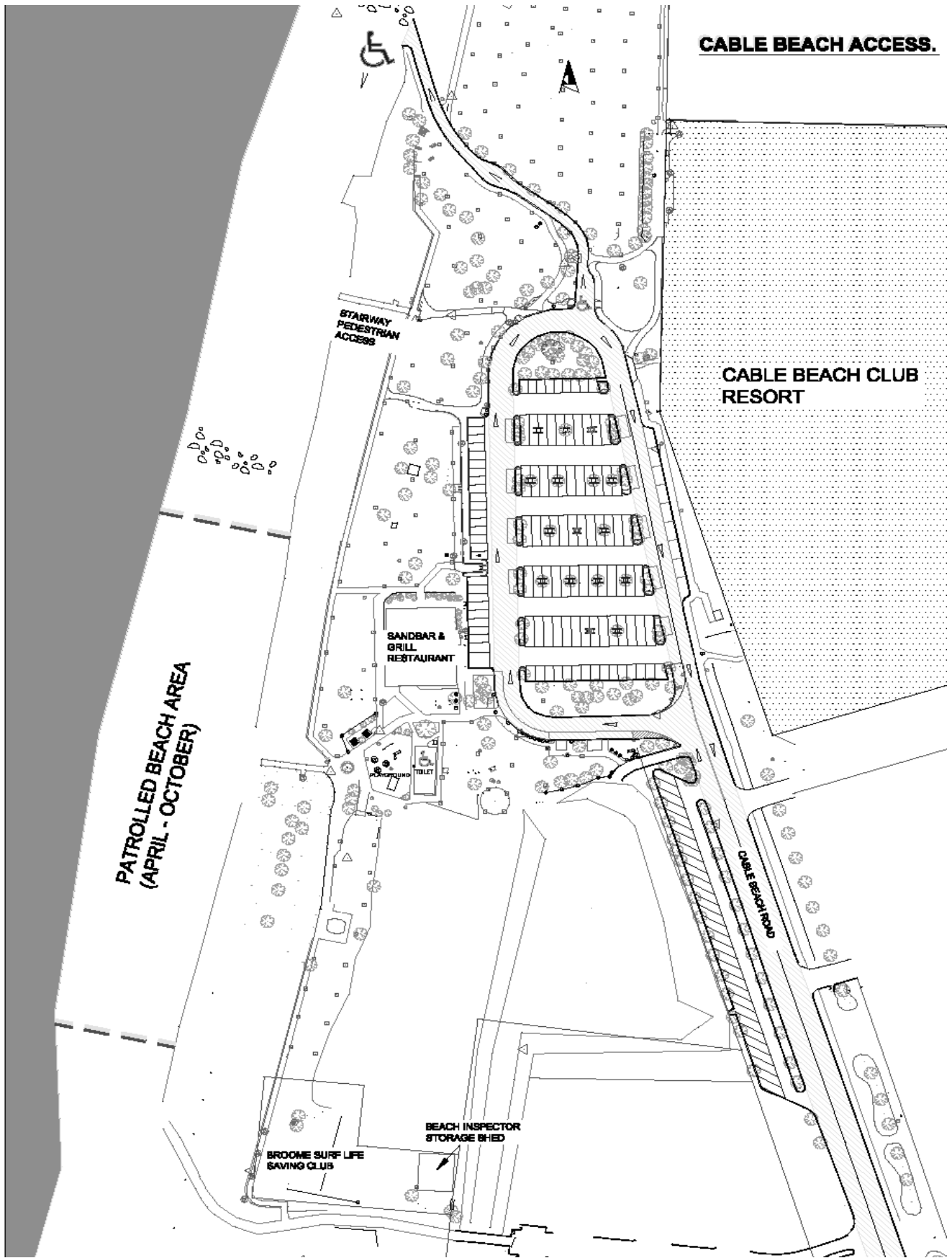
6. The Beach Trekker must be collected and returned to the Shire of Broome Beach Services upon an appointment being confirmed with the Beach Inspector during normal office hours on 0407 774 293.
7. For the safety and comfort of future patrons, ensure the Beach Trekker is rinsed thoroughly with fresh water and free of sand.
8. Report any damages or mechanical problems when returning the Beach Trekker.

Safety and Handling

1. The Beach Trekker is not a self-propelled wheelchair. The occupant user should not attempt to push or propel the Beach Trekker. The occupant user should not grab, hold or try to push the wheelchair by the wheels.
2. Whilst every effort is made to keep the spokes protected they do bend and may cause injury - **CAUTION** is advised.
3. Do not exceed the maximum weight allowance for the Beach Trekker, which is 120kg.
4. Ensure that the Beach Trekker, whether occupied or empty, is never left alone on a gradient (slope) greater than 5 degrees, or in the water.
5. It is recommended that you access the water where the beach is patrolled should the user wish to bathe or swim. Be aware that the recommended swimming area at Cable Beach is patrolled by a Beach Inspector from April through to October, between 9am and 4.30pm.
6. Please advise the Beach Inspector of your intention to enter the water.
7. Ensure there are no loose parts (head support, footplate, arm rests, restraints, etc) before negotiating the beach and entering the water.
8. Take a moment to check over the Beach Trekker for any damage or mechanical fatigue.
9. It is your responsibility to assess the suitability of the beach and wave conditions before using the Beach Trekker. Before entering the water, observe the wave pattern for several minutes to be sure the conditions are safe and we recommend that an able-bodied person wades into the water to make certain that there are no holes or steep gradients.
10. The carer must ensure that the occupant user is adequately secured in the Beach Trekker, prior to entering the water.
11. When you collapse the Beach Trekker, ensure you hold the frame in the middle of the bottom seat and lift.
12. The Beach Trekker is over 20kg in total weight and lifting without appropriate care and diligence may cause back injury. When lifting and carrying, ensure you use appropriate lifting and handling procedures. If possible get some assistance.
13. When you open out the frame after collapsing it, ensure you push down on the side rails of the seat frame (ensure your fingers don't get caught by using an open hand).
14. The Beach Trekker is not designed to be pulled backwards over the sand (hence the large wheels at the front)

Beach Access

1. There are no access points in Broome suitable for the Beach Trekker when occupied to be wheeled onto the beach. The Beach Trekker when occupied must NOT be pushed onto the beach via a beach access ramp. For the safety of the Beach Trekker occupier and carer, you must deliver the Beach Trekker and occupier to the beach using a vehicle. The Shire of Broome strongly recommends entry/exit to all beaches using a 4WD vehicle.
2. Vehicle access to Broome beaches is available at the Cable Beach Reserve next to the Patrolled Swimming Area, Gantheaume Point, or from boat ramps at Entrance Point (Port Area) and Town Beach. Parking at Entrance Point (Port Area) and Town Beach are in the car parking areas only. Do not park on the beach.
3. Be aware that due to wind and tidal variations, beach suitability may vary from one day to the next.
4. Broome can experience very high and very low tides. If you are unfamiliar with the tidal movement at Broome beaches, please consult with the Shire of Broome prior to using the Beach Trekker or driving a vehicle onto the beach.



Cable Beach Access Map

NOTE: DRIVING OR PARKING OF VEHICLES SOUTH OF THE BEACH VEHICLE ACCESS RAMP IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.