

Reading for information

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

Below is an extract from the Dinosaur Isle website about access to the fossil beaches and areas

- ▶ Read the text
- ▶ Answer the questions on page 2 to show you can understand the text's content



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Site access

Yaverland

A few minutes walk along the sea wall to the beach. Accessing this via a short flight of steps.

We have a beach wheelchair which is available for children during the Yaverland walks. The child must be able to sit on their own back, and will need to be capable of

walking or being carried down the short flight of steps between the carpark and the beach. Please let us know when you book the walk if you require the chair so that we

can ensure that it is ready. Please visit our [School field trip](#) webpage for a picture of the chair at Yaverland.

Shanklin

The sandy and pebbly foreshore is reached by a wide concrete ramp. The beach is crossed by wooden groynes and so participants may need to step over these if the tide is higher than normal. Further on the beach can be covered by larger boulders, and there may be rockpools depending on the sand conditions on the day.

Brook Bay

Access is via a muddy path (during the winter, or after rain) with a cobbled surface onto a sandy beach. In places the beach is crossed by sandy ridges and those who take part may need to step over these. The shore platform can be slippery and wet so wellingtons with good grip are advisable.

Compton Bay

This beach is accessed by a flight of wooden steps and a final set of steep metal steps. The surface is mainly sandy, but underneath can be muddy and there are often wet pools or streams to cross. Wellingtons with good grip are advisable.

Ventnor Geowalk

This takes place along steep paths and steps so is not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs. Due to the unguarded nature of some edges this walk is for adults and teenagers only, with dogs on leads please.

Questions

Answer these questions by reading the text on page 1. Your teacher may wish you to answer the questions on a separate sheet or in your books.

1. How do you get to Yaverland from Dinosaur Isle?
2. How is Shanklin's 'foreshore' described?
3. At Shanklin, what will you need to step over if the tide is higher than normal?

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5. What are you advised to take with you when visiting Brook Bay and Compton Bay?

6. How do you get down to Compton Bay?

7. Read the paragraph titled 'Ventnor Geowalk'.
Why is this walk not suitable for buggies, wheelchairs or younger children?



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