

## **Boat & Wood Island Accessibility**

Wood Island Lighthouse is unfortunately not handicap accessible.

**For safety, good footwear is strongly recommended (sneakers are fine).**

**FLIP FLOPS are not allowed only shoes with backs or back straps.**

All tour participants must be physically capable of walking up to one mile, and walking a short distance across an uneven pebble beach when loading and unloading from our landing craft style boat. FOWIL's tours are not suitable for individuals who are unsteady on their feet, or are not capable of walking a longer distance at a normal walking pace. There will be nesting seagulls protecting their young.

**Tours are led by experienced guides and require the following.**

Tours start out at Vine's Landing where the tour group will walk across a gently downward sloping pebble beach. The rocks are uneven, shift underneath your feet, and may be slippery. Our boat is a landing style craft, with a bow that is lowered, so that it is only a small step to get into the boat. At the island, the boat lands on a sloped wooden boat ramp. The bow is lowered and participants will quickly unload onto the ramp. Participants must use caution on the ramp, as it is wet and can have seaweed on it that makes the surface slippery. There is a traction surface on the right side of the ramp that participants should choose to walk on. Once off the boat, it is a 1/2 mile walk to the lighthouse. The entire walk is on an elevated boardwalk, that is flat with no steps.

**The boardwalk is quite high in a few places. There are no handrails.**

At the lighthouse, participants may explore the interior of the keeper's house and enjoy a walk around the lighthouse grounds. Those who opt to climb up the tower **must be at least 12 years old and** should be physically capable of climbing a steep flight of narrow stairs, and climb up a short metal ladder at the top of the.

Those who opt to go out onto the catwalk must be flexible enough to stoop down and manoeuvre through a small doorway.

The tour will return down the 1/2 mile boardwalk, and reboard the boat for the return trip to Biddeford Pool.

The safety of our tour participants is our first priority. Please consider your personal safety and abilities, and if you have questions, talk to your tour guide, who you will meet at the landing before your departure. Your guide will ask you to read our release of liability and sign the trip roster.