

Ability Fest

Social Story

I am going to Ability Fest.



[Picture shows the Timber Yard - the location of Ability Fest.]

Many people will be there to listen to music and spend time together.

Before I go, I will choose clothes to wear.



If the weather is cold, I might wear pants, a jumper, or a jacket.

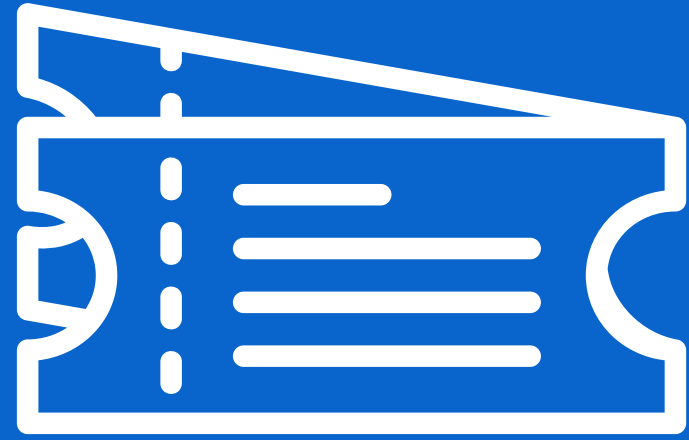
If the weather is warm, I might wear a t-shirt, shorts, and a hat.



Comfortable shoes can help my feet feel good while I am there.



What I am bringing



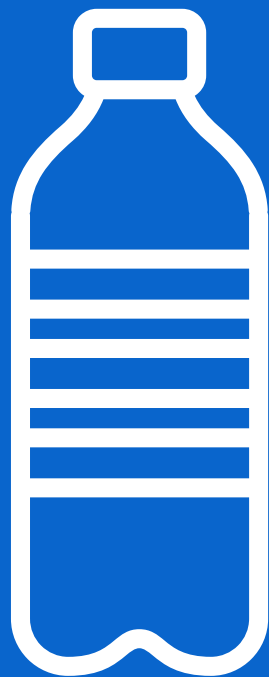
Ticket



Phone



Bag (smaller than A4)



Empty water bottle



Headphones



my ID

I can download the site map [here](#).

The map helps me find stages, toilets, free water, the Sensory Space and accessible areas.

Using the map helps me plan where I want to go.



**I am travelling to 351 Plummer St,
Port Melbourne.**

I can get there by:



Tram



Bus



Car

Parking on the street can fill up quickly.

I may choose to take Public Transport instead.

Before I travel, I can use the Transport Victoria Journey Planner to plan how I will get to Ability Fest.



[Phone depicts PTV Journey Planner App]

I may travel to Ability Fest by bus.

I can take Bus Route 234 or Bus Route 235.

If I take Bus 234, I can get off at the stop called Garden City/Centre Ave.

If I take Bus 235, I can get off at the stop called Plummer Street/Salmon Street.

When I arrive, I can walk down Smith Street or Plummer Street for 5-10 minutes.

I will then see the entrance to Ability Fest.



[Bus going route 235]

Or I may travel to Ability Fest by tram.

I can take Tram 109 towards Port Melbourne.

I will get off at Graham Street / Light Rail stop.

After I get off the tram, I can walk 25 minutes.

I can see the entrance to Ability Fest.



[Tram 109 to Port Melbourne]

At the gate, Volunteers will ask to see my ticket.

I will find this in:

- **my Megatix account**
- **the email Megatix sent me.**

I may need to wait in a line.



[At the festival entrance, a staff member is scanning the ticket on a patron's phone]

Security may check my bag and my ID.

They check everyone to keep the event safe.

If I want, I can get a Hidden Disability Sunflower lanyard from the Box Office.

This lets people know I may need extra help today.



[Hidden Disability Sunflower Logo]

I am now inside Ability Fest and there is lots to do.

I can fill up my water bottle at the free water stations on site.

Then I can choose what I would like to do.

I can...



Listen to music at the stage.



[Musician singing on stage at Ability Fest]

Listen to music at the Silent Disco.



[Patron at the Silent Disco wearing headphones and a haptic vest]

Take a break if I need one.



**I can buy food if I feel hungry
from the Food Trucks.**



If I need help, I can ask one of the friendly people wearing a shirt that says **STAFF** or **VOLUNTEER** on the back.



[T-shirts that staff will be wearing at Ability Fest]



[T-shirts that volunteers will be wearing at Ability Fest]

Ability Fest may feel overwhelming.

The music may be loud, lights may be bright, and there may be many people.

If I feel overwhelmed, I can take a break.

I can go to the quiet Sensory Space or wear headphones.



I may see guide dogs.

These dogs will be working.

**It is important to remember
not to touch these dogs.**



Patron stands with their guide dog in the dog respite area at Ability Fest]

Ability Fest is a welcoming and inclusive event.

I can enjoy the festival in the way that feels best for me.



[Festival patrons laughing and dancing together]

When I am ready to leave Ability Fest, I can go out the same way I arrived.

I may take a tram, bus, or travel another way home.