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### The Accessible Home

[My work is featured in Deborah Pierce's new book The Accessible Home \(Taunton Press: October 2012\).](#)

## There's an App for that!

I enjoy traveling for business and for fun but it can be a challenge finding accessible accommodations. The good news is that new apps on smartphones are making it easier to find up-to-date information on everything from restaurants to public transportation.



Not surprisingly, places with large populations or lots of tourists have more apps devoted to them. For example, New York is the most covered city in the US with information on accessible public transit, restaurants, restrooms and even wheelchair repair. The 2012 Olympics in London inspired a sudden increase in travel apps for that country that will be useful long after the games are over.

This summer when I attended the Paralympic Games in London with my family I found several apps that were useful:

- [PhotoRoute London by Enabled City](#)
- [Inclusive London by Direct Enquiries \(Free\)](#)
- [Wheelmap by Sozialhelden \(Free\)](#)

## Tweeting about Accessible Travel on Twitter

There is a growing list of people, companies and organizations that tweet about accessible travel. The great thing about Twitter is that you can start conversations or connect with other followers about specific topics. You can also ask questions about a place you plan to visit or share your own experience.



Some tweeters, such as [@WheelchairTrav](#), post videos that show everything from important basics such as how public transportation

works to fun activities like a horse drawn carriage ride. It's also possible to follow more adventurous travel options through tweets by [@AccessAnything](#) including skiing, cycling and water skiing. Some travel agents that specialize in accessible accommodations tweet valuable information and its possible to learn from their expertise without having to buy anything. More web resources on accessible travel can be found [here](#).

## Karen's Tip

When traveling someplace for the first time, I often use [Google Maps](#) Street View to see if there are steps or other accessibility barriers. Thanks Google!

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