

## **Outdoor property Access Statement**

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### **Introduction**

This popular beach - a long sweep of golden sand and rockpools - that edges a sheltered bay of crystal-clear waters and looks out over the iconic Thurlestone Rock archway. The beach is a great spot for watching sunsets, or you can sit at the café and watch the birds and wildlife over the wetlands. Winter storms are gradually reshaping the sand dunes along this stretch of coast. Dogs are welcome but must be kept under close control at all times.

**NB** - Mobile phone reception is sporadic across the site, however in an emergency any mobile phone can be used as it will pick up any available signal.

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

There are brown signs directing visitors from the road leading through South Milton village. The access roads are narrow with limited passing places and can get very congested during the main summer holiday season. The track leading into the car park is not a public highway and consists of a hardstanding stone track which becomes covered with sand after storm conditions. The car park is also hard standing of stone with sand being blown across from the nearby dune system. There are 4 disabled parking bays in the main car park area and two up in front of the Beachhouse Café.

There are car park machines. Parking is free all year for National Trust members. For non-members, from February to October, it costs £6, or £3 after 4pm, and between November and January, it costs £3 all day. Blue Badge holders also park for free. The car park is staffed at peak times during the year but is unstaffed if the weather is bad.

There are three picnic benches located beach side of the track in front of the café.

### **WCs**

There are council managed toilets on site which do not have any lighting or hot water. There is not an accessible toilet due to steps leading to the toilet building and steps into the toilet building itself.

### **Catering**

The Beachhouse Café is located on site (National Trust tenant) which provides dine-in restaurant food and also takeaway food and drinks. Access to the restaurant is up

a step into a small seating area. The takeaway offer is at an open window in the side of the building which can be accessed off the main track and is accessible to all.

## **Walks**

Access to the beach is via 2 wooden boardwalks or a concrete slipway. The slipway and the board walk at the end lead directly onto the sandy beach which is uneven and unsuitable for wheelchairs. The middle boardwalk leads to a platform overlooking the beach which is suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

The South West Coast Path runs through the site leading off to the east to Hope Cove and to the west to Thurlestone. Both of these routes use grass and mud tracks and are very steep in places.

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website. <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/south-milton-sands>

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