

# Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons

## Outdoor Property Access Statement

Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons  
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### Introduction

Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons are large areas of mainly open grassland occupying hilltops on the edge of Stroud. The Commons comprise of a flat plateau on the top, surrounded by varying steep slopes. Neither Minchinhampton nor Rodborough Commons are signposted in the local area, however both are well-known local green spaces within the community. There is good mobile phone coverage on both Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons.

Both sites can be easily accessed from the A419 and the A46. From Stroud you can access Rodborough Common via Rodborough Hill, Dudbridge Hill and Butterrow Hill. Minchinhampton Common can be accessed via Brimscombe Hill and the Cirencester Road from the East.

The Commons are crossed by a number of busy, un-fenced roads as well as large herds of free-roaming grazing cattle. The sites are heavily used for recreational purposes, including a golf course on Minchinhampton Common, regular cyclists, horse-riders, kite-fliers and runners. The Commons are used regularly by local dog walkers; dog waste bins are provided close to the main visitor car parks and dog walkers are welcome. Visitors are asked to dispose of any dog waste in the bins provided and to keep dogs under close control around grazing cattle.



The terrain of the Commons can be very variable, with areas of short grass and longer grass which is more difficult to navigate. Additionally, the site will become slippery and muddy underfoot when wet.



## Arrival & Parking Facilities

There are several small formal car parking areas situated across the Commons, and access can be gained from a number of different points. There are no designated disabled parking spaces available and as outdoor sites they are not maintained specifically to provide disabled access. National Trust owned car parks are accessible at the reservoir on Minchinhampton Common, Rodborough Fort car park and three car parks off the 'Spine Road' across the top of Rodborough. The surfaces of these car parks are made up of compacted local limestone, which can be rough in places with pot holes sometimes evident.



The car park at Minchinhampton reservoir provides parking for over 50 vehicles, with good access for limited mobility users, on to a flat area of the Common. Visitors using all-terrain wheelchairs can follow the compacted grass paths in good, dry weather.

Rodborough Fort car park is situated in an old quarry and provides parking for over 40 vehicles, with access to the Common gained via a flight of steps. For this reason wheelchair access to the site is not possible.



The three car parks along the 'Spine Road' in Rodborough provide easy access to the Common and provide access for wheelchair users. Heading up from Stroud, the last car park along this road has a sunken area which makes it unsuitable for wheelchair users to access the site. However, parking is also available for several vehicles on a flatter area above and access to the site using an all-terrain wheelchair is possible. All three car parks provide good access to the site for visitors with limited mobility.

A car park at Bell Lane, Minchinhampton is also available but is run by the local council on National Trust land.

A map of the site and basic information are available on two welcome panels – these can be found on the outer wall of Winstone's ice-cream shop and at the reservoir on Minchinhampton Common.



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