

Outdoor Property Access Statement

East Head
West Wittering Beach
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Introduction

East Head is a dynamic 27ha sand and shingle spit at the eastern side of the mouth of Chichester Harbour. It connects to the mainland at West Wittering beach and car park. At low tides a large sandy foreshore is accessible on the western side of the spit and salt marsh mud flats are exposed on the east.

The ground is a mixture of soft sand, shingle and undulating sand dunes. At low tide, the wet sand provides a firm surface for wheelchairs and buggies, but access to this is via shingle slopes and soft sand. There are some boardwalks and clear paths through the sand dunes. West Wittering have a couple of beach wheelchairs for people to borrow

There is good mobile phone coverage across the site. Should there be an emergency please call 999 but also contact West Wittering Estate Office on 01243 514143 in order to arrange assistance or access for emergency vehicle through the car park.

During peak season, there is a lifeguarding service operating on West Wittering Beach, but this does not extend to East Head except in emergency circumstances.

Dogs are welcome on East Head throughout the year, we ask that people clear up after their dogs and use the dog bins provided. We also ask that dogs are kept under control so as not to chase the birdlife which relies on East Head for nesting and winter foraging.

Some sensitive areas of the site are fenced off from the public with post and rope fencing to prevent damage to vegetation, bird disturbance and erosion by footfall.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

Arrival by car is via West Wittering Beach car park. There are brown signs to West Wittering Beach which can be followed from the Stockbridge roundabout on the A27 near Chichester. Access from the car park to East Head is at the far western end of the car park.

Pre-booked parking is available in the West Wittering Beach car park. The car park is not owned or managed by National Trust so parking fees apply to all. For full parking details



including prices and how to book opening hours please visit:

<http://www.westwitteringestate.co.uk>

Disabled parking is available at the car park entrance and opposite the Beach Café.

During the summer months, when spaces fill quickly, additional accessible parking is reserved behind the Workshop.

East Head is located at the southernmost point of the New Lipchis Way, a long distance route between Liphook and Chichester Harbour.

It is possible to arrive to East Head by yacht or dingy. The East Head anchorage is to the north of the spit.

WCs

3 toilet blocks are located in the West Wittering Car Park. These are all managed by West Wittering Estate. **Accessible toilets are located at the car park entrance, the Beach Café, and near East Head.** These facilities require a RADAR key, which can be obtained from the Estate Office, Workshop, Beach Café, or Lifeguard Headquarters.

Catering

There is a café located in the centre of the West Wittering Estate car park. This is run by the West Wittering Estate, for details of the café and opening times please visit:

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