

Roseberry Topping Outdoor property Access Statement

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Introduction

Iconic Landmark

At just 1,049 feet (320 m) high, Roseberry Topping, with its distinctive shape, dominates the landscape on the northern edge of the North York Moors. Known as the “Matterhorn of the north” because of the half-cone summit and jagged cliff, its shape, created by the combination of a geological fault and a mining collapse in 1912.

To reach the Topping itself you pass through a fantastic array of habitats. From bluebell covered woods and heather moorland, to the open expanses of Roseberry Common and its bracken covered slopes. To the east lies Cliff Rigg quarry, a reminder of the industrial heritage that helped develop the nearby village of Great Ayton.

All dogs are welcome, including Assistance Dogs. Livestock do graze in some areas so please be alert to this and put dogs on leads in these areas.

NB - Mobile phone reception is generally good across the site. There are one or two spots on top of the moors and in the dips in the quarry area that are poor. In an emergency, please make contact on the phone number above as soon as you are able.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

Roseberry is best accessed from the car at Newton under Roseberry. (National Park car park - Cars - £2.50 up to 2 hours - £4.50 over 2 hours Motorbikes - £1.50 single rate (non-transferable))

There is parking for 50 cars with information and toilets. These can be locked even when the car park is open. Call the National Parks for more information on Telephone: 01439 772700.



National Park car park at

Newton under Roseberry.

From the car park walk through the gate and up the lane towards Roseberry. (Not NT) The track is rough but firm under foot when dry. In wetter periods the surface can become muddy and slippery on the steeper areas.

When the trees are reached via a set of steps you have reached the start of the NT ownership which is marked by an omega sign and an extended omega sign with a map showing a brief outline of the property.



Path from the car park

Trails

The routes round the Roseberry are not waymarked but are well used and easily to follow. The path from the omega forks into three. The left hand path leads along the bottom of the woodlands before rising up steeply on a pitched stone route. Alternatively the path can be followed onto the Common via a kissing gate, but because of the topography this route rises and falls steeply.



The second

route through the woodland.

The second route runs eastwards along the woodland lower slopes. Cliff Rigg quarry can be reached via this path. It can be wet after inclement weather with exposed tree routes in places. On arriving at an open glade area, take the path that leads uphill. At the top of this path the woodland ends and a seat is available to take a breather. The summit and obvious route can be seen. Other paths lead from this route stretching up the slopes and through the trees to the Common and Roseberry Topping beyond.

The third route is a direct ascent, Firstly via a set of steps through the trees and then via a stone pitched across the the Common and up to the summit. A bench is located on the upper edge of the treeline.

All routes include steep climbs to the summit and care needs to be taken when heading up to the top. Weather can change quickly. In dry good weather, allow 2-3 hours to reach the top and get back down again.

Other routes are available:

3 miles from the Guisborough Walkway Visitor Centre, along good but steep paths, lead you to the Common. The route meets up with the Cleveland Way which arrives from over Newton Moor and the distant Captain Cooks monument. The last part is a climb along the stone pitched Cleveland way, up the steep slopes of Roseberry Topping.

A route from the Great Ayton station (no facilities) runs up through Aireyholme farm.

A number of routes can be used from Great Ayton. Firstly across farmers' fields and then up along the Cliff Rigg quarry and on to the upper reaches of the woodland.

Again all routes are obvious and firm under foot but can be prone to puddling in wet weather.



The third route via the steps.

There are no refreshment facilities at the car park but there is a pub at Newton under Roseberry village, and cafes are available in Great Ayton and Guisborough. Occasionally in the summer time an ice cream van is present at the car park at Newton under Roseberry.

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/roseberry-topping>

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Map

