

Outdoor property Access Statement

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Introduction

Drover's estate is spread out on either side of the A286 just north of Singleton. It includes woodland and commercial farmland with chalk grassland at Hat Hill. There are hedgerows and wooded shaws linking the woodlands creating a diverse patchwork of habitats. There are pheasant pens in the woods as part of the sporting interests on the estate.

A section of disused railway line includes a tunnel which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest as it's an overwintering bat roost for a significant number of bat species.

The footpaths are popular with local dog walkers. The hills are gentle and very scenic.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

There are no car parks at Drover's estate. To access the public footpaths and permissive routes people need to park in Singleton village and walk to the cricket pavilion just off the A286 between The Partridge pub and the Weald and Downland museum. There is a small track beside some houses and a waymarker on the opposite side of the road leading to a couple of fields and an omega sign marking the entrance to Drover's. There are a couple of stiles and gates to negotiate. There are several other public footpaths providing access onto the estate, including from the A286, but no designated parking area. The number 60 bus runs between Chichester and Midhurst and stops at Singleton.

There are no toilets or refreshment facilities available on Drover's itself but there is a café (closed Sundays) and a pub in Singleton.

Trails

There are public footpaths waymarked around Drover's and a waymarked permissive route which creates a scenic walk amongst the rolling hills of the South Downs. None of the routes are surfaced and there are several stiles and some gradients. This route is described on our downloadable walk Hat Hill to Levin Down.

For further information about Drover's Estate and the downloadable walk please see our website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/drovers-estate>

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