



## Outdoor property Access Statement

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### Introduction

Harting Down is located off the B2141 between Chilgrove and South Harting village, four miles east of Petersfield, on the South Downs in West Sussex. It's an area of common land, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a nature reserve important for its rare chalk grassland. The South Downs National Trail runs through the property following the chalk ridge. This trail is open to walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders. The north scarp is particularly steep with two valleys on its southern side forming gentler slopes. There are three hills, where Beacon Hill, which has a steep uphill climb and is the furthest from the car park, was once the site of an Iron Age hill fort, and is now a great view point.

Dogs are welcome but please note livestock do graze parts of Harting and are often fenced using electric fencing. Please adhere to signs and put dogs on leads near livestock. We also ask that you clear up after your dog and use the dog bin provided.

**NB** - Mobile phone reception is not very good on parts of Harting. The car park usually has sufficient signal in case of an emergency.

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

The car park entrance is signposted at the entrance of the car park off the B2141. It is located at the top of the South Downs so there is a steep road leading to the car park. There is a parking charge for the day using PayByPhone App, which requires your mobile phone and debit/credit card for payment as there is no cash on site. You can also pay by phoning PayByPhone on 03300604037 or pay online.

There are no designated areas for disabled parking as the car park is large and open with no marked bays for any vehicle. The area around the car park has lovely views and provides a pleasant place for a picnic, which is accessible to all.

The South Downs Way is unsurfaced and is accessed through a bridleway gate. Although the property is open access which means people are free to walk anywhere, there are no surfaced paths and the terrain can be very steep in places.

There are no toilets or refreshment facilities available. The nearest public toilets are at South Harting beside the White Hart pub, which has layby parking right next to it. There are also toilets at Uppark, our neighbouring National Trust property, approximately three miles away. To reach Uppark turn right from the car park, go down the hill, turn left at the T junction, follow the road up the hill and Uppark is signposted on your left.

### Trails

There is a Harting Walk which is shown on a map in the Harting Down leaflet and is way marked. The route is approximately 3.5 miles. The route is not wheelchair friendly as the



valleys have steep gradients. Hidden behind the first copse of trees along the South Downs Way is a bench with a lovely view across to South Harting village, and provides a welcome rest spot.

For further information about Harting Down please see our website. Visit <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/harting-down>

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