

Outdoor property Access Statement

Lavington Common and Plantation, West Sussex

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Introduction

Lavington Common is located between Selham, Graffham and Duncton south of the A272 between Midhurst and Petworth. Lavington Common is an area of Common land, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a nature reserve important for its lowland heathland and its associated birdlife, reptiles and invertebrates. The Plantation site on the opposite side of the road is undesignated but is managed to restore heathland after former commercial pine planting.

Dogs are welcome but disturbance to ground nesting birds is of particular concern and we ask that dogs and people keep to main tracks and that dogs are not encouraged off footpaths during nesting season. There is also a high concentration of dog mess so dog walkers are requested to use the dog bin.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

The informal car park is surrounded by pine trees. There are no designated parking bays and it's free to park. It's a very good place to enjoy the bird life. There is one picnic bench and an omega sign which marks the entrance.

Both sites are open access for walkers with well-defined footpaths, but there are no surfaced footpaths. Some of the paths are uneven and can become muddy although the area is mostly flat so makes for easy walking.

There are no toilets or refreshment facilities available.

Trails

The Serpent Trail crosses both sites and there is a network of public footpaths mostly on the former Plantation site. Kissing gates give easy access onto the Plantation. This is usually grazed in summer by a small number of Belted Galloways. Livestock grazing signs are put up to inform people when the cattle are present.

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

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Lavington-Common>

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