

Outdoor property Access Statement

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Introduction

This popular beach - a long sweep of golden sand and rockpools - edges a sheltered bay of crystal clear waters and looks out over the iconic Thurlestone Rock archway. The beach is a great spot for watching sunsets, or you can sit at the café and watch the birds and wildlife over the wetlands. Winter storms are gradually reshaping the sand dunes along this stretch of coast. Dogs are welcome but must be kept under close control at all times.

NB - Mobile phone reception is sporadic across the site, however in an emergency any mobile phone can be used as it will pick up any available signal.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

There are brown signs directing visitors from the road leading through South Milton village. The access roads are narrow with limited passing places and can get very congested during the main summer holiday season. The track leading into the car park is not a public highway and consists of a hardstanding stone track which becomes covered with sand after storm conditions. The car park is also hard standing of stone with sand being blown across from the nearby dune system. There are 4 disabled parking bays in the main car park area and two up in front of the Beachhouse cafe.

The cost to park is £6 or £3 after 4pm and free for National Trust members who scan their card. Blue Badge holders also park for free. The car park is staffed during the year (Easter – August and during busy holiday times) but is unstaffed if the weather is bad.

There are three picnic benches located beach side of the track in front of the cafe the grass meadow just in front (approximately 50m) of the top car park.

WC's

There are council managed toilets on site which do not have any lighting or hot water. There is no accessible toilet due to steps leading to the toilet building and steps into the toilet building itself.

Catering

The beachhouse café is located on site (National Trust Tenant) which provides dine in restaurant food and also 'takeaway' food for visitors. Access to the restaurant is up a step into a small seating area. The takeaway offer is at an open window in the side of the building which can be accessed off the main track and is accessible to all.

Walks

Access to the beach is via 2 wooden boardwalks or a concrete slipway. All of these end directly onto the sandy beach which is uneven and not suitable for wheelchairs.

The SWCP runs through the site leading off to the East to Hope Cove and to the West to Thurlestone. Both of these routes use grass and mud tracks and are very steep in places.

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.
<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/South-Milton-Sands>

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