

## **Toys Hill Access Statement**

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### **Introduction**

- Toy's Hill is more than 200 acres (81 hectares) of woodland. The area is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest due to its abundant wildlife, and much of it is recognised as a Grade I site of national importance for nature conservation.
- Toy's Hill It is part of the Lower Greensand Ridge which runs all the way along the northern side of the Weald of Kent, just to the south of the North Downs
- Mobile signal is generally weak across most of the site, in an emergency visitors can call 07917 271 362
- A Duty Manager has responsibility for the area remotely.
- All Dogs are welcome and can be off lead.
- Toys hill can be busy during early evenings and weekends.
- National Trust is not responsible for access and parking along the main road. The verges are the responsibility of the local council.

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

There are a number of bridleways which intersect Toys Hill. Please note there is a height restriction on the Toys Hill car park which prevents taller vehicles such as horse boxes from entering.

There are brown signs from the A25 to Brasted, then turn into Chart Lane and continue for 2.3 miles, then follow the brown signs for Toys Hill car park. Car park is situated just past the Fox & Hounds pubs on the right hand side.

Parking: Free National Trust car park at Toys Hill, near the Fox & Hounds pub.

By bus

Services 238 and 210. Please note both of these services operate on a rural timetable. Check with the bus service provider before traveling.

There are not any accessible parking spaces.

The car park is flat but has loose stone in some places. There are no marked bays. There are two maps located in the car park.

## **Toilets:**

There are no toilet facilities at Toys hill. There are free toilet facilities at nearby national trust Properties Chartwell ( approx. 15 min drive) and Emmetts Garden (5 minute drive)

Postcode for Chartwell : TN16 1PS    Postcode for Emmetts Garden: TN14 6BA

## **Chartwell Toilet Facilities:**

- An accessible toilet adjacent to the visitor centre, 1.6m by 2.6m in size. There is a fixed hand rail on the right hand side of the toilet and a pull down rail on the left hand side of the toilet. The toilet is lit by fluorescent lighting and has an automatic hand dryer and an emergency alarm. The door opens outwards and is 0.97m wide.
- An accessible toilet on the first floor of the café, accessed by a lift which has a safe working load of 400kg. The toilet is 1.53m by 2.2m in size, there are rails to the left (fixed) and right (drop down) of the toilet, an automatic dryer and an emergency alarm. The door opens outwards and is 0.97m wide
- An accessible toilet in the gardens is 1.6m by 2.6m in size, There are rails to the right (fixed) and left (drop down).
- There are no adult changing facilities.



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- There is a baby changing area next to the accessible toilet at the visitor reception. This is a separate room does not have a toilet. It is lit by fluorescent lighting, the door opens outwards and the width is 0.708m.
- There is also another baby changing facility in one of the garden toilets. This also has a toilet inside.
- Separate male and female toilet blocks are situated behind the shop.

## **Emmett Garden Toilet Facilities:**

- There are 2 accessible toilets at the property, one at the Visitor Reception and one at the Tearoom.
- The Visitor Welcome Centre accessible toilet is 2.67m x 1.62m and the toilet is a right hand transfer with a wall fixed bar, there is a second pull down bar to the left hand side of the toilet. The toilet has a small amount of natural light but otherwise is lit with a fluorescent uplighter. There is a pull cord alarm. There is also a baby change facility in this location.
- The Tearoom accessible toilet is 2.5m x 1.95m and the toilet is left hand transfer with a wall fixed bar and a second pull down bar to the right. The toilet has no natural light and is lit with fluorescent lighting. There is a pull cord alarm.

## **Woodland walks:**

The walks are currently colour coded with access information available below for each walk. There are no smooth surfaces along any walk, each area has a footpath through with uneven surfaces. Some walks may be more suitable to buggies.

### **Red Walk: 3.5 miles (5.6km)**

Terrain includes wide paths, steps and medium slopes

### **Green Walk: 1.75 miles (2.8km)**

Green walk has low slopes, there is one set of stairs which are uneven but shallow. Paths are both wide and narrow.

### **Orange walk: 0.75 miles (1.2 km)**

Very steep slope can become very muddy. Not suitable for visitors with limited mobility or buggies.

### **Purple Route (labelled Wheelchair route): 0.5 miles (0.8km)**

There are wide slopes which are low but quite long on the route. This route is step free but the terrain is woodland path and can include roots and mud.

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## **Map**

The map is available to download on the website. There is not currently a large format map available. Please see below.

