

Outdoor property Access Statement

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Introduction

Woolbeding estate, located just a few miles north of Midhurst, covers a total of 446 ha and includes lowland heathland, ancient woodland, marsh, farmland, river valley and parkland. The area supports many threatened species of birds, invertebrates and reptiles. It's a very long and thin property stretching 11km but no more than 2 km wide and fits within an excellent network of public footpaths and walking routes, notably the Serpent Trail and Lipchis Way which both pass through Woolbeding. There are permissive paths linking the farmland with the heath and common land to the north and the Rother valley to the south.

Dogs are welcome although we ask that people clear up after their dogs and use the dog bins provided. Livestock do graze on Woolbeding Common and the Parkland, which often requires electric fencing, so please adhere to signs and put dogs on leads or have them under effective control in grazed areas.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

There are four informal small car parks which are free to park with no marked parking bays. The two main car parks are at Older Hill and Woolbeding Parkland.

Older Hill is signposted off Linch Road between Woolbeding and Redford. It's accessed off the A272 between Midhurst and Stedham or from Hollist Lane at Easebourne. Travelling from Haslemere or Fernhurst it can be accessed from the north coming from the top end of Linch Lane near Milland and passing Linch church. The narrow track off Linch Road is about 1.5 miles before the car park at Older Hill viewpoint. There are walking trails across the common as the land is open access but there are no designated bridleways.

Woolbeding Parkland car park is at the Woolbeding turning off the A272 in the field adjacent to the road. This gives access to the River Rother walk and a walk leading to Stedham Mill and Woolbeding Wood and links onto other footpaths. Although this route is part of the river valley there is a gentle hill but otherwise it's mostly flat.

Just north of the Older Hill turning is Marsh Hill car park with public footpaths leading to Stedham Marsh and onto Woolbeding Common.

The fourth car park is Telegraph Hill car park which is accessed off Kings Drive from the A286 and leads directly onto Woolbeding Common.

There are no surfaced paths and some paths can become particularly muddy during winter or wet periods. There is a steady gradient rising up to Older Hill from the river valley, which can be quite tiring for some people. There are several gates and stiles along the various footpaths.



There are no toilets or refreshment facilities available, but there are public toilets in Midhurst at the main bus station and plenty of cafes and pubs in town.

Trails

Currently there are no way marked trails but there is a leaflet showing suggested walking routes and where to go. There are two downloadable walks which are the River Rother walk and Woolbeding Landscapes which takes in both the northern and southern parts of the estate. There are several benches discretely placed around the estate to take a welcome break and enjoy the scenery.

For further information about Woolbeding please see our website. Visit <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woolbeding-countryside>

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Map

To be added