



ACCESS GUIDE – MUNSLEY BOG

Address

May Close, Godshill, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO38 3HB

What 3 Words for site entrance:

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How to get there:

By car

The bog is a 100 metre walk across a recreation ground from the end of May Close. May Close is reached from Newport Road in Godshill

By public transport

Use 'Dubbers' or 'Yarborough Close' bus stops depending on your direction (routes 2 and 3). From here there is a flat walk along pavements to the recreation ground. The maximum distance is 0.25 kms depending on bus stop used.

By foot / bike

The bog is a 100 metre walk from the end of May Close along footpath GL 25.

Nearest public toilets

The nearest public toilets are in the main car park in the village of Godshill. These are about 10 minutes flat walk away along the roads, be careful of traffic. There are many refreshment choices within Godshill village.

Car and bike parking

Other than 5 disabled bays there are limited parking spaces within May Close.

There are currently no cycle racks, but there are plenty of places to attach a bike.

Site entrance

There is a bollard in the entrance to the recreation ground however there is 1.10 metre space to the side. From there, a 100 metre walk across a grass recreation ground to Munsley Bog. There is a 1 in 16 decline as you near the bog.

The entrance to the bog is via 5 wooden steps which are 0.9 metre wide and have a handrail at 1 metre on the righthand side.

There is a dog waste bin in the recreation ground.

Getting around the site

There is no access onto the bog.

The bog is crossed by a wooden boardwalk which is 0.9 metre wide with a handrail at 1 metre height on the right side. The boardwalk is covered with chicken wire, but loose planks

can be a tripping hazard. The boardwalk is 180 metres long with a bench and passing place near the middle. The boardwalk isn't completely flat, it is stepped to allow for the changing gradient of the bog.

The bench is 45 cm high with no back or arms.

At the far end of the boardwalk, which is the end of this site, there is a stile. From here the footpath continues through countryside to the village of Godshill.

What you can see

- The two main species of trees here are Oak and Willow,
- Look out for the small watercourse which borders the east edge of this site. It is a tributary of the East Yar River,
- Can you spot a change of vegetation at the centre of the bog? This is where a spring is, and there are water-loving plants where it flows,
- Watch the seeds fly from the sausage-like heads of Great Reedmace, sometimes called 'Bulrush',
- The torpedo-shaped Privet Hawk-moth

What you can hear

- Listen to the rooks which nest in the oak trees at the edge of the bog,
- The wind in the willows, and the rushes,
- Because of the close proximity to the village, you will hear a lot of garden birds,

What you can smell

- If you can, kneel down on the board walk and look at the intricate plant and insect communities that live in the bog. These vary depending on how wet the bog is,

What you can touch

- Most of the year the bracken will tickle your ankles as you cross the boardwalk. We do try and keep it in check, and the bog is cut and raked once a year.

We look after Munsley Bog for the benefit of the plants and animals that live here and for you as visitors...we hope you enjoy your visit.