



ACCESS GUIDE – PAN MILL MEADOWS

Address

Connies Way, Newport, Isle of Wight,

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO30 1HR

What 3 Words for north site entrance:

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What 3 Words for south entrance:

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How to get there:

By car

There is no car parking on site, Medina Avenue car park is close to the site. Approx site postcode for satnav PO30 1HL. what3words ///rocks.correctly.snack

By public transport

St George's Park Stop (Routes 2 and 3) then access the site through the footpath opposite the former football ground entrance. Alternatively, the site is a 5 min walk from the bus station.

By foot and bike

The Red Squirrel Trail (NCN 23) is a shared trail and passes through the site and provides the main access points. There are cycle racks at the north end of the site.

Nearest public toilets

The nearest toilets are under 0.4 mile on a flat walk and are in stores so check opening times. These are at Matalan (what3words ///title.hotspots.union) and ASDA (what3words ///prune.traded.wizards) . Out of shop hours there are toilets in South Street, Newport (what3words ///ethic.fired.imprinted) . These are slightly further away but the walk is still flat.

Car and bike parking

Medina Avenue car park is close to the site. There is a 100 metre walk along tarmac pavements to the entrance of the site. The site is then accessed via a sloping path. An approximate site postcode for satnav is PO30 1HL.
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Site entrance

There are several site entrances. The whole site is accessed from Connies Way via paths leading into it.

The north of the site is free of gates and stiles.

There is a chicane entrance by the pedestrian crossing on St Georges Way. There is a dog bin here.

There is a field gate from St Georges Way which is locked however there is a normal gate alongside which is not.

The south meadow is locked with no access as it is grazed. There is a dog bin at the south end of the site.

Getting around the site

Connie Way, passing alongside west of Pan Mill Meadows provides well surfaced level access suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

There is a chipping path that skirts the north and east sides of the site and this is suitable for most wheelchairs and mobility scooters except in extreme weather conditions. This creates a loop with Connies Way.

There is a wide bridge between the chipping path and the north meadow. It has a handrail at 1.2 metres high on both sides. The meadow can be boggy in wet conditions and is only mown at the end of the summer so it is not suitable for wheelchairs etc most of the year. In dry conditions there is a path that can be used with caution.

There are benches, a picnic table and interpretation throughout the site. The picnic table is accessible from Connies Way and can be used by people with wheelchairs.

Access to other areas of the site is on more uneven paths, some of which can be boggy. The southern meadow is gated.

What you can see

- The railway used to come through here and every so often you will spot some remains,
- This is a wonderful place for a summer butterfly safari, you will also see dragonflies and damselflies,
- There are beautiful flowers in spring and early summer such as yellow iris, meadowsweet, bird's-foot trefoil, burdock and chervil,

What you can hear

- The river can be quite noisy, there are several weirs in the Medina here, and also a cascade as Pan Stream comes through the site,
- If you hear a plop in the water it might be a water vole or trout. You will also hear squabbling ducks,
- A 'tap tap' in the morning will be the woodpecker.
- Long-tailed tits visit in flocks and you will hear them excitedly chattering,
- Listen out for the Gift to Nature bees – it's one of their favourite foraging spots
- If our sheep are in residence, you will hear and see them in the south meadow,

What you can smell

- In spring, smell the three-cornered leek and wild garlic,
- The water mint in late spring smells like toothpaste,
- The stinking iris isn't quite so pleasant, some people say it smells of roast beef,
- Meadowsweet does what it says on the tin! It grows in our meadow and it smells sweet,

What you can touch

- Find our carved seats and the animals on the gate,
- Go on a leaf hunt; you will find lots of different types,
- Try making pesto with our three-cornered leeks,

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