



ACCESS GUIDE – ROSEMARY FIELDS

Address

Great Preston Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO33 1AY

What 3 Words for site entrance from Great Preston Road:

///spine.wins.prime

What 3 Words for site entrance from Pig Leg Railway

Crossing: ///cigar.same.clown

How to get there:

By car

There is no road access to this site. There is no parking at the site. The nearest on-road parking is Great Preston Road.

By public transport

Ryde Fire Station stop (Route 2) then 360 metre walk via footpath R55.

By foot and bike

The site can be accessed from Footpath R54 from Oakfield, from Footpath R55 from Elmfield, and Footpaths R52 and R52a from Rosemary Lane and Swanmore. The Nunwell Trail passes the site.

Nearest public toilets

There are no public toilets near this site. The nearest public toilets are in St Johns Road, Ryde.

Car and bike parking

There is no parking near this site. There is limited on-road parking in Great Preston Road.

There are currently no cycle racks.

Site entrance

This site is accessed from Footpath R55. There are no formal access points. This site is only accessible by foot.

Getting around the site

This site is not recommended for people with mobility difficulties. There are no made paths other than Footpath R55. Paths are mown around and through the meadows. Depending on the time of year the grass may be quite long.

The site consists of two fields and there is a bridge that links them. The bridge is 1.4 metres wide with a handrail on 1 (west) side at 1.1 metres height.

What you can see

- Birdsfoot trefoil is known as 'eggs and bacon' and is great for caterpillars and bees.

- Fleabane is so-called for its apparent ability to ward off fleas, but in our meadows it does a good job of attracting insects, so it may not have been the most effective of repellents,
- Yarrow was used as a charm against bad luck and illness. Although it was also used to stop wounds from bleeding, it was believed to cause nosebleeds if put up the nose,
- How many different species of butterfly so you see? Dingy skipper, marbled white, meadow brown and small skipper have all been seen here.

What you can hear

- Magpies make a noisy chattering sound,
- The wren, despite being such a small bird, has a very powerful song, it starts with a sequence of bright, clear tones, before a series of trilling verses,
- When two rival dunnock males come together they become animated with lots of wing-flicking and loud calling,
- The largest UK tit – the great tit - green and yellow with a striking glossy black head with white cheeks and a distinctive two-syllable song.
- You can also hear blue tits, jays, blackbirds, blackcaps, carrion crows, robins and jackdaws,
- The hovercraft, the train and the creaking of the gate on the railway-crossing,

What you can smell

- The sweet smell of blackberries,

What you can touch

- Ribwort Plantain is the subject of a game that's similar to conkers - pick the stems and knock the flower heads together, battle it out to see whose head drops off the stem first
- Feel free to help yourself to blackberries.

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