



ACCESS GUIDE – ONE HORSE FIELD

Address

Hurst Point View, Totland, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO39 0AG

What 3 Words for north site entrance:

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How to get there:

By Car

There is a small car park at the end of Hurst Point View (directly on your left when you have passed the chicane). From there One Horse Field can be accessed from the pavement and footpath T1. Alternatively, it can be reached by crossing the corner of the adjacent playing field (this route is not suitable for mobility scooters).

By Public Transport

Routes 7 and 12 stop at Coastguard Cottages bus stop. Then take a short walk south along The Broadway (maximum 0.1 mile depending on which side you alight) to bring you to Bowling Green Lane on the west side.

Walk approximately 0.1 mile to the end and then approximately 0.1 mile in a northwest direction across the playing field. This brings you to the southern site entrance. This route is on made paths until you reach One Horse Field.

By Foot and Bike

As well as Hurst Point View and Bowling Green Road entrances described above, the site can be accessed north and south from Footpath T1 from Totland village, and from the seafront from Footpath T2.

Nearest Public Toilets

There are no toilets at this site. The nearest public toilets are at Totland Beach or Freshwater village.

Car and Bike Parking

The small car park is at the end of Hurst Point View (directly on your left when you have passed the chicane). It has a hard surface with some loose stones. Parking is informal and there are about six spaces. It is rarely full.

There are cycle racks at the south entrance of the site, just off Footpath T1.

Site Entrance

There are no site gates. The main entrances are at the north and south ends of the site, from footpath T1.

North entrance: There is a Information Pillar at this point. The site information pillar has a QR code that links to an audible description creating a mind's eye view of the area to allow a visually impaired person to enter with confidence. The

information pillar also has a QR code that links to a map and activities. There is also a site map on the Information Pillar. There is also an Interpretation Board detailing the site. It also has a map.

South entrance: There are cycle racks and an Interpretation Board detailing the site. It has a map.

A dog waste bin is provided at the north end of T1 where it joins Hurst Point View.

Getting around the site

The site consists of mown grass paths and because of this it is not likely to be suitable for most mobility scooters. There are no gates or stiles, however the path is less than 0.8 metres in places and can be overhung by vegetation.

For anyone concerned about suitability of access, Footpath T1 may provide the best option. It skirts the east edge of the site and is minimum 1 metre wide with a compacted surface. Much of the meadow can be viewed from here, but there are no seating options or views.

The site is approximately 2 hectares mostly consisting of meadow. The main path skirts the meadow to its west. It is not recommended to leave this main path, as access on other mown and informal paths is poor with tripping and other hazards. There is little gradient within the site.

To the west of the main footpath an informal path leads to woodland and then a viewpoint. There is a very steep drop from the viewpoint and the viewpoint is completely unfenced. The path also has tree roots and other trip hazards. Although

the view is spectacular, we advise extreme caution should you opt to visit.

There is seating in the southern section of the site. There are a group of three low seats shaped like acorns. They fill with water in the winter. There is also a large horseshoe-shaped concrete seat under a tree. The seat is 43 cm high and has no back or arms.

What you can see

- Meadow flowers – Ox-eye Daisy, Yarrow, Buttercups and in late summer the Autumn Ladies Tresses orchids,
- Look out for the spectacular Wasp Spider between July and October in the long grass where they spin their intricate web,
- You might find slow worms – the site is used for rehoming displaced and rescued individuals – that's why we mow our meadow very late each year,
- If you venture to the viewpoint, you will get a brilliant view of the mainland stretching from left to right, Headon Warren, Totland pier, Old Harry Rocks (far across in the Swanage direction) Poole Harbour, Bournemouth, Keyhaven, New Forest and ending with Hurst Castle.

What you can hear

- Yellow Rattle is exactly that. You will find it in the meadow, but it's the seedpods that rattle,
- The seagulls are often involved in noisy exchanges with crows and rooks living on the cliff side,
- Hear the sounds of the sea – the waves and buoys,

What you can smell

- The gorse smells of coconut in the spring,
- Delicious blackberries in the autumn,

What you can touch and feel

- The poem etched into the horseshoe seat,
- The texture of our acorn seats,
- The autumn meadow is full of seedheads,
- The sea wind on your face at the viewpoint,

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