



ACCESS GUIDE – MILLENNIUM WOOD

Address

Seaclose Park, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO30 2QS

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How to get there:

By car

The woodland is accessed from Seaclose Park which is reached via Fairlee Road, Newport. There are two access options.

The first is to use the pay and display car park within Seaclose Park. The woodland is 200 metres in a northeast direction across a flat grass playing field from the nearest point.

Alternatively, park on the east side of Fairlee Road (heading towards Newport) near the pelican crossing, cross the road and take the wide track on the left. Walk 60 metres along the track from the road and exit left into

the playing field. Turn to your left, the wood is on the bank to your left. You will need to access via the grass at the side of the playing field.

By public transport

Medina Leisure Centre bus stop – routes 5 and 9 and use the track as described above. The start of the track is next to the bus stop on the west side of the Fairlee Road (heading away from Newport).

By foot or bike

As above or Public Footpath N120 (Medina Greenway) from Newport Quay.

Nearest public toilets

The nearest public toilets are within Seaclose Park and are less than 0.2 miles from this site on a flat grass walk.

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Car and bike parking

There is pay and display car parking within Seaclose Park, or on-road parking in Fairlee Road. There are bike racks within Seaclose car park, or bikes may be wheeled to the Wood.

The pay and display car park has a hard surface with spaces reserved for people with a blue badge.

Site entrance

There is no site entrance; entrance is through Seaclose Park. A dog waste bin is provided in the car park.

Getting around the site

This is a very small site. There are small informal paths within the site, but the best way to view is from the bottom of the planted bank, on the recreation ground.

You will see that we have planted trees which will eventually create a wide avenue.

There is a bench with views across the River Medina. There is an 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.

What you can see

- Views across the River Medina,
- The brightly-coloured tree blossom in spring,
- In winter, if you are lucky, you may see wading birds on the rugby pitch – look out for unruly Oyster Catchers,
- In late spring there are a variety of wildflowers on the bank, you wouldn't expect to find them here, but the bank was formed from dredged material,
- Look out for Adders Tongue Fern and Common Spotted Orchid.

What you can hear

- The gulls and crows will often be squabbling,
- School children playing sports,
- The sounds of Newport Harbour and the busy Fairlee Road.

What you can smell

- There is a variety of trees blossoming in spring - can you distinguish between the different species?
- Stinking Iris may be smelt in damp patches.

What you can touch

- You are welcome to pick edible fruits and berries, but please leave some for the birds.

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