



ACCESS GUIDE – PAN COUNTRY PARK

Address

Pan Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO30 2PJ

What 3 Words for Pan Lane site entrance:

[///beams.petulant.aimed](http://beams.petulant.aimed)

How to get there:

By car

There are a small number of parking spaces off Pan Lane for the south end. Pan Lane needs to be accessed from St Georges Way.

At the north of the Country Park there is no car park nearby and on-street parking is limited.

By public transport

For the north of the site use Long Lane bus stop (Routes 8, 9 and 68). From here it is a 185 metre walk along pavements in easterly direction to the Country Park.

For south of site use ASDA bus stop (Routes 2 and 3) and walk east to Pan Lane, The Country Park entrance is directly south. Total distance on roads and pavements is 120 metres flat walk.

By foot and bike

The Country Park can be accessed at various points throughout Pan Meadows. Access at the south end of the park is from Pan Lane via bridleway N40, from the north is via Staplers/Long Lane. NE35 skirts the north east edge.

Nearest public toilets

The nearest toilets 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 public toilets in South Street, Newport (what3words ///ethic.fired.imprinted) . These are slightly further away. The park is large so it is likely you will be some distance from the toilets.

Car and bike parking

There are a small number of parking spaces off of Pan Lane for the south end. Approximate code for your SATNAV is PO30 2PJ. The car park is surfaced with chippings and there are no marked bays. There is also space nearby at ASDA but remember the parking is time limited.

There is very little on street parking on the estate as all adjacent spaces are allocated to houses.

The cycle racks are situated at the entrance to the Roundabout Field which is entered from Staplers Road, by the roundabout.

Site entrance

There are numerous entrances to the site. The formal site entrance is off of Pan Lane and only accessible by vehicle from St Georges Way.

There is a multi-purpose bin in the car park.

There is a locked vehicle gate to the site, and to the left of this there is 1 metre gap. There is an interpretation board with a map at this point.

There are cycle racks and an interpretation board at the entrance to the site into Roundabout Field, which is from Staplers Road, by the roundabout.

There is an Interpretation Pillar at the entrance to the Biomass Field from Godric Road and Foundry Road. Among other things this has a QR code linked to an audible description creating a mind's eye view of the area to allow a visually impaired person to enter with confidence.

Getting around the site

The Country Park is essentially divided into three sections.

1. Town Field
2. Spider Field
3. Biomass Field, Meadow Hill and Roundabout Field

The whole site is free from gates and stiles.

People with mobility difficulties may find that Town Field is the most suitable. The car park is at the west end of Town Field and this part of the site is crossed by a bridleway with chippings. At its narrowest it is 1 metre wide, but mostly a lot

wider. The path has a gradient of 1 in 13. There are several benches within this part of the site.

Town Field has a community orchard and is mainly wooded with all other paths being mown grass or earth.

The path between Town Field and Spider Field is earth and can be slippery. There are two bridges to cross. Each is 1.7 metres wide with handrails right and left at 1.2 metres.

Ascending from one of the bridges there are 5 steps which are 12 cm high and spaced at 1 metre, and then a steep unstepped incline.

The Spider Field has a mown grass path around the edge and through the centre. It can be boggy. It has a plantation of young trees and there is also open meadow. There is no seating within this field.

The path between the Spider Field and Biomass Field is earth, uneven and narrows to 1 metre width. There is bridge which is 1.7 metres wide with handrails right and left at 1.2 metres.

The Biomass Field, Meadow Hill and Roundabout Field are three adjoining meadows with small clusters of trees. There are mown paths. The gradient is 1 in 13. There is a low log seat in the Biomass Field and a bench on Meadow Hill.

What you can see

- Explore the Pollen Trail – there are sculptures to find and information boards to read,
- Sit on the carved seat on Meadow Hill and look over the fantastic views of Newport,

- Try and find a wasp spider in Spider Field
- Sit by one of the three streams and see if you can spot a Bullhead – this fish is also called Miller’s Thumb because of its shape,
- Look out for dragonflies and damselflies skimming the surface of the pond in summer, you may even spot a newt,

What you can hear

- Listen to the buzzards mewing overhead – there will usually be two of them as they tend to fly in pairs,
- Listen to the woodpecker in the morning,
- Listen to the grasshoppers and crickets on a summers evening,
- Listen to the babbling streams,
- Listen to the bees buzzing in amongst the meadow flowers – they inspired the Pollen Trail!

What you can smell

- Whiff the summer meadow – plants use scent, colour and nectar to attract pollinators,
- The sweet smell of blackberries in late summer – please help yourself!

What you can touch

- Help yourself to fruits from the Community Orchard in Town Field,
- The Pollen Trail features tactile sculptures and carved seats,
- Feel the fuzzy catkins on the willows in spring, and the downy seeds of the reed mace in autumn,

- Throughout the park we have planted hundreds of trees – why not go on a leaf hunt?

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