

Trails suitable for people with impaired mobility, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and push chairs

# Dyke Railway Trail

## Step back in time

The Dyke Railway Trail follows part of the route taken by the old Dyke Railway Branch Line. The line opened in September 1887, it was built to carry passengers from the seaside town of Hove to the beauty spot of Devil's Dyke. When the railway finally closed in December 1938, the line lay unused until the Dyke Railway Trail was created in 1988.

This path is a hard surface with no steps or steep gradients and is in most parts wheelchair-friendly. It is 2km long and suitable for cyclists and horse riders. You can enjoy the fine views of downland, farmland and sea. Benfield Hill Local Nature Reserve to the west of the trail contains nationally rare chalk grassland which is rich in wildlife and depends on grazing for its survival.

### HOW TO GET THERE

**Bus information:** 5b/16/66, all from central Brighton. 77 can be requested to stop from the Devil's Dyke Trail.

**Train information:** National Rail 08457 484950

**By car:** From the A27/A23 junction take the A27 West. Take the Portslade turning and then first left (Hangleton Way). The Trail car park is just before The Downsman public house on the left.



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### VISITOR INFORMATION

- Car Park at start of trail (height barrier) restricted access, max height 2.1 metres
- Information board at start/finish of trail
- Refreshments at Downsman Public House
- Please take care (farm machinery use part of the route to gain access to surrounding fields)

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Cowslips on the Downs

To Devils Dyke Trail



1:12  
200m



1:36  
25m

1:10  
60m

1:18  
8m

Motorcycle  
Barrier

125  
cm

A27 to  
Lewes

A27 to  
Worthing

125  
cm

1:7  
16m

1:30  
50m

1:5
















1:20  
50m



Start/finish

Hangleton Way

Key to symbols

-  direction of slope
-  max. slope gradient
-  slope length
-  slope across path
-  max. slope gradient
-  parking
-  information
-  seating
-  gate
-  pub
-  viewpoint
-  resting seat
-  width restriction
-  bollard
-  easy access