


SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

From rolling hills to bustling market towns, the South Downs National Park's landscapes cover 1,600km² of breathtaking views, hidden gems and quintessentially English scenery. A rich tapestry of wildlife, landscapes, tranquillity and visitor attractions, weave together a story of people and place in harmony.

For your guide to everything there is to see and do in the National Park visit southdowns.gov.uk/discovery-map

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YOUR COUNTRYSIDE CODE: RESPECT. PROTECT. ENJOY.

Respect other people

- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Keep to the paths unless on Open Access Land



Protect the natural environment

- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

WEALD & DOWNLAND LIVING MUSEUM

Just outside Singleton village you'll find this 40-acre site.

Showcasing traditional buildings in a rural landscape this outdoor museum tells the story of the men, women and children who lived and worked in the buildings over a 600-year period.

The museum runs a regular programme of domestic and craft demonstrations, including

cooking in the Tudor kitchen and flour milling in the working water mill.

The site offers leafy walks in the wood, a lakeside café and picnic benches next to a pond teeming with birds. Visit wealddown.co.uk for entry prices and further information.



SOUTH DOWNS WALKS SINGLETON



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LEVIN DOWN NATURE RESERVE

Situated on Levin Down, this hillside Nature Reserve is a mosaic of grassland, scrub and chalk heath.

The name Levin Down is derived from 'Leave-Alone Hill', meaning that the land was too steep for the plough or other intensive agriculture.

This sunny and sheltered Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is home to very rare chalk heath (heather growing on chalk) and is grazed by native Herdwick sheep,

so please keep dogs on a lead. Here you can spot butterflies such as the green and brown hairstreaks and chalk grassland flora including the clustered bellflower and juniper. There are beautiful views of the Trundle and Goodwood racecourse to the south, Charlton Forest to the north and the River Lavant in the valley below.



REFUEL AND REFRESH

If you're feeling in need of a cup of tea, piece of cake or a hearty meal after your walk, there are plenty of places to choose from. In Singleton you'll find the Partridge

Inn and the Gallery Tea Rooms. Or, if you venture off the route, there's The Fox Goes Free pub in Charlton and the cafe at West Dean Gardens.



FIND YOUR WAY

Follow the arrows on waymarkers.

Footpath



Bridleway



Restricted byway



Byway



Open access land



TAKE THE LEAD

For a safe and fun visit with your dog please remember to keep them on a lead around livestock and wildlife. Always bag and bin your dog poo – any public bin will do!

GETTING HERE

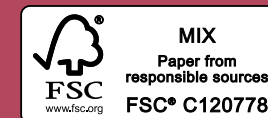
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By rail: The nearest railway station is Chichester. Visit nationalrail.co.uk

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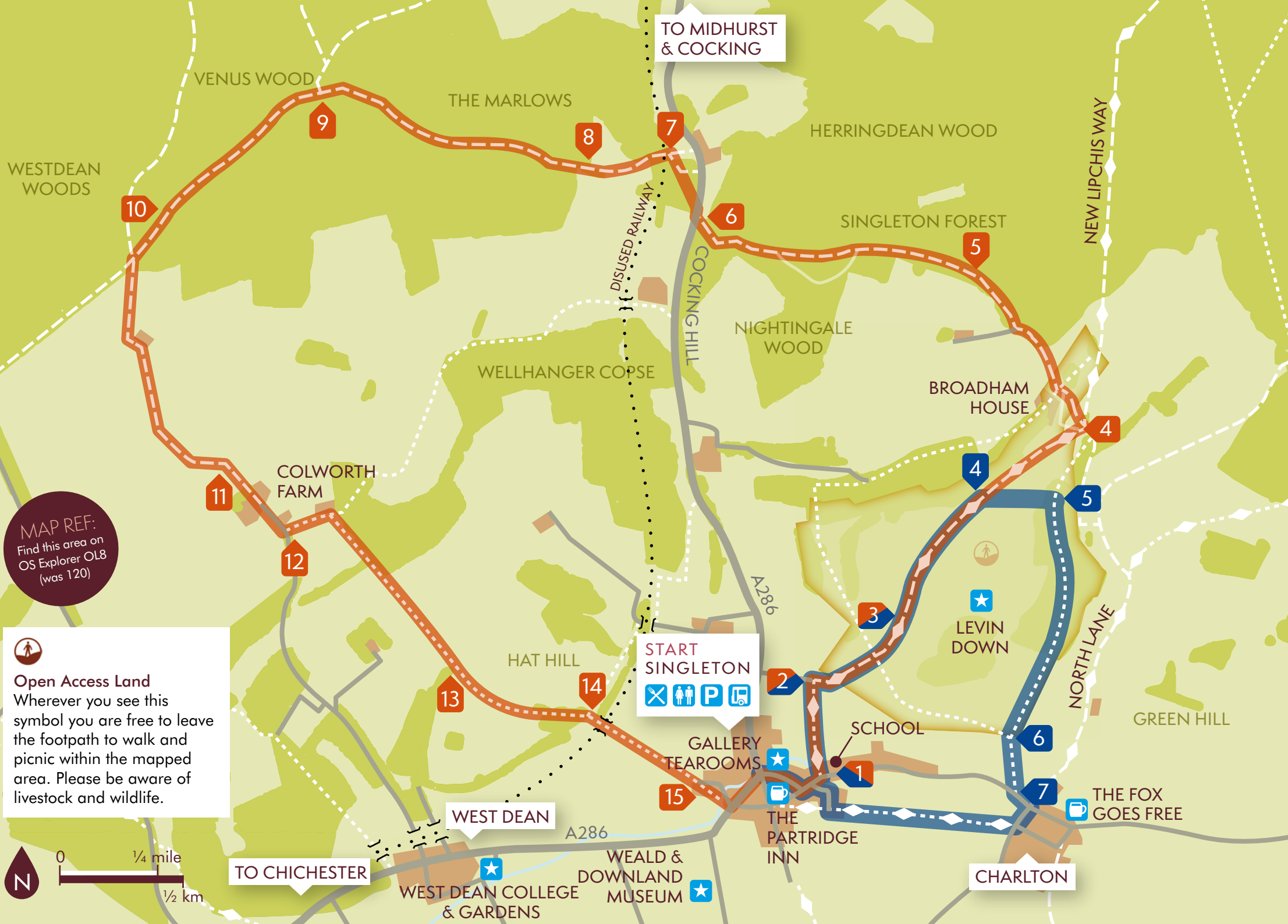
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& COCKING

WESTDEAN
WOODS

VENUS WOOD

THE MARLOWS

HERRINGDEAN WOOD

SINGLETON FOREST

NIGHTINGALE
WOOD

WELLHANGER COPSE

BROADHAM
HOUSE

COLWORTH
FARM

MAP REF:
Find this area on
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Open Access Land
Wherever you see this
symbol you are free to leave
the footpath to walk and
picnic within the mapped
area. Please be aware of
livestock and wildlife.

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LEVIN
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GREEN HILL

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DOWNLAND
MUSEUM

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PARTRIDGE
INN

THE FOX
GOES FREE

CHARLTON

TO CHICHESTER





THE WOODED ESTATES

TRAIL: 

DISTANCE:

6.4 miles (10.3km)

ALLOW: 3.5 hours

GRADIENT:

A couple of steep sections to the top of Levin Down and the descent from Hat Hill towards the old railway line.

PATH:

Uneven with some muddy sections.

Discover the hilltops, forests and farms surrounding Singleton village.

1 Walk into Singleton village. At the school turn left on to the signposted footpath, pass through a gate and continue straight up the field ahead.

2 Pass through another set of gates, then follow the signposted bridleway towards the top of the hill.

3 After 400m, the route runs parallel with a stock fence – keep the fence to your left.

4 At the far end of the field, pass through two gates to follow the bridleway down past Broadham House and on into Singleton Forest.

5 Follow the well-defined bridleway to reach the A286.

6 Carefully cross the road and follow the signposted route through the woods opposite.

7 After 250m, join a surfaced bridleway and follow it over the top of the old railway line.

8 Follow the grassy bridleway as it bears slightly left into the forest.

9 Continue through the forest to a three-way bridleway junction. Take the bridleway to the left and past a sign for the West Dean estate.

10 Continue along the bridleway to the edge of the forest and left across open farmland.

11 Follow the bridleway past Colworth Farm. Join the road and continue straight ahead.

12 Turn left after 150m onto a signposted footpath. After 200m turn right and follow the footpath along the edge of the woods.

13 Continue past a sign for Drovers estate and follow the footpath along the field edge and down Hat Hill. (Here you are walking over the well-preserved prehistoric field-banks.)

14 At the bottom of the field, cross a stile and a brick bridge back over the railway line again. Continue down the well-defined path, then over a stile and a small wooden bridge.

15 Turn left after the next stile and follow the edge of the cricket pitch back to Singleton village.

LEVIN DOWN

TRAIL: 

DISTANCE:

2.75 miles (4.3km)

ALLOW: 1.5 hours

GRADIENT:

One steep climb to the top of Levin Down.

PATH:

Uneven with some muddy sections.

Explore open, hilltop pastures, sheltered nature reserves and the downland villages of Singleton and Charlton.

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4 At the large metal water troughs, leave the bridleway and turn right approximately 45 degrees. Head over the brow of the hill and look for a wooden gate on the field edge.

5 Go through the gate and follow the narrow footpath through the woods and further into Levin Down nature reserve.

6 Continue on the footpath through Levin Down. Pass through a set of gates on the boundary, and continue downhill to the road.

7 Turn left at the road for 100m, then right at the crossroads for 100m. (Here you have the option to take a detour into Charlton for refreshments at the pub). Turn right again onto a signposted footpath. Follow the footpath directly back to Singleton village.

KEY:

-  Point of interest
-  Pub
-  Refreshments
-  Toilets
-  Parking
-  Bus stop
-  Trail point
-  Road
-  Long Distance Path
-  Bridleway
-  Footpath
-  Woodland
-  Buildings
-  Open access land (in shaded area)
-  Bridge
-  Disused railway