#### Leave your car at home and enjoy the South Downs National Park by bus or train

Visit the astonishing places right on our doorstep, some are free and others help to support a more environmentally sustainable future by participating in Discover More of the South Downs for Less 2-for-1. On arrival, show a valid train or bus ticket for all members of your party and you'll get 2-for-1 entry (T&Cs apply). Check attractions' websites for opening hours, as some have limited/seasonal opening times.

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It is about 21/2 miles from east to west and 31/2 miles from north to south, divided by the Lavant valley. In this valley lie the settlements of West Dean (home with West Dean College and Gardens), Singleton, Charlton and East Dean.



# SINGLETON

### SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

#### THINGS TO DO IN SINGLETO





#### **WEALD & DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM**

Discover traditional buildings in a rural landscape that tell the stories of the men, women and children who lived and worked in them over a 600-year period. You can explore the 40-acre site and visit some of their 50 exhibit buildings. Many of them are furnished to recreate historic domestic interiors. You'll also see a variety of farm and working animals, including Shire horses, Sussex cattle, Southdown sheep, Tamworth pigs, geese and Light Sussex chickens.

They have a regular programme of domestic and craft demonstrations, including cooking in their Tudor kitchen; milling flour in a working watermill; blacksmithing in the Victorian smithy; plus other seasonal demonstrations. You can walk in the woods, bring the dog, visit the café or enjoy your own picnic.

The Museum has an extensive artefact collection, which is housed in the award-winning Downland Gridshell Building and a comprehensive reference library covering all aspects of our work, housed in the building from Crawley.

The Museum has an extensive programme of short courses in rural trades and crafts and an astonishing year programme of events.

10.30am - 6pm, BST 29 March - 24 October 2015; 10.30am - 4pm outside BST; major event days opening times may vary – see website

www.wealddown.co.uk



## **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

A short walk from the museum you will find the parish church which has Anglo-Saxon nave walls and massive square tower. The Saxon tower arch was rebuilt in the twelfth or thirteenth century with a pointed arch and the pews are from the Tudor period.



## YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO VISIT...



#### THE TRUNDLE

The Trundle is the name given to the iron-age hill-fort on top of St Roche's Hill a few miles north of Chichester and just south of the ancestral village of Singleton. From here you feel on top of the world, looking down over ancient woods and fields across the coastal plain to as far as the Isle of Wight. This area is dominated by large fields, with areas of ancient woodlands, such as the Charlton Forest near Cocking, one of the largest beech plantations in Europe, Eartham Wood near Chichester, and Houghton Forest near Arundel. From the fresh air and open skies of the hill tops, one can drop into the sheltering, enclosed woods and dry valley coombes furrowing the slopes. The intermittent Lavant and Ems rivers flow through floodplains of wet woodland, water meadows and open water, home to many species of birds. Nearby Kingley Vale National Nature Reserve is famous for its grove of ancient yew trees, among the oldest living things in Britain.



#### WALKING IN SINGLETON

Singleton is a pretty village just off the A286 main road from Chichester to Midhurst, near the source of the River Lavant beneath the north slopes of the Trundle near Goodwood Racecourse.

Levin Down Nature Reserve is quite an imposing sight from Singleton and has a classic downs shape, topped by a copse of trees. This hillside Nature Reserve is a mosaic of grassland, scrub and chalk heath.

The Wooded Estates is a 6.4 mile walk. Allow  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours in which you will discover

hilltops, forests and farms surrounding Singleton village. The starting point is Singleton School. The surface is uneven with some muddy sections. There are a couple of steep sections to the top of Levin Down and the descent from Hat Hill towards the old railway line.

Levin Down is a 2.75 mile walks, allow  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. The surface is uneven with some muddy sections, and there is one steep climb down to the top of Levin Down. The starting point for the walk is Singleton School.

### BUSES TO SINGLETON

Passengers should alight from the Singleton Village bus stop for the Weald and Download museum. The village is served by the stagecoach number 60 bus which goes from Midhurst to Chichester and onwards to Bognor Regis. Weekdays & Saturdays half hourly, Sundays hourly.



