

HOW TO GET THERE

The South Downs Way (SDW) is easily reached by using the National Park's extensive rights of way network. Here are some useful signed routes which are shown on the map:

- National Cycle Network route 23
- Meon Valley Trail
- The Shipwrights Way
- The Downs Link
- National Cycle Network Route 20
- The Egrets Way
- Cuckoo Trail

TAKE THE TRAIN

The closest railway stations are Winchester, Petersfield, Amberley, Hassocks, Brighton, Falmer, Lewes, Southease, Berwick and Eastbourne. All train operators carry bikes free of charge outside of rush hour, but space is limited. Pick up a copy of our free *Public Transport Guide*, visit nationalrail.co.uk or call National Rail Enquiries on **03457 48 49 50** to plan your journey.

LOVE THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY?

You can donate to help maintain and improve the trail. Visit nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way/donate to help make a difference



THE 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.

FIND YOUR WAY

Follow the Acorn symbol for the South Downs Way. For other rights of way use the arrows on waymarkers to pick your route.

Footpath		
Bridleway		
Restricted byway		
Byway		
Open access land		National Trail Acorn



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!

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THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY

MOUNTAIN BIKE GUIDE

NATIONAL TRAIL



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NATIONAL PARK

MOUNTAIN BIKING CODE OF CONDUCT



1. STAY ON TRACK: Only ride off road on bridleways, restricted byways & byways.

2. RESPECT OTHER USERS: On bridleways you must give way to walkers and horse riders. Make sure they can hear your approach with a friendly shout or ring of a bell and pass considerately.



3. BUNCHING IS HARASSING: If you're a large group, ride in smaller groups of three or four. If the leader opens a gate be sure that the last one through closes it.



4. PREVENT EROSION: Ride with control and at a speed where you can stop safely without skidding.

5. RESPECT OUR ANCESTORS: Avoid lumps and bumps next to the Trail, these are probably ancient burial mounds or other historic sites.



6. FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE: Remember to leave gates and property as you find them, protect plants and animals, take all your litter home and keep dogs under close control.

7. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR BIKE: A well maintained bike is a safe bike that makes your ride easier. Check brakes and tyres before you ride and take a small repair kit and spare inner tube with you.



8. ENJOY THE RIDE: Make time to stop and take in the views. When resting, please stop to one side of the Trail to allow others to pass.



THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY

The South Downs Way (SDW) is a 100 mile/160 km long-distance off road National Trail which runs the entire length of the South Downs National Park.

It can be ridden on a mountain bike along its entire length running between Winchester, the Saxon capital of England, and the white cliffs of Eastbourne.

With a total of 3,800 metres, or 12,600ft of ascent, it normally takes 2-4 days to ride, but can be done in a day if you are extremely fit and enjoy a challenge. Alternatively it can be enjoyed as short excursions with the whole family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Full lists of available maps and guides, where to stay, suggested circular rides, to claim your official certificate, to report an issue and much more visit nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way.

For up to date information about route conditions, events and diversions please follow us on twitter [@southdownswaynt](https://twitter.com/southdownswaynt)

GUIDED TRIPS & HOLIDAYS

Long distance walking or riding is a real adventure, but sometimes it can be tricky knowing where to start with arranging accommodation and for your bags to be carried. For detailed information about holiday providers visit nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way/holiday-planning

→ **South Downs Way Tours** – southdownswaytours.com

→ **Walk & Cycle** – 01730 266432
walkandcycle.co.uk/cyclehire



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TAKING PART OR RUNNING AN EVENT?

If you want to enter a mountain bike ride on the South Downs Way or you're organising one, visit nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way/events. Here you can search for or add events and download our 'Events Guidelines'.

TOP TIPS

- Always observe the Mountain Biking Code of Conduct
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Take enough food and drink
- Carry a map
- Consider carrying a small first aid kit
- Consider carrying a mobile phone
- If alone, always tell someone your route and when you'll be back

MILEAGE CHART

Distances between main access points along the bridleway route

Winchester	Winchester	The Milburys	Exton	GECP	Harting Down	Cocking Hill	Bignor Hill	Amberley	Washington	River Adur	Truleigh Hill	Devil's Dyke	Ditchling Beacon	Housedean Farm	Southease	Alfriston	Jevington	Eastbourne
The Milburys Inn (Beauworth)	9																	
Exton Village (The River Meon)	13	4																
Queen Elizabeth Country Park	23	14	10															
Harting Down	29	20	16	6														
Cocking Hill Car Park (A286)	36	27	23	13	7													
Bignor Hill	43	34	30	20	14	7												
Amberley Village (River Arun)	48	39	35	25	19	12	5											
Washington Village (A24)	54	45	41	31	25	18	11	6										
River Adur	61	52	48	38	32	25	18	13	7									
Truleigh Hill	63	54	50	40	34	27	20	15	9	2								
Devil's Dyke	68	57	53	43	37	30	23	18	12	5	3							
Ditchling Beacon	70	61	57	47	41	34	27	22	16	9	7	4						
Housedean Farm (A27)	75	66	62	52	46	39	32	27	21	14	12	9	5					
Southease Village (River Ouse)	82	73	69	59	53	46	39	34	28	21	19	16	12	7				
Alfriston Village (River Cuckmere)	90	81	77	67	61	54	47	42	36	29	27	24	20	15	8			
Jevington Village	94	85	81	71	65	58	51	46	40	33	31	28	24	19	12	4		
Eastbourne	98	89	85	75	69	62	55	50	44	37	35	32	28	23	16	8	4	

REPAIR SHOPS

Hargroves Cycles Ltd, Winchester – 01962 840707 – hargrovescycles.co.uk
Peter Hansford Cycles, Winchester – 01962 877555 – peterhansford.co.uk
Owens Cycles, Petersfield – 01730 260446 – owenscycles.co.uk
South Downs Bikes, Storrington – 01903 745534 – southdownsbikes.com
Giant Shoreham – 01273 463579 – giant-shoreham.co.uk
M's Cycles, Shoreham – 01273 567591 – mscycles.co.uk
Freedom Bikes, Brighton – 01273 681698 – freedombikes.co.uk
Rayments, Brighton – 01273 697617 – raymentscycles.com
Cycle Shack, Lewes – 01273 479688 – cycleshack.co.uk
Mr Cycles, Seaford – 01323 893130 – mrcycles.co.uk
Evolution Cycles, Eastbourne – 01323 737320 – evocycles.co.uk
Phoenix Cycles, Eastbourne – 01323 729060 – phoenixcycles.co.uk
The Tri Store, Eastbourne – 01323 417071 – thetristore.com

HIRE SHOPS (repair also available)

- 1 Bespoke Biking, Winchester – 07920 776994 – bespokebiking.com
- 2 Meon Springs, East Meon – 01730 823134 – meonsprings.com/cycle-hire
- 3 Alice Holt, Farnham – 01420 521297 – leisurecentre.com/Cycling/alice-holt-cycle-centre
- 4 All Ride Now, Midhurst – 01730 817563 – allridenow.co.uk
- 5 Midhurst Bike Repair, Midhurst – 07765 776454 – midhurstbikerepair.co.uk
- 6 Summit Bikes, Selsey – 01243 697547 – summitbikes.co.uk
- 7 Chalkpit Trails – 07921 455303 – chalkpittrails.co.uk (mobile, but mainly out of Amberley station)
- 8 Southwater Cycles, Billingshurst – 01403 732561 – southwatercycles.com
- 9 Cyclife Shoreham – 01273 596368 – cyclife.com
- 10 Hassocks Community Cycle Hire, Hassocks – 07521 961909 – hassockscommunitycyclehire.com
- 11 Let's Bike Eastbourne – 07875 591648 – letsbike-eastbourne.co.uk



SOUTH DOWNSWAY PROFILE

