



EXPLORE THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK BY BUS



This guide is designed to help you make the most of the public transport available in and around the South Downs National Park. With a network of routes running throughout the South Downs, traveling by bus allows you to sit back and enjoy the journey without the hassles of car parking or traffic.

The information in this guide was correct in September 2017 and the majority of services are likely to stay the same, however this guide does not show every bus route. Please check on traveline.info/se for detailed route and timetable information.

You can also phone traveline on 0871 200 22 33. Calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

BUS OPERATORS IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

STAGECOACH
stagecoachbus.com
BRIGHTON & HOVE
buses.co.uk

COMPASS
compass-travel.co.uk

CUCKMERE COMMUNITY BUS
cuckmerebuses.org.uk

EMSWORTH AND DISTRICT
emsworthanddistrict.co.uk

METROBUS
metrobus.co.uk

SEAFORD AND DISTRICT
seafordanddistrict.co.uk

THE DISCOVERY TICKET...

...is one of the most cost-effective ways to travel by bus around the South Downs National Park. It gives unlimited travel across the South Downs National Park and beyond in the South of England and costs just £16 per day for a family of five (2 adults + 3 children) or £8.50 for an adult and £7 for a child (5-15). If you're making shorter journeys or travelling in a small local area check bus companies own day tickets or individual single and return prices, as they may be cheaper.

EXPLORE THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK BY TRAIN

The South Downs National Park is easily reached by rail from London and the south coast. There are direct trains from London to Eastbourne, Lewes, Haslemere, Hassocks, Pulborough, Amberley, Arundel, Liphook, Liss, Petersfield, Rowlands Castle and Winchester.

The direct routes from London to Eastbourne and Winchester mean that the South Downs Way National Trail can be easily accessed by train. Rail is also the easiest way to return from one end of the South Downs Way to the other.

Most train operators do not allow bikes on trains on any service leaving or arriving at London or Brighton between the times of 6.00am and 10.30am on weekdays. Please check with the train operator or go to nationalrail.co.uk.



TRAIN OPERATORS IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

southernrailway.com
southwesternrailway.com

THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY

At 160 kilometres (100 miles) long, the South Downs Way stretches from the historic city of Winchester to the coastal town of Eastbourne. The South Downs Way is the only National Trail in England and Wales that is entirely within a National Park.

The undulating route allows walkers, cyclists and horse riders to get away from it all, whether you're planning an interesting day trip or a longer trek. In most circumstances it takes 7-10 days to walk or 2-4 days to cycle the whole length of the Trail.

To help you plan your trip there is a range of information online including maps, parking advice, campsites, hostels, drinking water points and lots more. Go to nationaltrail.co.uk/southdowns and click on publications to download all the information you might need.



breeze up... to the Downs...

kids go free!
Train travellers' discount



...at Devil's Dyke, Ditchling Beacon and Stanmer Park by bus.

For times, fares, leaflets and walk ideas: Visit brighton-hove.gov.uk/breezebuses
Phone **01273 292480**
Or visit traveline.info/se to plan any bus or train journey - anywhere!



BRIGHTON TO DITCHLING BEACON

At 248 metres above sea-level, Ditchling Beacon is one of the highest points in the South Downs National Park and offers commanding 360 degree views from its summit. Look south out to sea, north across the Weald or east-west across the Downs. (Weekends and bank holidays only).

brighton-hove.gov.uk/breezebuses



Ditchling Beacon

LEWES TO EASTBOURNE VIA ALFRISTON

The number 125 meanders its way through the Cuckmere valley taking in the villages of Berwick, Charleston, Firlie and Glynde as it makes its way from historic Lewes to lively Eastbourne. (Monday to Saturday, not bank holidays).

compass-travel.co.uk



Cuckmere Haven

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	Yellow arrow	Icons: pedestrian, bicycle, horse, carriage, dog, motorcycle
Bridleway	Blue arrow	Icons: pedestrian, bicycle, horse, carriage, dog, motorcycle
Restricted byway	Purple arrow	Icons: pedestrian, bicycle, horse, carriage, dog, motorcycle
Byway	Red arrow	Icons: pedestrian, bicycle, horse, carriage, dog, motorcycle
Open access land	Acorn symbol	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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EIGHT BUS ROUTES WITH AMAZING VIEWS

WINCHESTER TO PETERSFIELD



The River Itchen at Cheriton

The number 67 bus weaves its way from Winchester, the Saxon capital of England, to the traditional market town of Petersfield. Passing through the picturesque villages of the Itchen and Meon valleys there are lots of opportunities to explore the crystal clear rivers and wooded hills which are characteristic of this area. This route also takes in the Georgian town of Alresford with the historic Watercress steam railway line.
(Monday to Saturday only, not bank holidays)
To plan your journey and check timetables visit stagecoachbus.com

ROUTE
67



East Meon

PETERSFIELD TO ALTON VIA SELBORNE



Jane Austen's House

From the Watercress Line and main-line train stations at Alton, the number 38 bus travels through some of the most densely forested areas in Hampshire to the market town of Petersfield.
From this service you can access the Jane Austen House Museum at Chawton to learn more about the Pride and Prejudice author, as well as the Gilbert White Museum at Singleton where you can explore the life of the 18th Century naturalist Gilbert White. If you're lucky enough to catch the double-decker grab a seat on the top deck to enjoy views over rolling hills and patchwork fields.
(Monday to Friday, not bank holidays)
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ROUTE
38



Gilbert White's House

CHICHESTER TO PETERSFIELD



Kingley Vale

Operated by the small family owned Emsworth & District company, the distinctive single-deckers on the number 54 route wind their way through picturesque downland villages, from Chichester to Rogate and on to Petersfield. Walkers can get off at Compton to explore the famous downland churches of St Mary's in North Marden and St Michael's in Up Marden or take the sign-posted route up to the ancient yew trees in the National Nature Reserve at Kingley Vale. This route also gives access to walking routes detailed in the Octagon Way leaflet which you can download from our website – southdowns.gov.uk.
(Monday to Saturday only, not bank holidays)
To plan your journey and check timetables visit emsworthanddistrict.co.uk

ROUTE
54



Petersfield Heath

MIDHURST TO CHICHESTER



The Weald and Downland Museum

Not many bus routes can boast a medieval cathedral, downland villages, deep wooded valleys surrounded by the South Downs and a romantic Tudor ruin but the number 60 has all that and more. These colourful buses travel between Chichester and Midhurst every 30 minutes during the week and every hour on Sundays.
The route starts in the cathedral city of Chichester before heading north through Singleton, home to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, to Midhurst and the famous Cowdray ruins. Alight at Cocking Hill for the South Downs Way.
(Seven days a week, reduced service on Sundays)
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ROUTE
60



Cowdray Ruins

CHICHESTER TO PETWORTH



Petworth House and Park

The number 99 operates a flexible route between Chichester and Petworth, a beautiful market town set in the heart of the South Downs National Park. Petworth has a large number of antique shops and is home to the magnificent National Trust property Petworth House and Park, recently featured in the award-winning film Mr Turner.
On request the 99 will travel out to Halnaker with its iconic windmill and Neolithic earthworks, or to Eartham where you can take a walk in the woods which are carpeted with bluebells in the spring.
(Monday to Saturday, not bank holidays)
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ROUTE
99



Bignor Roman Villa

BRIGHTON TO EASTBOURNE



The Tiger Inn

Described as one of the most scenic bus routes in all of England the Coaster number 12 bus follows the shore-line between Brighton and Eastbourne giving you magnificent views at Cuckmere Haven and some of the finest coastal scenery in the south east. Calling at Seven Sisters Country Park, this bus gives you easy access to the Cuckmere Valley and the South Downs Way. You can also hop off at East Dean village to visit its ancient church and the Tiger Inn.
(Seven days a week).
These smart and eco-friendly double deckers run up to every ten minutes Mondays to Saturdays and every 15 minutes on Sundays.
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ROUTE
12



Seven Sisters

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