

Truleigh Hill Landscape Project

This exciting new project will provide an opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to work alongside the National Park Authority in creating a shared future vision for Truleigh Hill. The developing plan will safeguard this special part of the South Downs National Park, while enriching educational and engagement opportunities for visitors and the surrounding communities.

Truleigh Hill is a high point on the South Downs (216m). It was used for radar defences during WWII and there are 4 tall (47m) telecommunications towers around the hill which were originally part of the radar station at Truleigh. The area supports a wealth of chalk downland species and bridges a number of sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs).

By completing this survey you will have an opportunity to contribute to the shared vision for Truleigh Hill. And to share your views. We would like to hear if you have visited the site in the past? What encouraged you to visit? And what you think makes Truleigh Hill so special?

We would also like to gain your opinion on what we can do to improve and safeguard Truleigh Hill for future generations? This could include removing clutter from the landscape, improving access, and reducing/controlling traffic, to enriching the landscape and special habitats and providing more opportunities for leisure, recreation, volunteering and learning about what make the South Downs National Park such a great place to visit.

We would be very grateful if you could spare 20 minutes to complete the following survey as we are committed to ensuring that our future plans for Truleigh Hill are developing in partnership with the local community.

Survey

(Please tick all boxes which apply)

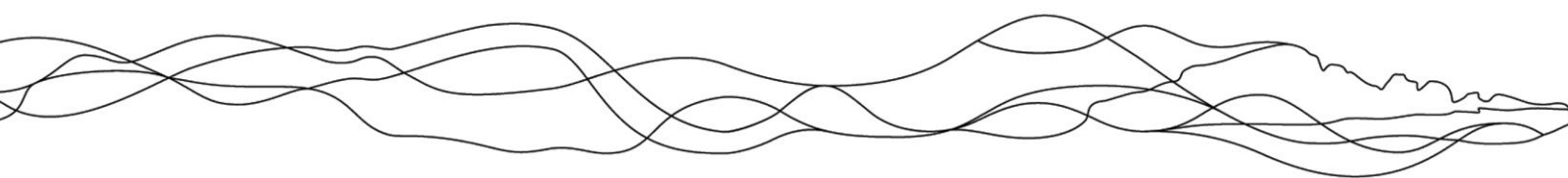
Previous visits and initial impressions

How often do you visit Truleigh Hill in the South Downs National Park?

- Never
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Once a year

What was the reason for your visit?

- Walking
- Running
- Cycling
- Bird watching
- Dog Walking



- Visiting to the Youth Hostel
- Work
- Other

Do you know anything about the history or heritage of the site?

- I know nothing about the sites history.
- I know a little.
- I have some knowledge.
- I have a reasonable knowledge of the sites history.
- I know lot about Truleigh Hill

Additional Comments

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How do you travel to the site?

- Own vehicle (car, motorbike, van).
- Public/Community Transport
- Walk
- Cycle
- Horse ride
- Commercial vehicle
- Other

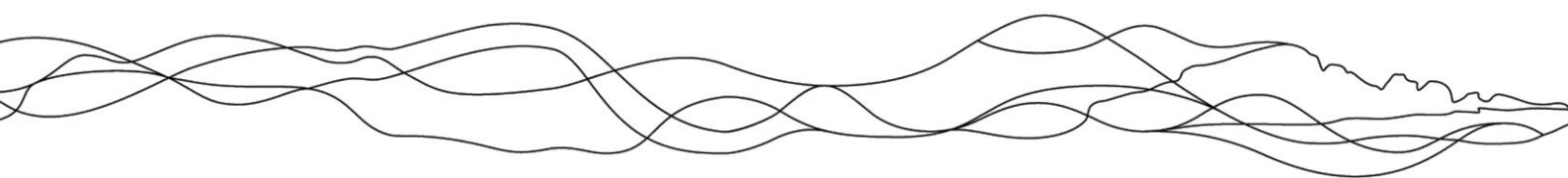
Which sentence best describes your initial impressions and opinion of Truleigh Hill?

- Fantastic location with lots on offer.
- Beautiful view point on top of the Downs, but not much to do.
- A viewpoint but in need of attention and improvements.
- A cluttered and uncared for landscape in need of attention and investment
- Not one of the best parts of the National Park

What do you think makes Truleigh Hill special?

Additional Comments

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What do you think could be done to significantly improve Truleigh Hill?

Additional Comments

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Access

How would you rate the quality of the footpaths and access routes in the area?

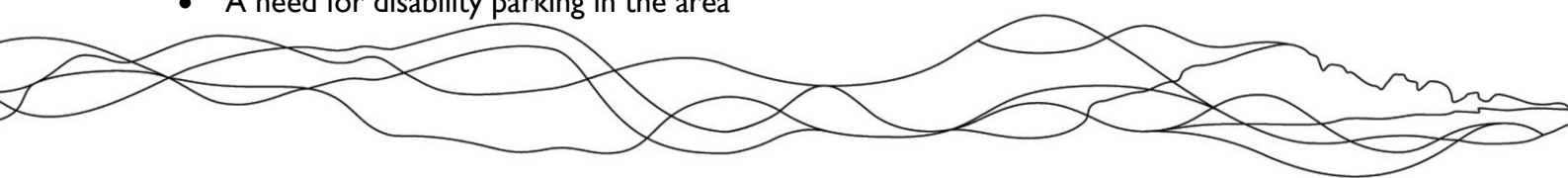
- Excellent
- Good condition
- Adequate
- Degrading
- Poor condition
- Bad & difficult to access

How would you rate the access road leading to Truleigh Hill?

- Excellent
- Good condition
- Adequate
- Congested
- Difficult to access
- Dangerous in places
- Under maintained
- In need of design improvements

How would you rate the parking facilities in the Truleigh Hill area?

- Ample good quality parking
- Adequate
- Not enough parking provision
- Existing facilities in poor condition
- Parked car often causing a danger or congestion on the access roads
- A need for additional parking to cluster cars in one area
- A need for disability parking in the area



Do you feel that there are access conflicts between walkers, cyclists, cars and larger farm traffic?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Any additional comments relating to **Access**.....
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Visitor/Welfare Facilities

How often do you visit the Youth Hostel at Truleigh Hill (YHA)?

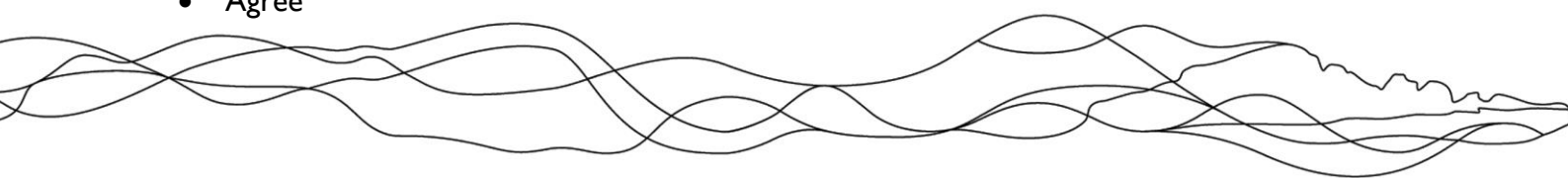
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Once a year
- Never

What was the reason for your visit to the YHA?

- Information
- Rest break
- To use the café
- To use the toilets
- For single overnight accommodation
- Holiday/short break
- Other (please specify).....

Do you think that there are ample toilet and welfare facilities of an appropriate standard in the Truleigh Hill area?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree



- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Do you feel that there are suitable facilities for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions at Truleigh Hill?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Additional Comments

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Would you like to see the café and toilet facilities available throughout the year?

- Yes, I would like to see facilities available throughout the year.
- No, it is appropriate only having facilities available during peak season (April – October).

Any additional comments relating to **Welfare Facilities**

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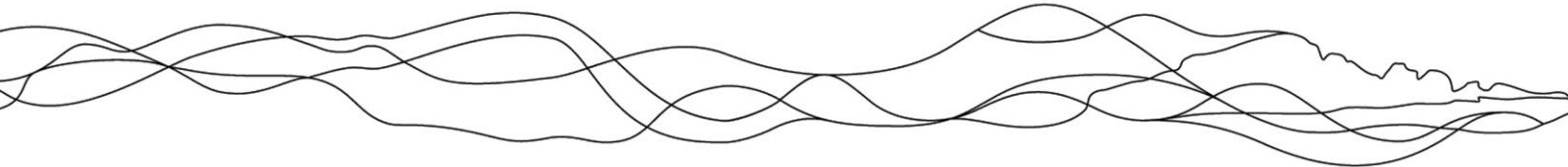
Education and Learning

Do you feel that there are opportunities available to support educational and learning for visitors, families and schools at Truleigh Hill?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Additional Comments

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Would you like to see more educational opportunities on offer at Truleigh Hill? And if so what would you like to see?

Yes

No

- On site, educational signage and interpretation
- Downloadable electronic resources
- Nature trails
- Local history information
- Species information
- Family/group learning areas and activities

Additional Comments
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Would you like to see more local schools visiting Truleigh Hill to support outdoor learning?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Any additional comments relating to **Education and Learning**
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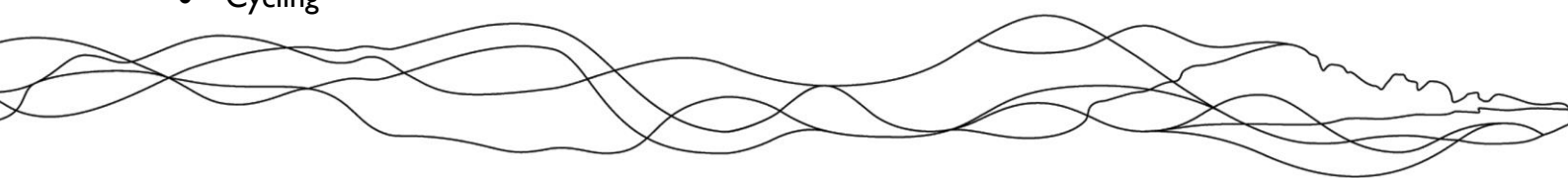
Leisure and Recreation
(Please tick all answers which apply)

Do you visit Truleigh Hill for leisure and recreation?

Yes

No

- Walking
- Running
- Cycling



- Bird or nature watching
- Dog walking
- Horse riding
- Photography
- Other

Additional Comments

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Would you like to see improved facilities at Truleigh Hill to support leisure and recreation?

Yes

No

- Walking guides and maps
- Geocaching or orienteering
- Cycle hire facilities
- Bird hides or wildlife watching facilities
- Improved facilities for dog walkers
- Horse stabling.
- Public/Community events.

Suggestions

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Do you think that there are any conflicts between different leisure and recreational groups in the area?

Yes

No

Additional Comments

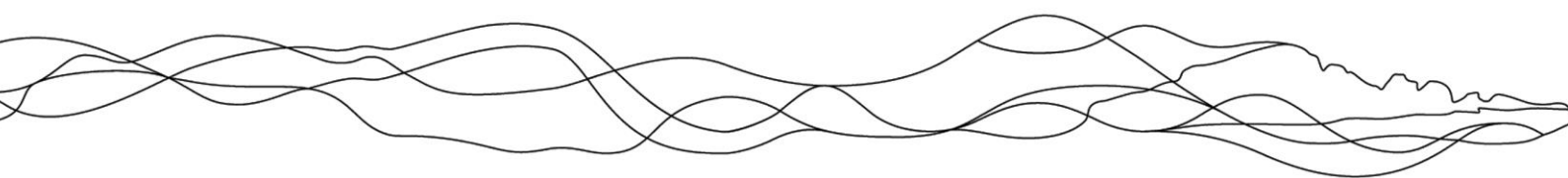
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Do you think that leisure and recreational activities have a negative impact on the landscape quality at Truleigh Hill?

Yes

No



Additional Comments
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Would you be interested in opportunities at Truleigh Hill that promote learning or skills development?

Yes

No

- History tours.
- Wildlife surveys.
- Practical conservation skills.
- Wildlife photography workshops.
- Bushcraft and wilderness skills.
- Horse riding.
- Bicycle maintenance.

Any additional comments relating to **Leisure and Recreation**
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Landscape Character
(Please tick all answers which apply)

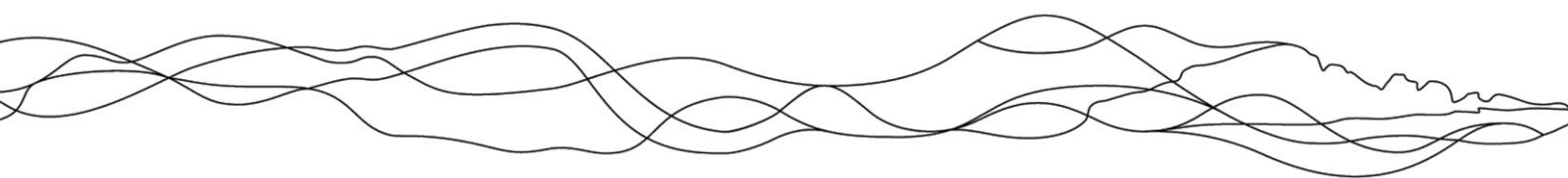
The South Downs National Parks Authority is interested in preserving the distinctive landscape character of this part of the National Park. Do you agree that this should be a high priority for the National Park?

Yes

No Opinion

No

- The rolling chalk downland should be protected and enriched.
- It is a working environment so this should be reflected in the landscape.
- It is a residential community so lots of development should be expected.
- Development should be limited to protect the character of the National Park.
- Chalk downland is under threat, so great effort should be made to protect this special landscape.



Volunteering

Would you be interested in future volunteering opportunities at Truleigh Hill?

Yes

No

- Educational programmes
- Helping out at the YHA.
- Practical conservation and habitat management
- Wildlife surveys and species monitoring
- Leading health walks
- Arts focused activities
- Assisting with public/community events.

Any additional comments relating to **Volunteering**

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Future Development

Which of the following future development would you support at Truleigh Hill?

1. Improved public parking at the YHA?

Yes

No Opinion

No

2. Improved access road leading to Truleigh Hill.

Yes

No Opinion

No

3. More sustainable accommodation in a selection of price brackets.

Yes

No Opinion

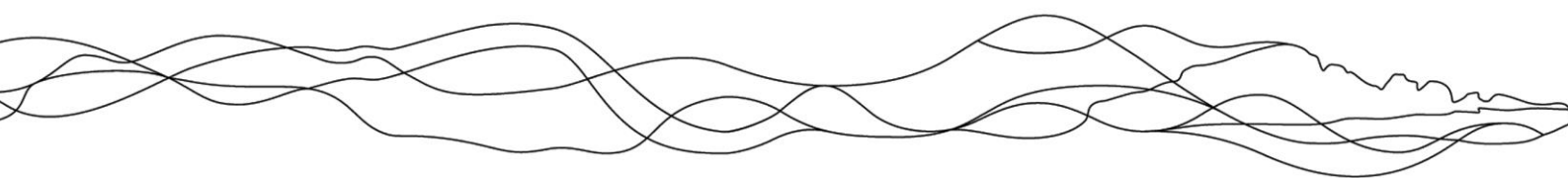
No

4. A better managed landscape supporting habitat connectivity and thriving wildlife population.

Yes

No Opinion

No



5. Improvement to the footpath network across the local area.

Yes

No Opinion

No

6. The removal of clutter and unwanted structures from the landscape.

Yes

No Opinion

No

Further Information

For further information on the Truleigh Hill Landscape Project, please visit the Truleigh Hill page on our website at www.southdowns.gov.uk/tbc

Alternatively if you would like to get involved or speak to our Project Officer, please contact

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