

FIND THE FACTS RUNNING GAME

Get active while discovering key facts about the
South Downs National Park

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

How the game works

The basic premise is to hide the facts cards (pages 2 to 6) and the group has to fill in the blank infographic sheet (page 8) by finding the facts. You could create a map with the card locations or the group could use their observation skills to find them, adapt the game to suit the needs of your group and the space you are using. You could challenge the group to make some educated guesses on the blank infographic before they find the cards.

Preparation

1. Print one set of facts cards (remember to print one-sided) then cut along the dashed lines. If you plan to hide the cards outside, laminate by trimming the cards to the solid lines and placing four cards per A4 laminate sheet. This leaves space at the top to punch a hole so you can use a loop of string to hook the card over branches, gates, signs, etc.
2. Print blank infographic sheets, enough for one per student or group
3. Print completed infographic sheets or be ready to show completed infographic on screen

Playing the game in public spaces

Place the facts cards along the length of a walk or around a field, woodland or heathland site. If you are placing the cards over a large area, make sure the group understands the boundaries AND write the

name of your school and the date on the back of the cards, this will reduce the chance of well-meaning passers-by clearing them away. Please remember to remove the cards before you leave.

Playing the game on your site

Place the facts cards around your site. You could make use of indoor and outdoor spaces. To make the activity more challenging, you could fix the blank infographic sheets in a location and make the group run back and forth. If you are working inside or in a small space, a relay-race system can work well.



Further discussion

Were any of the facts surprising? Which facts could we investigate further? Are we some of the 2.2 million people within 10km of the National Park, or some of the 117,000 residents? Have we ever visited the South Downs? Do we drink water from the South Downs?

One of...



...International
Dark Sky
Reserves



of the
National Park,
has Dark Skies



3,300^{km} of rights
of way including the
South Downs Way



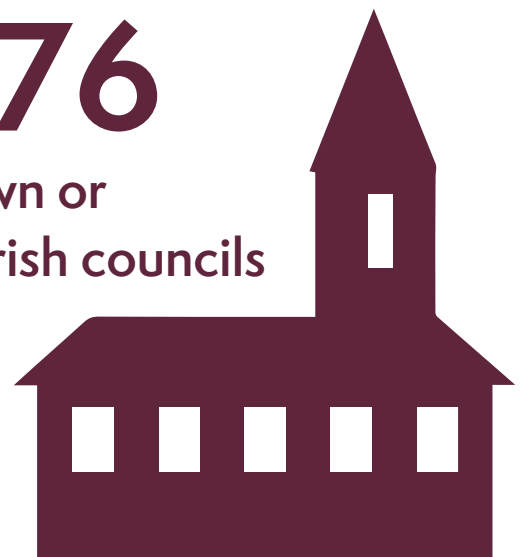
scheduled
monuments



European
wildlife sites

176

town or
parish councils





5,203

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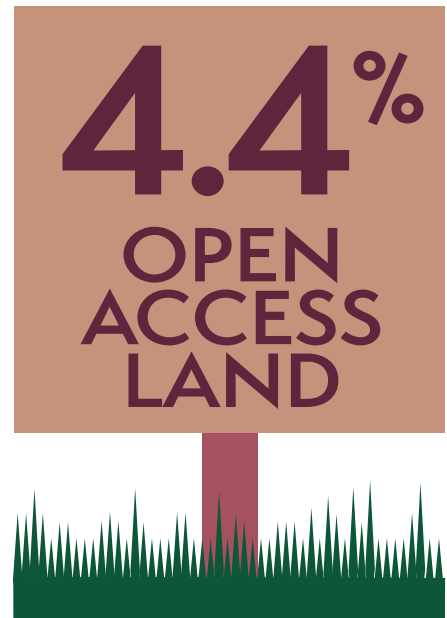


15%

national or local
wildlife sites



29 registered
historic parks
and gardens



4.4%

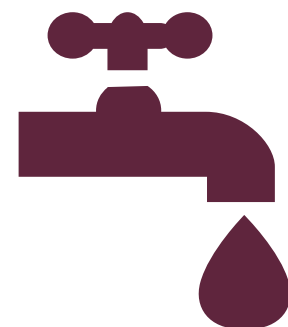
OPEN
ACCESS
LAND

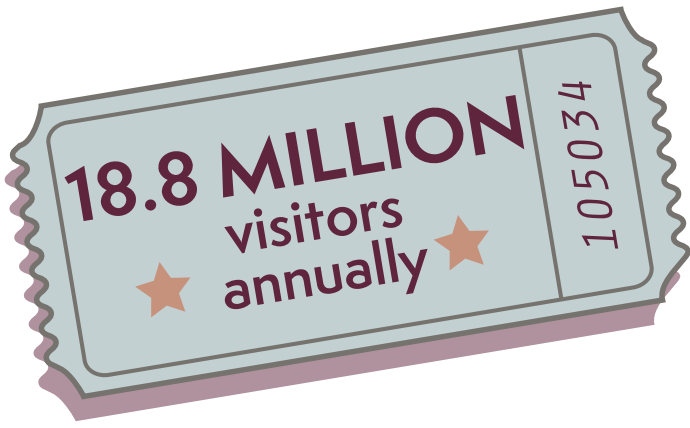


893

schools in or nearby

Provides water for
1.2 million
people





91,000
volunteer
days
annually

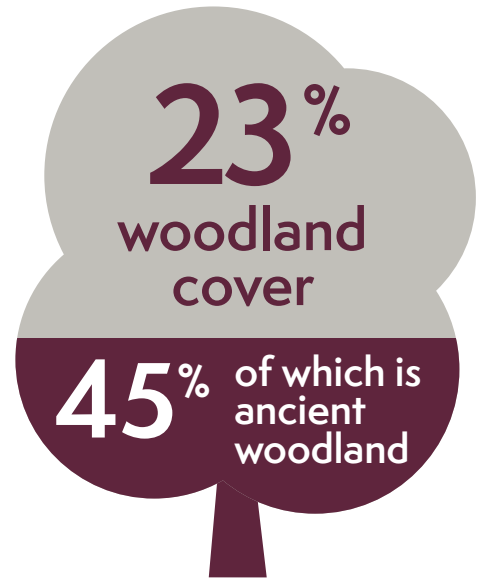
Largest
National
Park
population

117,000 residents



18 distinctive
landscape types





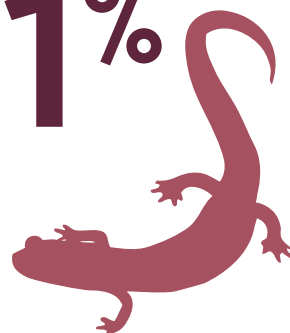
2.2 MILLION
people within 10^{km}

4% chalk
grassland

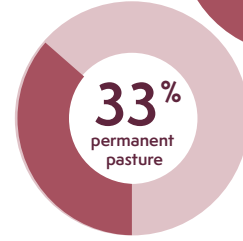
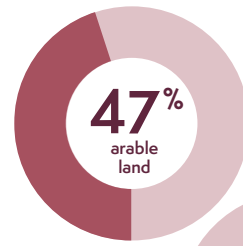
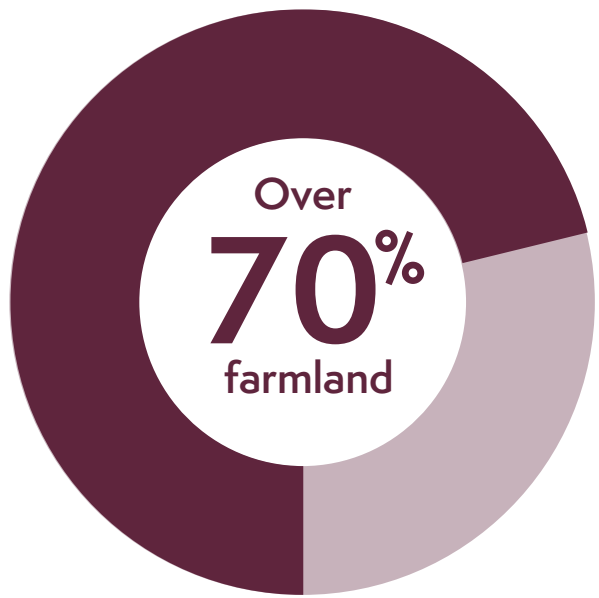


THIRD
LARGEST
NATIONAL PARK IN ENGLAND

1%



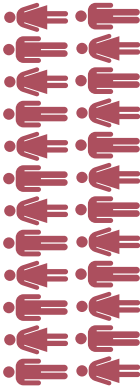
Lowland
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rainforest'



SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK IN A NUTSHELL

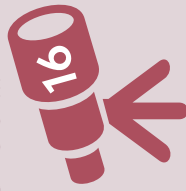
Largest National Park population

117,000 residents



18 distinctive landscape types

One of...



16 International Dark Sky Reserves

91,000 volunteer days annually



Provides water for 1.2 million people



4 MARKET TOWNS

17.5 km of coastline (including the defined Sussex Heritage Coast)



166 conservation areas



18.8 MILLION visitors annually



67% of the National Park, has Dark Skies



3,300 km of rights of way including the South Downs Way



THIRD LARGEST NATIONAL PARK IN ENGLAND

1% Lowland heath 'rarer than rainforest'



23% woodland cover

4% chalk grassland



2.2 MILLION people within 10 km



4.4% OPEN ACCESS LAND



29 registered historic parks and gardens



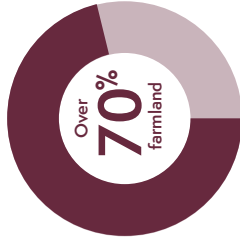
176 town or parish councils



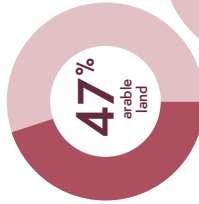
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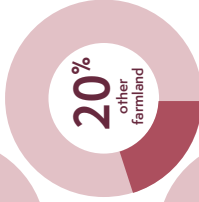
Over 70% farmland



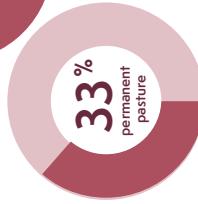
Which includes:



47% arable land



20% other farmland



33% permanent pasture

15% national or local wildlife sites



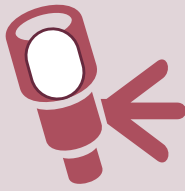
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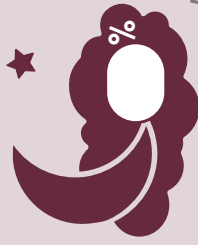
residents

distinctive landscape types

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of the National Park, has Dark Skies

volunteer days annually



conservation areas

MILLION visitors annually

km of rights of way including the South Downs Way

MARKET TOWNS

Provides water for million people

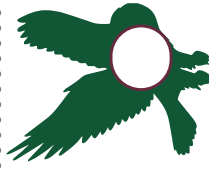


scheduled monuments

km of coastline (including the defined Sussex Heritage Coast)



schools in or nearby



European wildlife sites



LARGEST NATIONAL PARK IN ENGLAND

chalk grassland

woodland cover

% of which is ancient woodland

MILLION people within 10 km

OPEN ACCESS LAND

registered historic parks and gardens

town or parish councils

listed buildings

% Lowland heath 'rarer than rainforest'

Over % farmland

Which includes:

% arable land

% other farmland

% permanent pasture

% national or local wildlife sites