

# White Horse Wood Country Park - Accessibility Guide

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White Horse Wood is set within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and offers wonderful walks, local history, and breath-taking views of Kent's renowned countryside.

#### Accessibility at a glance:

- Circular level access route which takes users past the Site of the Iron Age Enclosure.
- Level access picnic area
- Blue Badge holders can purchase a reduced annual parking ticket
- Please note there are no public toilets at this site

If you have other accessibility queries in advance of your visit, please call 03000 41 35 00 or email <u>kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk.</u> If you require a text phone, <u>BT</u> <u>RelayUK</u> offers a free intermediary service.

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### Facilities overview

Level Access

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- Level access picnic area
- Blue Badge holders can purchase an annual parking ticket. Visit <u>Parking</u>
  <u>season tickets Kent County Council</u>

Hearing

• There should be no hearing related barriers in place at White Horse Wood Country Park.

Visual

• Outdoor areas of the park walking routes do not have lighting fixtures

Sensory

- Some areas of the park may be noisy at busy times, for example the picnic area.
- As White Horse Wood Country park is located at the top of Detling Hill, it can sometimes be quite windy with little direct cover.

### Getting there

White Horse Wood Country Park is located near Maidstone and can be reached by car or public transport.

Find White Horse Wood Country Park and plan your journey.

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### Parking

There are 4 hard standing allocated accessible Blue Badge parking spaces which are located in the car park. Hatched area present at side only.

If you are a Blue Badge holder, you can purchase a reduced annual season ticket in advance of your visit. The annual season ticket gives you access to all of our country park car parks free of charge during the year.

To purchase your season ticket call 03000 41 72 72 and have your Blue Badge number and credit or debit card handy for reference or email kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk.



### Outdoor spaces

#### Accessible routes

The main circular path at White Horse Wood is flat and wheelchair-friendly and allows you to navigate most of the park including access to benches and the Site of the Iron Age Enclosure. Unfortunately, there are no toilets or other visitor facilities at the country park.

The main circular path at the park is flat and wide. There are a number of kissing gates that link one side of the park to the other, which are not navigable in a wheelchair.

Thurnham Castle is a separate part of the country park and is accessible by foot from the main country park and car park by way markers however is not suitable for access by wheelchairs or strollers.

#### View a map of White Horse Wood Country Park

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#### Fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures

Standard evac procedures include provision for disabled visitors. All Kent Country parks have muster point locations at each site which will be suitable for all visitors.

### Assistance dog facilities

Assistance dog exercise facilities - dog friendly areas where dogs can be let off their lead which are visibly signposted at the parks.







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