



ACCESS GUIDE – COPSE MEAD

Address

Cemetery Road, Lake, Isle of Wight

Postcode for Sat Nav: PO37 7DR

What 3 Words for site entrance:

[///shocked.organist.voucher](http://shocked.organist.voucher)

How to get there:

By car, foot and bike

The site can be accessed from Cemetery Road, just off James Avenue.

By public transport

Alight at Cemetery Road Bus Stop (Routes 2 and 3) and walk a very short distance in a southerly direction until you reach Cemetery Road. Cemetery Road is crossed by James Avenue and doglegs, but carry on. The total distance 0.25 kms along relatively flat pavements.

Nearest public toilets

There are no nearby public toilets. The nearest toilets are in the towns of Sandown and Shanklin.

Car and bike parking

There is no car park on this site but there is street parking nearby. There two cycle racks within the site.

Site entrance

There is a locked field gate from the pavement. To the side of this there is an open access point 1.6 metres wide. From here there is a mown grass path of 100 metres to the site entrance. There is a dog waste bin by the road.

Getting around the site

There is a Information Pillar and cycle racks to the left, as you enter the site from the grass path. The site information pillar has a QR code that links to an audible description creating a mind's eye view of the area to allow a visually impaired person to enter with confidence. The information pillar also has a QR code that links to a map and activities. There is also a site map on the Information Pillar.

There is also an information board near this point.

This 1.5 hectare site is a meadow. There is a mown path around the edge and others crossing the meadow. The grass on the paths can sometimes be long as the site is within a Countryside Stewardship scheme which requires that we do not mow until the flowers have set seed. The meadow is relatively flat.

There is one bench in the site. It is 0.5 metres high with a back but no arms.

The site is free from gates and stiles.

What you can see

- 23 species of butterfly have been spotted here. Look out for yellow Brimstone, Speckled Wood, Marbled White, Meadow Brown and the raggedy winged Comma,
- Is it a Common Blue or Holly Blue butterfly? Look at the underside of its wings when it is sitting on the ground. Common Blue has orange markings. If its flying above head height its likely to be a Holly Blue,
- Native Bluebells, Hemp Agrimony, Common Knapweed, Wild Daffodils and Birds Foot Trefoil can all be found in the meadow,
- The Six-Spot Burnett moth is a day flier and is black with red dots,
- Wagtails love the newly mown meadow,
- Look out for the spectacular Wasp Spider between July and October in the long grass where they spin their intricate web,

What you can hear

- The green woodpecker's laughing call has earned it many different names in English folklore. These include yaffle, laughing Betsey and yaffingale,
- Listen to the rooks and you are close enough to the sea to also hear the cries of seagulls,
- Listen for the great bush cricket,
- The bees buzz in the summer meadow

What you can smell

- Wild Garlic, Three-Cornered Leek and Wild Carrot are among the whiffier plants in the meadow,
- Sniff the hawthorn blossom. If it smells of vanilla it will be Common Hawthorn, if it smells of rotten corpses then it is one of the other varieties,

What you can touch

- Go on a tree hunt and touch the different barks – you should find Willow, Poplar, Apple, Ash and Oak,
- You are welcome to collect the blackberries and fruits of the Hawthorn and Blackthorn bushes but beware of the thorns and leave some for the birds,
- Look under a large stone and you may find a Slow-worm.

We look after Copse Mead for the benefit of the plants and animals that live here and for you as visitors...we hope you enjoy your visit.