



## **ACCESS GUIDE – MUNSLEY BOG**

### **Address**

May Close, Godshill, Isle of Wight

**Postcode for Sat Nav: PO38 3HB**

### **What 3 Words for site entrance:**

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### **How to get there:**

#### **By car**

The bog is a 100 metre walk across a recreation ground from the end of May Close. May Close is reached from Newport Road in Godshill

#### **By public transport**

Use 'Dubbers' or 'Yarborough Close' bus stops depending on your direction (routes 2 and 3). From here there is a flat walk along pavements to the recreation ground. The maximum distance is 0.25 kms depending on bus stop used.

#### **By foot / bike**

The bog is a 100 metre walk from the end of May Close along footpath GL 25.

### **Nearest public toilets**

The nearest public toilets are in the main car park in the village of Godshill. These are about 10 minutes flat walk away along the roads, be careful of traffic. There are many refreshment choices within Godshill village.

### **Car and bike parking**

Other than 5 disabled bays there are limited parking spaces within May Close.

There are currently no cycle racks, but there are plenty of places to attach a bike.

### **Site entrance**

There is a bollard in the entrance to the recreation ground however there is 1.10 metre space to the side. From there, a 100 metre walk across a grass recreation ground to Munsley Bog. There is a 1 in 16 decline as you near the bog.

The entrance to the bog is via 5 wooden steps which are 0.9 metre wide and have a handrail at 1 metre on the righthand side.

There is a dog waste bin in the recreation ground.

### **Getting around the site**

There is no access onto the bog itself.

The bog is crossed by a wooden boardwalk which is 0.9 metre wide with a handrail at 1 metre height on the right side. The boardwalk is stepped. The boardwalk is approx.180

metres long with a raised platform near the middle. There is a bench, 45 cm high with no back or arms, on the platform and in front of this is a carved, wooden troll.

There is one step up to the rest of the boardwalk and one step down at the end. This is the end of the Munsley Bog site. From here the footpath continues through countryside to the village of Godshill.

### **What you can see**

- The two main species of trees here are Oak and Willow,
- Look out for the small watercourse which borders the east edge of this site. It is a tributary of the East Yar River,
- Can you spot a change of vegetation at the centre of the bog? This is where a spring is, and there are water-loving plants where it flows,
- Watch the seeds fly from the sausage-like heads of Great Reedmace, sometimes called 'Bulrush',
- The torpedo-shaped Privet Hawk-moth
- Watch out for the troll!

### **What you can hear**

- You can listen to a recording of the Godshill Beavers telling the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff by scanning the QR code at the entrance to the site.
- Listen to the rooks which nest in the oak trees at the edge of the bog,
- The wind in the willows, and the rushes,
- Because of the close proximity to the village, you will hear a lot of garden birds,

### **What you can smell**

- If you can, kneel down on the board walk and look at the intricate plant and insect communities that live in the bog. These vary depending on how wet the bog is,

### **What you can touch**

- Most of the year the bracken will tickle your ankles as you cross the boardwalk. We do try and keep it in check, and the bog is cut and raked once a year.
- Feel the carving of the troll if you dare!

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