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**FIND YOUR WAY**
Follow the Acorn symbol for the South Downs Way. For other rights of way use the arrows on waymarkers to pick your route.

- **Footpath**
- **Bridleway**
- **Restricted byway**
- **Byway**
- **Open access land**
- National Trail Acorn

**HORSE RIDING IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK**

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**TAKE THE LEAD**
For a safe and fun visit with your dog please remember to keep them on a lead around horseriders, livestock and wildlife. Always bag and bin your dog poo – any public bin will do!

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When riding in the South Downs you will often find yourself sharing the path with walkers, cyclists and road users. Here are some tips to make sure you have a fun and safe visit…

- Wear reflective clothing at all times so you are clearly visible.
- Ride in single file when you need to let others pass you safely.
- Use hand signals so people know your intentions.
- Carry a mobile phone for emergencies.
- Watch out for farm animals grazing on what might appear to be open land.
- Avoid damaging timber or hedgerows by jumping.

Always follow the countryside code: Remember to leave gates and property as you find them, protect plants and animals, take all your litter home and keep dogs under close control.

Visit bhs.org.uk for more details on riding responsibly.

BE NICE, SAY HI
Cycling UK and The British Horse Society (BHS) have joined forces to launch a consideration and courtesy awareness message of ‘Be Nice, Say Hi’ to help cyclists and horse riders to pass safely.

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THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY
The South Downs Way provides 160km of bridleway for horse riders to explore. If you are looking to ride along some or all of this beautiful National Trail visit nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way/plan for tips on horsebox friendly car parking, accommodation with stables and much more. There are a series of water taps and troughs along the route so horse and rider need never go thirsty – see tap icons on the centre map.
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This map shows a selection of parking locations for horseboxes across the South Downs National Park – some locations are suitable for any size of horsebox, some only for smaller boxes and some sites require a permit. For more details about these and many other parking sites visit southdowns.gov.uk/horsering for a printable document. For full details of accessible paths for horses please check your route on an OS map before you set out.

RIDING SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH DOWNS

If you don’t own a horse there are lots of riding schools and stables throughout the National Park that offer lessons and riding tours for all ages and abilities. Many will collect you from local railway stations and drop you back at the end of the day, so you can leave the car at home and enjoy the view on the journey too.

To find a British Horse Society approved riding school near you visit bhs.org.uk. Visit nationaltrail.co.uk to plan your journey now.