The South Downs near Lewes are a superb area of chalk downland rich in wildlife and ancient human history. These hills lie within the South Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and also includes a number of Scheduled Ancient Monuments.

Protected area
Because of its international importance, much of this area is protected by designations such as: Site of Special Scientific Interest; Special Area of Conservation and National Nature Reserve.

Walking on the reserve
The reserve is hilly terrain, very steep, with narrow unsurfaced footpaths, and some stiles and gates. Sturdy footwear and clothing suited to the prevailing weather are recommended. Livestock graze across the site at different times of the year so please keep your dog on a lead and under control when near animals.

Land open to access on foot
You are welcome to enjoy this land on foot. To find out more please visit the website www.countrywideaccess.gov.uk

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Lewes Downs ’Have Your Say’ Project
"Lifescape your Landscape", which is part-funded by “INTERREG III”. This is a local partnership project forming part of a larger European project called "Have Your Say". The project aims to help connect people to this historic local landscape where they live and work. It is hoped that the more people understand themselves and future generations.

How to find us
Situated between Lewes and Glynde, Lewes Downs is within walking distance of both railway stations. There are various other access points, illustrated on the map overleaf.

Useful Links
Traveline: 0871 2002233 www.traveline.org.uk
Action in Rural Sussex: www.srrc.org.uk
Bed & Breakfast: www.lewes-area-bed-and-breakfast.com
East Sussex County Council: www.eastsussex.gov.uk
English Heritage: www.english-heritage.org.uk
Lewes District Council: www.lewes.gov.uk
Lewes Downs Project: www.have-your-say.org.uk
Lewes Tourist Information: 01273 483448
Lewes Town Council: www.lewes-tc.gov.uk
Natural England: www.naturalengland.org.uk
South Downs Joint Committee: www.southdowns.org.uk
Southdown Society: www.southdownsheepsociety.co.uk
Sussex Archeological Society: www.sussexpast.co.uk
Sussex Wildlife Trust: www.sussexwt.org.uk
Tourism in Sussex: www.visitsussex.org

To find out more please visit:

www.have-your-say.org.uk and

www.lifescapeyourlandscape.org

For more information contact the Lewes Downs Project.

Lewes Downs Project
www.lewesdowns.org.uk
01273 476595
Phoenix House, 33 North Street, Lewes, BN7 2PH

Sussex Wildlife Trust:
www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

Sussex Archeological Society:
www.sussexpast.co.uk

Southdown Society:
www.southdownsheepsociety.co.uk

English Heritage:
www.english-heritage.org.uk

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Malling Down Nature Reserve

Southerham Nature Reserve

Mount Caburn Hill Fort

Lewes Downs National Nature Reserve

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Bus routes 28, 125
Pub and B&Bs
Tourist Information Centre

Lewes Golf Club

Chapel Hill

Martyrs Memorial

Mill Hill

B2192

A27

Ringmer
Bus route 28
Pub and B&Bs

Glynde
Railway Station to Lewes and Hastings
Bus route 125
Pub and B&Bs
Glynde Place
Tearooms (summer)

Glyndebourne

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Travel Links
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0871 2002233  www.traveline.org.uk

Train
National Rail Enquiries
0845 484950  www.nationalrail.co.uk
Southern Railway
08451 272920  www.southernrailway.com

Bus
Brighton and Hove Bus Company
01273 886200  www.buses.co.uk
Countryliner Coach
01483 506919  www.countryliner-coaches.co.uk

Footpaths
Areas open to access on foot

0 200 metres

Adonis blue on horseshoe vetch

Cricket

Linnet

Round-headed rampion

Silver spotted skipper

Corn bunting