



Overview

Dunstable Downs is the highest point in the East of England and one of the best-known viewpoints on the Chilterns ridge. The chalk grasslands of the Downs have miles of footpaths and circular walks to enjoy. This is a fantastic place to fly a kite, enjoy a picnic, walk your dog or just take a walk and enjoy the stunning views.

You might also get to see the gliders of the London Gliding Club soaring overhead, joined by our local wildlife stars, the Red Kites. Much of the Downs is registered common-land with an ancient history, including 5,000-year-old burial mounds and the site of a medieval rabbit warren.

There are two access walks, the Viewpoint and the Woodland Walk, both manageable for people with all abilities. Two Tramper all terrain scooters and a Mountain Trike are available to enjoy the site for those with mobility issues.

Dogs are welcome but must be kept under control and on leads in the car parks, visitor centre and courtyard. A full programme of events is available throughout the year.

Access & Facilities

Paths: Over 2.3m wide, surfaced with crushed granite (mostly smooth).

Toilets: External block with accessible toilet (right transfer) and standard toilets – internal accessible toilet and standard toilets

Café: Seating inside and outside, with accessible benches plus bookshop and National Trust shop

Map: A tactile map next to car park
Sculpture Trail: Along the Woodland Walk are sculptures of local wildlife, with signs explaining the BSL for the animal

Two Tramper All Terrain Scooters and a Mountain Trike - Free to borrow for 2 hour slots all week, 10am–4pm (weather depending)
Book in advance via **01582 500920**



Location

Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 2GY

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Getting There Info:
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/essex-bedfordshire-hertfordshire/dunstable-downs-and-whipsnade-estate

Parking

13 Blue Badge bays available, 6 on hard standing, 7 on gravel. Check website for details. Payment is at the parking machines in the car park, visitor info hub or justpark.

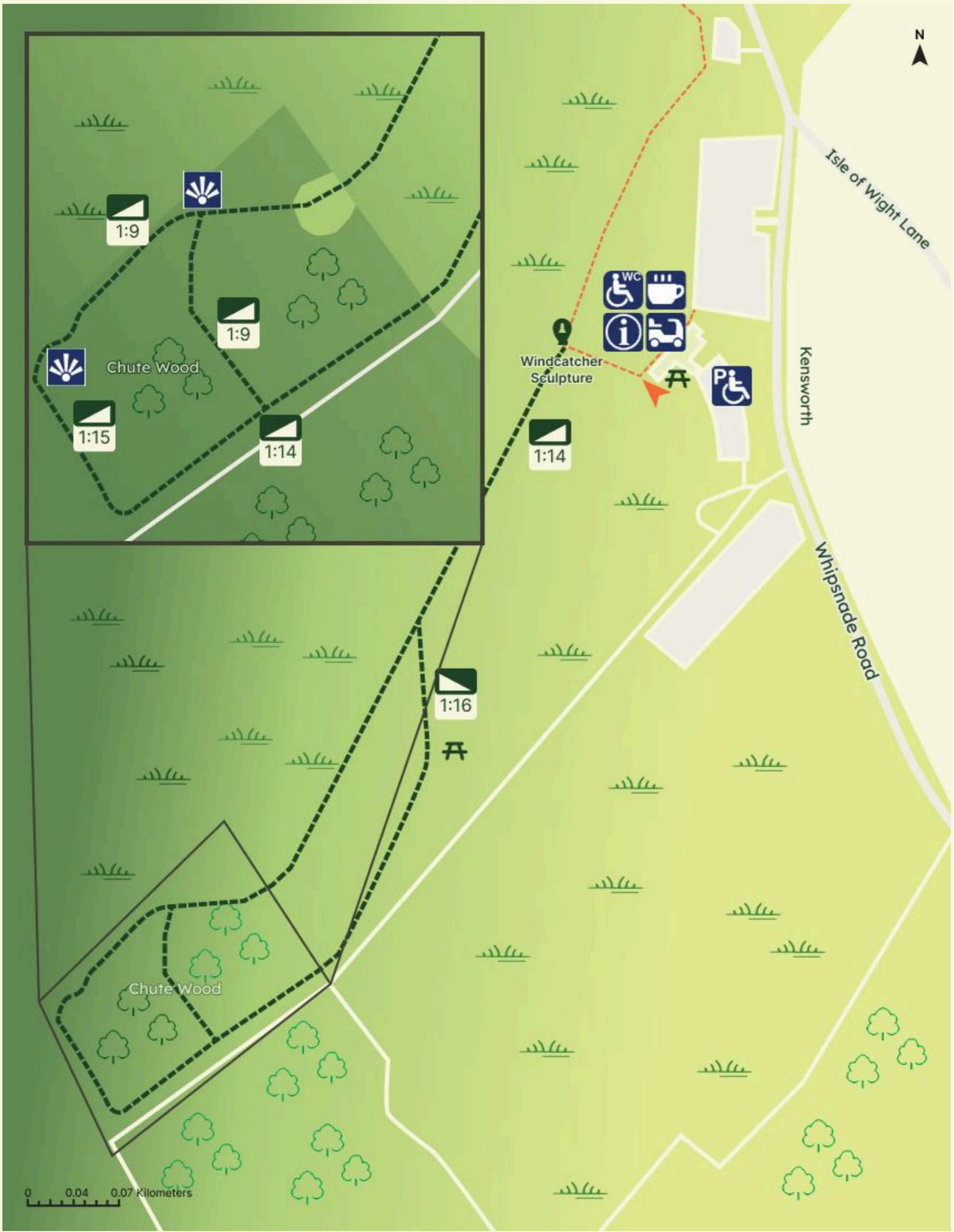
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Key to symbols

-  Accessible parking available
-  Tramper and wheelchair hire (must be pre-booked)
-  Information/Visitor Centre
-  Café
-  Hilltop viewpoint
-  Accessible toilets on site
-  Picnic area
-  Access walk start point
-  Access walk
-  Alternate route
-  Path incline 1:10



Walk Description

Start Point: Leave visitor centre and café, towards the Windcatcher sculpture. At this turn left, following the path, taking the clockwise route around as this ensures you are mostly with the gradients

Route:

- Take left split in path
- Pass the picnic benches
- Keep to the path for the longer route
- Longer route avoids steep incline 1 in 9, includes two viewpoints
- For a shorter route turn right at junction
- Take a left path to reach a viewpoint if desired
- Leave the wood and return to the Visitor Centre

Terrain:

- Miles Without Stiles rating: Access For All
- Inclines: Mostly easy with some ranging from 1 in 19 to 1 in 9
- Benches: Picnic benches with a view accessed across grass
- Path surfaces: 2.3m width mostly smooth; crushed granite