

Knolls – Stiperstones NNR



Name of Viewpoint: Knolls (Stiperstones National Nature Reserve)

Address: Stiperstones National Nature Reserve

Unnamed access road

Shropshire

SY5 0NL

Telephone: 0345 678 9000

Website: <https://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/>

What3Words car park: [///highlight.winning.bridge](https://www.what3words.com/?q=highlight.winning.bridge)

What3Words viewpoint: [///locals.propelled.scrubber](https://www.what3words.com/?q=locals.propelled.scrubber)

Nearest Town: Minsterley (6.6 miles/10.6 kilometres)

Geotag: LAT:52.644223, LON:-2.886038

Transport

Parking: Open-air/surface car park off an unnamed access road. Voluntary car parking charges can be paid in advance or on the day using the RingGo app.



Accessible Parking: Designated Blue Badge parking is signposted to the front of the bays at the far end of the car park. The bays have no markings.

Number of Bays Available: Two designated Blue Badge parking bays are available.



Surface Type of Car Park: Tarmac and loose chippings.

Bus Stops: A shuttle bus service is provided. Details of the service are available on [The Shropshire Hills National Landscape website](https://www.shropshirehills.gov.uk/).



Train Stations: Nearest Train Station is in Church Stretton (7.9 miles/12.6 kilometres).

Distance from Car Park to Viewpoint: Within 100 metres.

Buildings

Café: The Bog Visitor Centre with café is signposted (1 mile).

Visitor Centre: The Bog Visitor Centre is signposted.

Shop/Retail: A retail offer is provided at The Bog Visitor Centre.

Nearest Medical Centre: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury SY3 8XQ

(Tel: 01743 261000). Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Nearest Emergency Facilities: A defibrillator is provided at The Bog Visitor Centre.

Routes and Trails

Level routes/Trails: An all-ability trail starts close to the Blue Badge parking and leads to the viewpoint. Further walking routes are identified as having medium to hard difficulty and accessed next to the information panels in the car park.

Route Width: Between 1200 – 1800 millimetres.

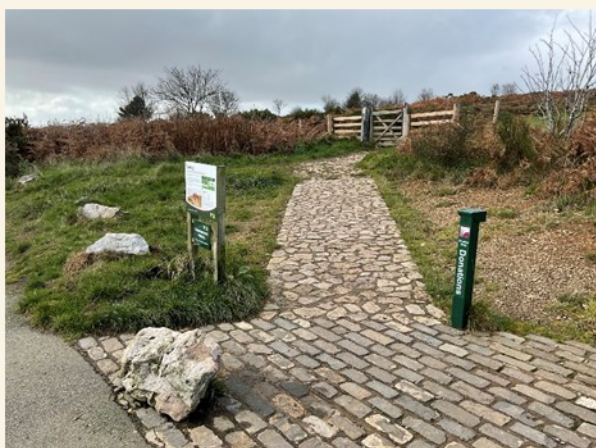
Ramped Routes: There is a sloped approach to access the walking routes including the all-ability trail and viewpoint.

Gradient: Slight slopes are provided to the viewpoints.

Accessible Routes Signposted: The all-ability trail has information board signage at the access point. Information panels in the car park provide walks information.

Surface Type: Tarmac, with loose stones on entry to the all-ability trail. There is a section of cobbled pathway on the footpath next to the viewpoint. A view of the Stiperstones Ridge from the gate leading to further walking routes, the sloped stone surface can be uneven.





Barriers

Swing Gates: There is a single manual gate, with low colour contrast, to the all-ability trail and viewpoint. The width of the gate is 1800 millimetres. This opens in both directions. The single manual gate to the Stiperstones Ridge walking routes has limited colour contrast and opens in one direction. The gate width is 1789 millimetres.





Latched gates: The gates to the all-ability trail and the Stiperstones Ridge walking routes has a latch lock that can be opened from both directions.

Low Level Rocks: Low level rocks provide a barrier in front of the information panels and donations facility in the car park.



Rest Stops

Seating: Seating is provided at the viewpoint. Further seating and post and rail resting perches are provided at regular intervals on the all-ability trail.

Benches: Two benches, one with armrests and backrest are provided at the viewing point. The second bench has a backrest only.



Level Access to Seating: Level access to seating provided.

Distance between Seating Areas: Within 50 metres, including resting perches on the all-ability trail.

Wayfinding

Pictorial Information: Information panels with pictorial images provided.

Distances Available: The all-ability trail interpretation board indicates this is a 650 metres long linear return route. Walking route signage in the car park indicates distances and estimated walking times.

Interpretation

Information Boards Available: Provided.

Interpretation Boards Available: Provided.

Accessible Height Interpretation Boards: Accessible height interpretation boards for the all-ability trail and the viewpoint area.

Pictorial Information: Provided.

WC and Changing Facilities

General WC Provision: Nearest general WC facility is at The Bog Visitor Centre (1 mile).

Accessible WC Provision: Nearest accessible WC is at The Bog Visitor Centre.

Left- or Right-Hand Transfer: Right-hand transfer.

Changing Places: The nearest Changing Places facility is Darwin Shopping Centre, Raven Meadows, Shrewsbury SY1 1PL (12.3 miles/19.8 kilometres).

Baby Changing Facilities: Nearest baby-changing facilities is at The Bog Visitor Centre.

Sensory Features

Touch: Plants along the all-ability trail, such as heather and gorse.

See: Stunning views of the Stiperstones Ridge and the Long Mynd. May see Red Kites flying overhead, Common Lizards basking in the sun, or stonechats perched high on the surrounding gorse. There are also Hebridean Sheep and Exmoor Ponies to look out for.

Smell: Earthy aromas of the heathland.

Hear: Listen for the 'Cronk' of Ravens, skylark's singing in flight, the mewing of passing buzzards and the distinctive 'go back' call of the Red Grouse.