Birling Gap

There's so much for you and your family to see and do at Birling Gap. The visitor centre offers tracker packs for rock pooling, fossil hunting and grassland bug hunts. The perfect spot to enjoy big skies, costal landscapes, changing colours and quiet walks throughout the year.



Beachy Head

Its famous for its white cliffs and the dramatic, undulating coastline created by the Seven Sisters, but there is much more to explore. A short walk inland brings you to the village of East Dean, where the Tiger Inn, Hiker's Rest, Thai Terre and an excellent deli surround a quaint village green. Beachy Head beer is brewed a short hop down the road.



Route 13x

Operates between Brighton and Eastbourne.

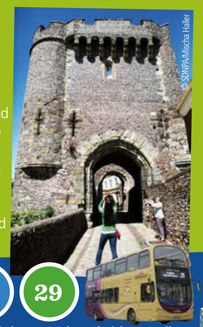
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Lewes

Lewes is a small town with a big heart. Most historians agree that Lewes' name derives from the Old English 'hlaews' ('hills' or 'mounds') as Lewes is built into the slopes either side of the Ouse Valley, giving its inhabitants sturdy legs to go with their stout hearts. It was here that Simon de Montfort fought the Battle of Lewes against the King and where Tom Paine, author of 'The Rights of Man' once lived. Lewes has long been known for its spirit of independence and its inhabitants are proud of the town's significant history stretching back to Saxon times.

But it's not all about the history, there are lots of things to do in Lewes. It's a great place to shop with so many independent, antique and quirky shops. It's also the perfect place to stop for a bite to eat or a drink in one of its historic pubs. Lewes also boasts a working brewery situated in the heart of the town.



Route 28 29

Operates between Brighton and Tunbridge Wells.

From Churchill Square, Old Steine along Lewes Road to Lewes, Ringmer (28), Isfield (29), Uckfield and on to Crowborough and Tunbridge Wells.

Runs Mondays to Saturdays, every 10 minutes to Lewes, and every 30 minutes to Tunbridge Wells, Sundays and Public Holidays, every 30 minutes to Uckfield and hourly to Tunbridge Wells.



Tunbridge Wells

Royal Tunbridge Wells (as it is officially known) is one of a few towns and boroughs in England to officially be given a royal title. It came from King Edward VII in 1909, partly to commemorate the fact that his mother, Queen Victoria, had loved the town so much.

Tunbridge Wells is the only spa town in the south-east of England. Wealthy people used to come from miles around to take to 'the waters' of those eponymous wells and springs. These days, you can still visit the Chalybeate Spring on The Pantiles and be served some of the water by tour guides dressed in historical 'dipper' costumes. Probably the best known attraction in the town, The Pantiles is a pedestrianised street with shops and cafes, and plenty of splendid Georgian architecture. It gets its name from the square tiles with which it was originally paved, and most of the buildings are listed.



Horsted Keynes (Bluebell Railway)

The station was built in 1882 by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway. The Bluebell Railway has restored the station to the Southern Railway period of the mid-1920s. It was originally a junction station with a line branching off to Haywards Heath via Ardingly. The station is a must for Downtown Abbey fans with the station featured as "Downton" in the popular television series. Horsted Keynes is the home of an award-winning Carriage and Wagon department. You can visit the carriage works viewing gallery and display which is accessible from platform 5.





Route 270

Operates between Brighton and East Grinstead.

From Churchill Square, Old Steine along London Road to Patcham then on to Hassocks, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lindfield, Horsted Keynes (for Bluebell Railway on Saturdays and Sundays), Forest Row and East Grinstead.

Runs Mondays to Saturdays, hourly and Sundays and Public Holidays every 2 hours.

Wakehurst is Kew Wild Botanic Garden in Sussex

Situated on the High Weald, there are over 500 acres of ornamental gardens, woodlands and a nature reserve waiting to be explored. An Elizabethan mansion stands majestically in the grounds - the perfect backdrop to the mansion's formal gardens and lawns. Wakehurst is also home to the Millennium Seed Bank, which is the largest wild seed conservation project in the world. A stunning walled garden, water gardens and meadowland are just a small part of the what you can experience at Wakehurst. Children will love the natural play spaces, while nature lovers will delight in spotting unusual flora, fungi and wildlife in the reserve. Its just a bus ride away.



Route 272

Operates between Brighton and Crawley

From County Hospital, Old Steine along London Road to Patcham then on to Hassocks, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Ardingly, Wakehurst and continues to Crawley.

Runs Mondays to Saturdays only, every 2 hours.



Discovery

Your ticket to explore



The Discovery ticket on Brighton & Hove bus services

Discovery fares - one day tickets
(available from the bus driver):

Adult Discovery £9
Child Discovery (aged 5-15) £7.20
Family Discovery (for five people with a minimum of one adult and a maximum of 2 adults) £17.50

Discovery tickets will be issued and accepted by the following operators in West Sussex, East Sussex, Surrey, Brighton & Hove and East Hampshire:

- Arriva
- Brighton & Hove
- Compass Travel
- Community Transport (Brighton, Hove & Area)
- Community Transport (Lewes Area)
- Cuckmere Buses
- Metrobus
- North Wealden Community Transport
- Rye & District Community Transport
- Safeguard
- Seaford & District
- Southdown PSV
- Southern Transit
- Stagecoach
- Sussex Coaches
- The Big Lemon

Other exclusions may apply.
Check with operator.

There are other types of ticket available for 1 day to travel on Brighton & Hove buses, including networkSAVER ticket or Metrovoyager tickets on Metrobus buses.

Check our website for details www.buses.co.uk

Steyning

One of the prettiest towns in Sussex, it has more or less everything - a fine high street, historic buildings, good shops and tea houses. Surrounded by the lush green countryside nearby, it's the perfect place to visit by bus making for a great day out.



Route 2

Operates between Rottingdean and Steyning.

From Rottingdean travels via Woodingdean, Race Hill through city centre, Old Steine, Churchill Square, Hove Town Hall then on to Portslade, Southwick, Shoreham, Bramber and Steyning.

Runs every day, hourly.

Eastbourne

There is something for all ages in Eastbourne. You can marvel at pro-skaters' stunts and tricks at Eastbourne Extreme or discover more about the area's history at one of the castles, museums and art galleries. If you prefer a more relaxed or scenic day out, you can enjoy the views from Beachy Head or one of the town's parks and gardens. It doesn't just stop there! You could also sample the local produce from vineyards and farmers' markets.. After all that, you can then soak up the local atmosphere in one of the many restaurants, wine bars or traditional pubs. Eastbourne is bursting with things to see and do – whether you're 4, 24, 44 or 74 you're guaranteed to enjoy it!



Route 12x

Operates between Brighton and Eastbourne.

From Brighton Station, Imperial Arcade, North Street, Sea Life Centre along the Coast Road to Rottingdean, Saltdean, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Seaford and on to Seven Sisters, East Dean and Eastbourne.

Runs on Mondays to Saturdays only every 20 minutes.

Seven Sisters

Situated in the South Downs National Park, the Seven Sisters Country Park is comprised of 280 hectares of chalk cliffs, meandering river valley and open chalk grassland. It is a popular location for a number of outdoor activities including walking, birdwatching, cycling and canoeing. The Country Park is named after the famous Seven Sisters that form part of the chalk cliffs on the Sussex Heritage Coast, one of Britain's finest unspoilt coastlines. Harry Potter fans will recognise the stunning location from the film, The Goblet of Fire.



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Middle Farm

Nestled at the foot of Firle Beacon on the South Downs in Sussex, Middle Farm is a 625 acre working family farm. Both humans and animals offer visitors a warm countryside welcome, with something for every member of the family to enjoy. Just hop on a bus and remove the stress of driving.



Route 11x

Operates between Brighton and Eastbourne.

The 11X leaves Brighton Station (bus stop D) 09.00, 12.20 and 15.45 on Sundays and Public Holidays from April until 15 September. Also picks up at Imperial Arcade (bus stop K), North Street (bus stop C) and Sea Life Centre (bus stop K) then selected stops along the Coast Road to Rottingdean, Saltdean, Peacehaven, Newhaven, then serving A27 past Firle, Middle Farm, Charleston Farmhouse, Drusillas, Wilmington and Polegate, then to Eastbourne.

Drusillas

The whole family can enjoy one of the top kids days out in Sussex. Widely regarded as the best small zoo in the country, Drusillas has created an animal and child friendly environment where the focus is always on fun.. There's so much more to do. Go Wild! Get Wet!, Go Safari!, Eden's Eye maze and a Hello Kitty Secret Garden are paradise for anyone wanting a theme park experience. It's no ordinary zoo, it's no ordinary day out by bus.





South Downs National Park

From rolling hills to bustling market towns, the South Downs National Park's landscapes cover 1,600km² of breathtaking views, hidden gems and quintessentially English scenery. A rich tapestry of wildlife, landscapes, tranquillity and visitor attractions, weave together a story of people and place in harmony. Visit southdowns.gov.uk to discover more about this beautiful National Park and the 100 mile long South Downs Way National Trail which runs its entire length.

More information

For **The Downs on Your Doorstep** (Stanmer & Ditchling Beacon) leaflet and other South Downs Bus Walks leaflets call **01273 292480** or visit **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/countryside** and **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/breezebuses**

Bus information

Call **01273 886200** or **01273 292480** or visit **www.buses.co.uk**

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breeze out of... Brighton on the bus

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Bus routes

Map also includes sevices not listed right and overleaf

Ditchling to Housedean Farm (6 miles)
From Ditchling Beacon Car park: cross the road and follow the South Downs Way east along the ridge of the downs, after 2.5 miles continue on the SDW (it takes a sharp turn to the right). When you reach the A27 there are bus stops either side of the road where you can catch the 28 or 29 bus to Lewes (near side of the road) or back to Brighton (far side of the road, via the bridge across the A27).

A scenic weekend walk from Ditchling Beacon to Devil's Dyke
Catch the weekend-only 79 bus to Ditchling Beacon. From the bus stop, walk west along the South Downs Way for about six miles to Devil's Dyke, via Saddlescombe. At the top of the Dyke, turn right along the road to the 77 bus stop (opposite the Devil's Dyke pub).

Other local busses from Brighton not featured on this map or leaflet which go into the South Downs

- 1 1A to Mile Oak
- 5 5A 5B to Hangleton
- 23 25 25X 50U to Stanmer Park Gates
- 27 47 to Saltdean Vale
- 57 to Ovingdean, Saltdean Vale
- 52 to Ovingdean,Woodingdean

Health walks

Every Sunday: beautiful 3 mile guided walks, exploring the woods, village and local downland. Meet 10.45am Stanmer Tea Rooms.
Every Thursday: 11am, 3 or 5 mile walk from Stanmer Park Gates. Phone **01273 292574** or visit **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/healthwalks**

Key

- Southdowns Way
- Bluebell Railway
- 2 11X 12 12X 13X 14 17 22 28 29 77 78 79 270 271 272 273 700
- For routes in grey go to **www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk**

South Downs walks app
Download the View Ranger App for free on your phone from your app store, or visit southdowns.gov.uk/viewranger on your computer or tablet. Then register and search for the South Downs National Park, to view the entire South Downs walk and ride routes, trail guidebook, and navigator.

More info for walkers

For The Downs on Your Doorstep (Stanmer & Ditchling Beacon) leaflet and other South Downs Bus Walks leaflets: Call **01273 292480** or visit **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/countryside** and **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/breezebuses**. For ideas for your own walk see **www.carfreewalks.org**, or for local group walks, see **www.bahr.org.uk** and **www.southdownssociety.org.uk**.
The Ordnance Survey Explorer map number 122 shows all the paths in the area.

Devil's Dyke

Marvel at Constable's grandest view in the world, and a dramatic example of a dry chalk valley.

Devil's Dyke is just a stunning 30 minute bus ride from Brighton, with delightful downland views along the way.

There's so much you can enjoy at Devil's Dyke and, whatever you choose to do, you'll be surrounded by picturesque scenery. This is also an ideal place for a lazy summer picnic and a spot of kite-flying! Above all, Devil's Dyke is the gateway to….



Wonderful walks!

Devil's Dyke to Upper Beeding
Follow the South Downs Way west for approx four miles to Beeding Hill then 3/4 mile north-west down the hill to the High Street in Upper Beeding. Then take the number 2 bus back to Brighton.

Devil's Dyke to Patcham
Take the Sussex Border Path east and then south-east for approx three miles to Patcham. Catch a 5A bus from Old London Road to Churchill Square in Brighton.

Exploring Devil's Dyke
A range of leaflets about the area, and ideas for walks or activities, is available from the National Trust information point at Devil's Dyke or contact 01273 857712. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/devils-dyke
The National Trust also hosts a variety of events, including open days at ancient Saddlescombe Farm – a lovely 30 minute walk east from Devil's Dyke along the South Downs Way.

The WildFlour Cafe at Saddlescombe
Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am - 5pm, between March and the end of October, and weekends only in November. All drinks, cakes and meals are homemade. Show a valid bus ticket or pass and get 10% off food and drink.



Route 77

Operates between Brighton and Devils Dyke.

Special Offers!

- **£5 'Breeze Return:' walkers can use this ticket to return from Devil's Dyke or Ditchling Beacon or Stanmer Park.**
- **Up to two children (under 16) go FREE when travelling with an adult.**

The 77 bus runs Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays until 21 September 2019
plus Mondays to Fridays from 17 June until 30 August 2019

The 77 leaves from Brighton Palace Pier (bus stop N, in Grand Junction Road, just to the west of the pier) at 09.45, 10.30, 11.10, 12.00, 12.45, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00, 15.45, 16.30, 17.15 and 18.00. From 16 June to 31 August there are also buses at 19.00 and 20.00.

You can also catch the 77 at bus stops along its route, including the BA i360, Churchill Square (stop F in Western Road), the Clock Tower in Queens Road, Brighton Station stop E, Seven Dials and all along Dyke Road.

Buses return from Devil's Dyke at 10.30, 11.15, 11.50, 12.45 13.30, 14.15, 15.00, 15.45, 16.30, 17.15, 18.00 and 18.45. From 16 June to 31 August there are later buses, at 19.35 and 20.35.

From 22 September buses run Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays throughout the year (except 25 December), but with a less frequent timetable.



Stanmer Park

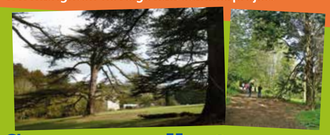
Breeze up to the beauty of lush green open spaces and extensive tranquil woodlands… Stanmer Park, the city's biggest! **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerpark**

About Stanmer
The park has been shaped by human activity for 6000 years. In the 18th century the Pelham family bought the Estate and employed Nicholas Dubois to design the present manor house, Stanmer House.

For further details, and opening times, of the beautifully restored Stanmer House, visit **www.stanmerhouse.co.uk**. There is a church and pond opposite Stanmer House. A cafe and accessible public toilet can be found in Stanmer Village. The park is part of a nationally important landscape and is in the South Downs National Park.

Stanmer Park lies in the heart of 'The Living Coast' which is recognised by UNESCO as a world Biosphere region that connects people and nature. **thelivingcoast.org.uk/explore/best-places-to-visit**

The Stanmer Park Restoration Project aims to restore and protect Stanmer's historic buildings and landscape and offer many new volunteering opportunities. Find out more at **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/stanmerproject**



Stanmer walks & events

Throughout the year there are many public events in Stanmer Park – including Apple Day and a kite festival. For the latest list please go to **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events** and search on 'Stanmer Park' or 'countryside'.

Earthship Brighton Tours
Usually take place on one Sunday morning each month. For more info go to **www.lowcarbon.co.uk/tours**

Route 78

Operates between Brighton and Stanmer Park.

Special Offers!

- **£5 'Breeze Return:' walkers can use this ticket to return from Devil's Dyke or Ditchling Beacon.**
- **Free Travel for journeys that are only within the park (eg Stanmer Park Entrance to Stanmer Village)**
- **Up to two children (under 16) go FREE when travelling with an adult.**

The 78, which runs right through Stanmer Park and up to the village, church and café, runs Saturday, Sunday and bank holiday throughout the year. Buses leave from bus stop U in the southwest corner of Old Steine at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.10, 14.20, 15.30, 16.40 and (until 21 September) 17.50.

You can also catch the 78 bus at any bus stop along its route, including the Clock Tower in Queens Road, Brighton Station stop D, St Peter's Church, London Road Shops and all stops in Lewes Road.

Buses return from Stanmer Village (opposite the pond and church) at 10.33, 11.33, 12.35, 13.45, 14.55, 16.05, 17.15 and (until 21 September) 18.25.

Buses 23, 25, 25X and 50U will all drop you at the entrance to Stanmer Park. The 23, 25/25X run regularly, seven days a week. Service 50U runs hourly, Monday to Friday.

Discounts for Bus Passengers!

Just show your valid bus ticket or pass and you can get 10% off food and drink at:

- Stanmer House, Stanmer Park
- **01273 680400 www.stanmerhouse.co.uk**
- Stanmer Park Tea Rooms **01273 604041 www.stanmerpark-tearooms.co.uk**
- The Swan Inn, Middle Street, Falmer North **01273 681842** (Discount at weekends only)

Ditchling Beacon

The 30 minute bus ride to Ditchling Beacon is extremely scenic, with wide-ranging downland views from your top deck seat. In the distance you can even see the Chattri memorial to Indian soldiers. Once at Ditchling Beacon there are many possible walks east or west along the South Downs Way National Trail – or just take in the stunning views and catch the next bus back!

Ditchling Beacon has spectacular views across the weald. It was an Iron Age hillfort, the steep northern slope formed a natural defence. Ditchling Beacon was one of the chain of fires lit to warn of invasions such as the Spanish Armada.
It is now managed by the National Trust and Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Walks

Ditchling Beacon to Stanmer Park
(2.8 miles)
From the car park cross the busy road and follow the South Downs Way to the east. Once you have reached Stanmer Village bus stop you can return to Brighton on the 78 bus.

Ditchling Beacon to Ditchling Village and Hassocks Station
Footpaths, tracks and lanes will take you on a scenic descent to picturesque Ditchling Village (approx 2 miles). From Ditchling Village it's then a 2 mile walk to Hassocks Station, with frequent trains back to Brighton or to London.

Ditchling Beacon to Patcham
Take the South Downs Way west for about one mile, then turn south west and follow the Sussex Border Path for about 2.5 miles down to Patcham. Catch bus 5A from Old London Road to Brighton's city centre.



Route 79

Operates between Brighton and Ditchling Beacon.

Special Offers!

- **£5 'Breeze Return' – there and back - but walkers can also use this ticket to return from Devil's Dyke or Stanmer Park.**
- **£3 Return from London Road Shops or any bus stop on Ditchling Road.**
- **Up to two children (under 16) go FREE when travelling with an adult.**

- **The 79 bus runs Saturday, Sunday and bank holiday throughout the year (except 16 June and 25 December). Buses leave from bus stop U in the southwest corner of Old Steine at** 09.45, 10.45, 11.45, 12.55, 14.05, 15.15, 16.25 and (until 21 September) at 1735.

You can also catch the 79 at any bus stop along its route, including the Clock Tower in Queen's Road, Brighton Station Stop D, St Peter's Church, London Road Shops and all bus stops in Ditchling Road.

Buses return from Ditchling Beacon at 10.15, 11.15, 12.20, 13.30, 14.40, 15.50, 17.00 and (until 21 September) 18.10.





Three more great walks featured on the map