

Parking instructions for Nightingale and Butterfly Walk.

The woodland is generally not easily accessible. The public are welcome to visit and it is crossed by many paths and tracks but numbers are always low due to lack of parking and remoteness. NOTE: This is popular walking country and Botany Bay may fill up quickly especially after say 10.00 a popular meeting time. Go early if you can, the earlier the better to park and to hear nightingales (April and May). If you want to return in the butterfly season the afternoon may be a better time. There are no formal parking places so I have used some searching and imagination to find some. This is my order of preference.

1. Botany Bay GU8 4YA

This direct entrance to the woodland on a road called Highstreet Green, used to be the only one without 'No Parking' signs. Hence it was popular. It is still used but space for lorries is essential. There is room for maybe 4 or 5 cars. Park either side of the gate entrance leaving the middle open in case access to the woodland is needed.

2. Pignuts Copse GU8 4XY

This is about the same distance from the start of the walk. From Botany Bay continue along Highstreet Green. On the right there are sporadic buildings and as you approach a right hand bend you see woodland on both sides. A parking space for a couple of cars is on the left. There is an unused barrier/gate beyond so the access does not appear to be used.

3. White Beech Lane GU8 4XX

This is a gateway on White Beech Lane with plenty of room for a car to park. Pass Botany Bay heading east and continue past Dunsfold Ryse where the walk leaves the road. Take the first small lane on the left. A short way along the lane you see some white concrete posts and railings as you cross a stream. As the road bends there is a gate on the left with space for one vehicle without blocking the gate. Beware if timber operations are taking place. You will need to walk back down the lane, turn right and join the walk at Dunsfold Ryse (adds 0.6 miles)

4. Fisher Lane GU8 4TE

You will see gateways both sides of the road. Both have 'NO Parking' signs. This is not for fining people, it is to ensure access for the forestry management. Cars park here leaving room for large lorries to pass them. I prefer the left hand side of the south side because there is no ditch to avoid and there is plenty of wide driveway to get a large lorry through. On the north side there is room for a car but the sides of the track are quite steep.