

SUMNERS PONDS

Fishery and Campsite

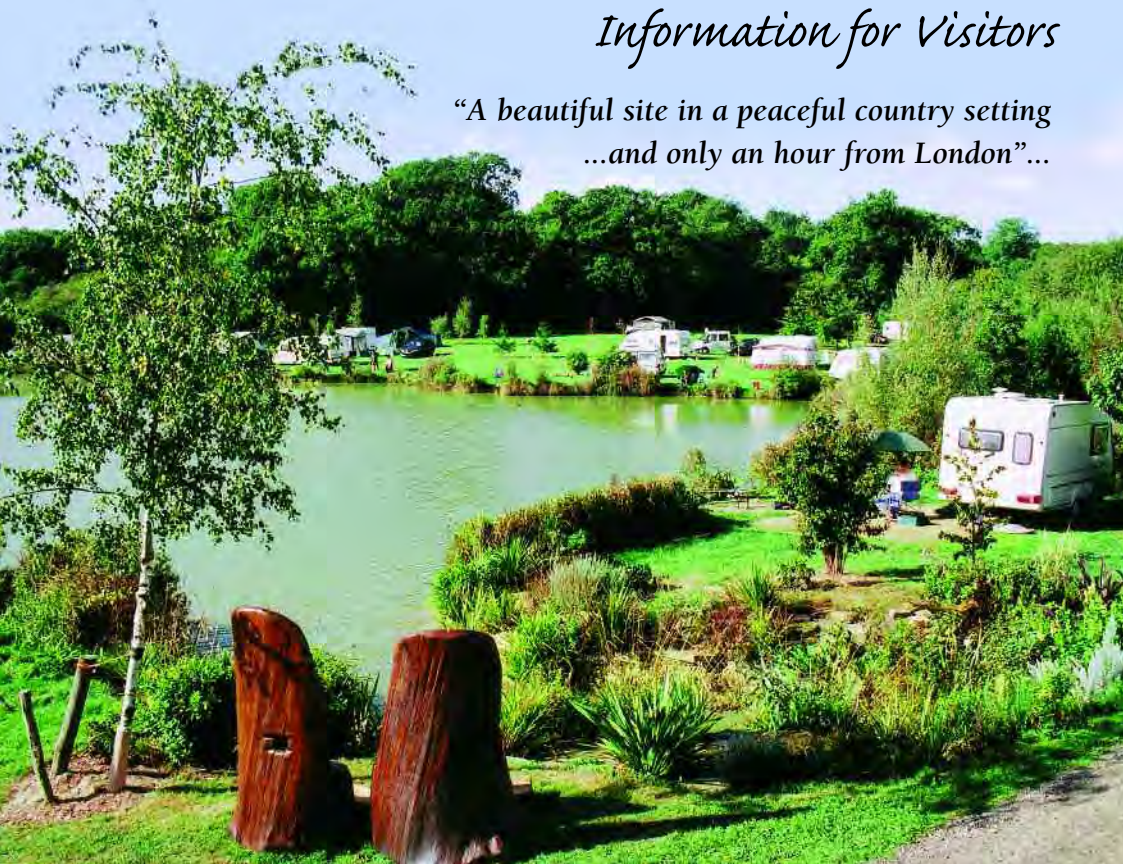


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Information for Visitors

*“A beautiful site in a peaceful country setting
...and only an hour from London”...*



Simon, Jen, Eddie and Lorna are here to ensure that your visit with us is enjoyable and we hope that the following information will help you to make the most of your stay at Sumners Ponds.

On arrival please make your way to reception (on the lake) to check in.

Welcome to Sumners Ponds Campsite

*Set in tranquil West Sussex
countryside amongst 100 acres of
lakes, woodland and pasture.*

The campsite itself boasts high quality facilities, acres of woodland, a working farm and fishing lakes. All this in a beautiful and secluded setting which is perfect for just relaxing, or for the more active, exploring the countless footpaths and safe cycle-ways within the site.

Sumners Ponds is an ideal touring base, with many beautiful towns and villages near by. Access to the South Downs and the coast is easy, while Brighton is 30-45 minutes by car and London only one hour by train or car. Even a day trip to France is possible with the tunnel and ferries only one and a half hours away by car. There really is something for everyone.



The Campsite

The chalet by the lake is open during peak times from 9am until 6pm every day, serving hot food, drinks, snacks and ice cream. Enjoy a full English breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea on the deck overlooking the lake in the summer or a bowl of warming home made soup, inside, during the colder months. All meals can be provided on an eat-in or take-away basis. In the shop we sell bait and fishing tackle for the anglers and a small range of groceries and essential items for anglers and campers.

TV connection cables, (providing 5 channels) can be hired from the warden or from reception (for use in the main site).

Wireless Internet connection is available for laptop computers in the chalet and on the decking seating area. There are two high quality WC and shower blocks with wash up areas attached. A Laundry area is situated on the main site. Tokens are obtainable from the warden or from the shop.

There are two camping areas; the main site and a lakeside area, with a combined total of 61 pitches, most with electric hook-up. 41 are hard standing pitches, 20 are grass and 9 of those are premium angling pitches, each of which has it's own dedicated swim area, suitable for 2 anglers. Please note fishing is charged separately. In peak times we can accommodate tents in our overflow camping field, but this area does not have electrical hook-ups.

The main site has a young children's play area and is ideal for families as it is adjacent to the woodland walk and cycle paths while the lakeside camping area with its premium pitches are more suited to those wishing to fish.

Well behaved dogs are welcome onto both the camping areas, at no extra charge. Dog owners are reminded that they must use the doggy bins provided. Day visitors are also welcome on the site, and are very welcome to patronise the café and shop. All visitors should park their cars in the car park.



The Farm

Sumners Farm is a working farm with a beef herd of 30 cows and their calves that are kept for a year before being sold on. We have one Charolais bull, named Derek, and the cows are a mix of Charolais (white), Herefords, (black or red with white faces), Aberdeen Angus, (black) Simmentals, (various colours with white faces) and Belgian Blue (grey fleck).

We have recently embarked on a scheme to improve the woodlands on the farm through coppicing and thinning and with 3 hectares of new tree planting. There has been no fertiliser used on the grass for many years in order to reduce fertility and eventually establish meadow grasses, flowers and herbs. We have created some pretty walks through the woods on the farm, particularly beautiful during the bluebell season, and we ask that you do keep to the paths provided. Wild orchids, marsh marigolds and garlic also grow in the woods and watercress in the streams. We hope that you enjoy all the footpaths on the farm we do advise that if you have dogs or young children you look for alternative routes to cross any fields where cows are grazing.



Fishing at Sumners Ponds

The fishing lakes are open from 7am each morning until dusk. Resident campers and members may begin fishing at 6am during the summer months when the mornings are lighter. Day tickets can be obtained from the Chalet or the bailiff who will make several visits during the day. The fishery rules can be viewed on the large notice board in the car park, on the web site and also on the back of all fishing permits.

In the small pond we have carp to to 24lb, roach, tench, rudd, chub, perch and crucians. In the big pond we have carp to 32 lb, perch to 4 lb, chub to 6lb, bream to 7lb, roach to 2lb and pike to 15lb. The small pond is 'easier' to fish, most of the time, and is very popular with younger anglers. Our new 3.5-acre landscaped match lake provides prolific fishing with barbell, chub, carp, crucians, tench and roach. Primarily designed for the match fisherman but provides great sport for

the day ticket fisherman too. Please check availability with the bailiff first.

Anyone wishing to fish after dusk, will need to become a member of Sumners Ponds – please ask for details. Younger children must be supervised. If you wish to leave your child unattended you will need to inform reception or the bailiff who will take a telephone contact number where we can reach a parent at all times in the event of an emergency or misbehaviour. Please note that we care for the well being of our valuable fish stocks and you must be sure to have read the rules and have the correct equipment. Our staff are happy to advise you and more experienced fishermen are also happy to give advice.

Detailed contour fishing maps are available for all lakes at Sumners Ponds at :- www.contourmapfishing.co.uk



The District

Barns Green village

The **Queens Head** is our local pub offering traditional pub food, beer garden and family room and is within easy walking distance via footpaths on the farm or the campsite. They accept credit cards and if you wish to book their telephone number is **01403 730436**.

(See the ad on the back cover).

The **Village shop** is open every day and offers post office facilities. There is a small children's playground on the village green which can be reached via footpaths and so avoiding the road. **Westons Farm Shop**, just outside the village offers a good selection of local and homegrown produce and much more besides.

Other local pubs include **The Selsey Arms** at Coolham crossroads, **The Red Lion** in Slinfold village, the **George and Dragon** at Dragons Green and the **Bax Castle** at Two Mile Ash.

Southwater

Southwater is a large village approximately 3.5 miles away. Southwater's main attraction is it's **Country Park**. The Park offers a selection of recreational activities including an adventure-style play area, orienteering course and tuition in canoeing, sailing and windsurfing. The Park includes a wildlife area, 'The Quarry', which is managed for nature conservation and supports wildlife such as lizards, Kingfishers, Nightingales and various butterflies and dragonflies. The Park is open every day of the year, 8am to dusk, and is free to enter.

The new **Lintot shopping square** offers a good selection of local shops including a large Co-op supermarket, an excellent Indian restaurant and Take-away (01403 731461), a Chinese Takeaway, including Fish and Chips (01403 130266) and a Local Produce Market on a Tuesday.

The three local pubs – **The Lintot**, **The Hen and Chicken** and **The Old Well** also sell evening and lunchtime food.



Horsham has several regular markets.

Billingshurst

Approximately 3 miles away from Barns Green, Billingshurst is a large village offering Budgens supermarket, and several pubs and restaurants. Billingshurst has several takeaway food outlets. Choices include Chinese, Indian, fish and chips, pizzas, burgers and kebabs. The **Jamdani Indian restaurant** has been highly recommended (01403 780380).

Horsham

A charming market town that has managed to hold on to its past, yet has also moved forward with the times. Four miles from Sumners Ponds, Horsham has regular markets and, a good variety of independant shops as well as a shopping mall offering the usual high street names, a large well stocked library and all the other amenities associated with a town this size. Attractions include a good public swimming complex, bowling alley and large park featuring

pitch and putt, tennis courts, the Millennium Maze and coffee shop. The Capitol features two cinemas and a 400-seat theatre. Box office number is 01403 750220. (see local attractions section for details of the Causeway - Horsham's oldest street).



Horsham Museum - The Causeway



One of the many outdoor cafes in Horsham town centre.



The Capitol - Horsham's arts centre with theatre and cinema

Christ's Hospital

Christ's Hospital school was the result of the vision of King Edward VI. Encouraged by a sermon exhorting mercy to the poor. The King set the wheels in motion to start up a special school for underprivileged boys and girls in Newdigate in 1552. The School occupied Newgate as its major site for 350 years, but from time to time children were housed in other parts of the country. Eventually, the girls settled at Hertford and the boys were relocated from Newgate to the purpose built site in Horsham in 1897. The Hertford school for girls merged with the boys at Horsham in 1985. The Christ's Hospital Theatre has a thriving programme of drama, music and dance, performed by both pupils at the School and



Christ's Hospital - Greicians' Arch, Cloister and Chapel

visiting production companies, most of which are open to the public. Box Office information is available on 01403 247434

Housed on the top floor of the infirmary, the school's museum has many artifacts from school life at London, Hertford and Horsham, as well as an original matron's kitchen from 1902. View by appointment. Telephone 01403 211293.

Walking and Cycling

The village and local pub may be reached via footpaths, to avoid using the road. There are plenty of safe walking and cycling paths around the site, away from the ponds.



Woodland walk at Sumners ponds

Some walking and cycling routes have been planned and are available from reception. The Downs link is easily accessible and offers easy, flat, walking and cycling for many miles! Visit www.footpathsofsussex.co.uk for more information

Local Church Services

Itchingfield Church (C of E)

Holy or Family Communion

1st and 3rd Sundays in Church, 2nd and 4th Sundays family services in the Village Hall in Barns Green.

at 11:00 am for approx. 60 minutes

St. Gabriel (Catholic)

18 East Street, Billingshurst,

West Sussex, RH14 0QH





Sunday's Mass 10.30 am

Holydays Mass 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Penance before Sunday Mass

Public Transport

Buses

												
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Horsham Station	08:29	---	09:29	10:29	11:29	12:29	13:29	14:29	15:29	16:29	17:29	17:49

Trains

There is a very good train service from our local station at Christ's Hospital, that has it's own car park. (3 miles from Sumners Ponds) Trains to London (approx 1 hour) leave every hour.

Other local amenities

Food Shopping

Westons Farm Shop

Two miles from the site and selling locally produced meat, vegetables, cheeses and much more! (see ad on back cover)

Waitrose & Sainsburys in Horsham town centre, a large **Tesco** at Broadbridge Heath, **Budgens** in Billingshurst and a **Co-op** at Southwater.

ATM's

All supermarkets, Horsham and Billingshurst.

Public Telephone

Outside the Village Shop

Doctors

The Surgery, Roman Way
Billingshurst
West Sussex RH14 9QZ
Telephone: 01403 782931

A & E Hospitals

Worthing and East Surrey-Redhill Crawley (01293 600300) and Horsham (Hurst Rd) offer minor injury clinics with limited opening times.

Veterinary Surgery

Farthings Vet Practice
Farthings Hill, Guildford Rd
Horsham, RH12 1TS
Telephone: 01403 252900

Dentist

Billingshurst Dental Practice
114 High Street, Billingshurst
Sussex RH14 9QS
Telephone: 01403 783688

Camping Gas & Camping Equipment

Roundstone Caravans

Worthing Rd, Southwater

Telephone: 01403 730218

(gas also from Tesco Garage Broadbridge Heath)

Tackle shops

Angling Specialists Horsham

29 Queen St

Horsham RH13 5AA

Telephone: 01403 264644

Premier Angling

2 Swindon Rd

Horsham RH12 2HD

Telephone: 01403 265711

Carringdales

A29 Bury Gate

Pulborough RH20 1NN

Telephone: 01798 831304

Farmers Markets

Billingshurst - Jengers Mead

2nd Thursday in every month

Horsham - Carfax

Every Saturday 9am - 5pm tel: 01403 733144

Pulborough Village Hall

Last Saturday in every month Feb-Dec 9am - 12pm

West Chilmington Village Hall

2nd Saturday in every month Feb-Dec 9am - 12pm

Some Local Attractions

Fishers Farm Park - 01403 700063

Newpound Lane, Wisborough Green

Award winning all inclusive attraction offering farmyard and adventure play ideally suited for toddlers-9 years.

Huxley's Birds of Prey Centre - 01403 273458

Hilliers Garden Centre, Brighton Rd, Horsham

Southwater Country Park - 01403 731218

Offers a selection of recreational activities including adventure style play, orienteering

course and tuition in canoeing, sailing and windsurfing.

Crawley Leisure Centre

Bowling and multiplex cinema and restaurants.

Go-Karting For fun

Crawley, Indoor race track 0870 6000601

Leonardslee Gardens - 01403 891212

240 acres tranquil, sheltered setting, open April - October.

Kings Mill, Shipley - 01403 730439

Once owned by Hilaire Belloc, Largest working mill in Sussex. Open Easter-October 1st.

Blue Idol Meeting House - 01403 741241

Built in the 17th Century, a Quaker meeting house where William Penn walked from his home 4 miles away to attend meetings.

The Causeway, Horsham

Worth a visit to see the 16th Century timber framed and tile hung houses all originally built



The Causeway, Horsham

over marshland. 13th Century St Mary's Church and 16th Century Horsham Museum all in the Causeway.

Wey and Arun Canal

Telephone 01403 752403

Canal runs from Guildford to Arundel and boat trips run from The Onslow Arms. Call to reserve seats.

Arundel

35 minutes by car - a spectacular castle, antique shops and markets and river boat trips.

Golf Courses

Rookwood

01403 252123

18 hole and 9 hole practice pitch and putt.

Horsham Golf & Fitness

01403 271525

Includes practice area - £3.00 per bucket of balls.

The Coast

Brighton - 35 mins by car, Victorian and Regency architecture, pier and many attractions.

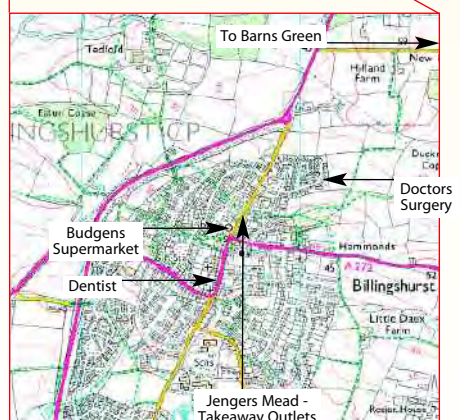
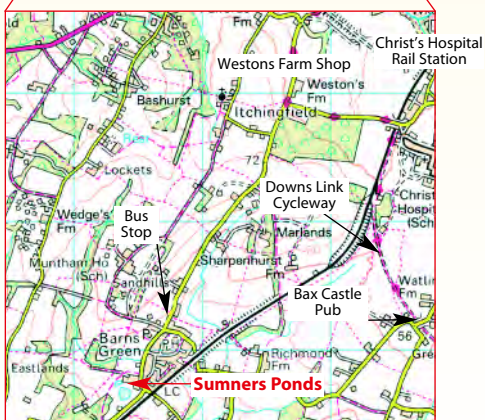
Climping - nearest sandy beach, 40 mins

Worthing - 25 mins, shingle beach and traditional Victorian Pier

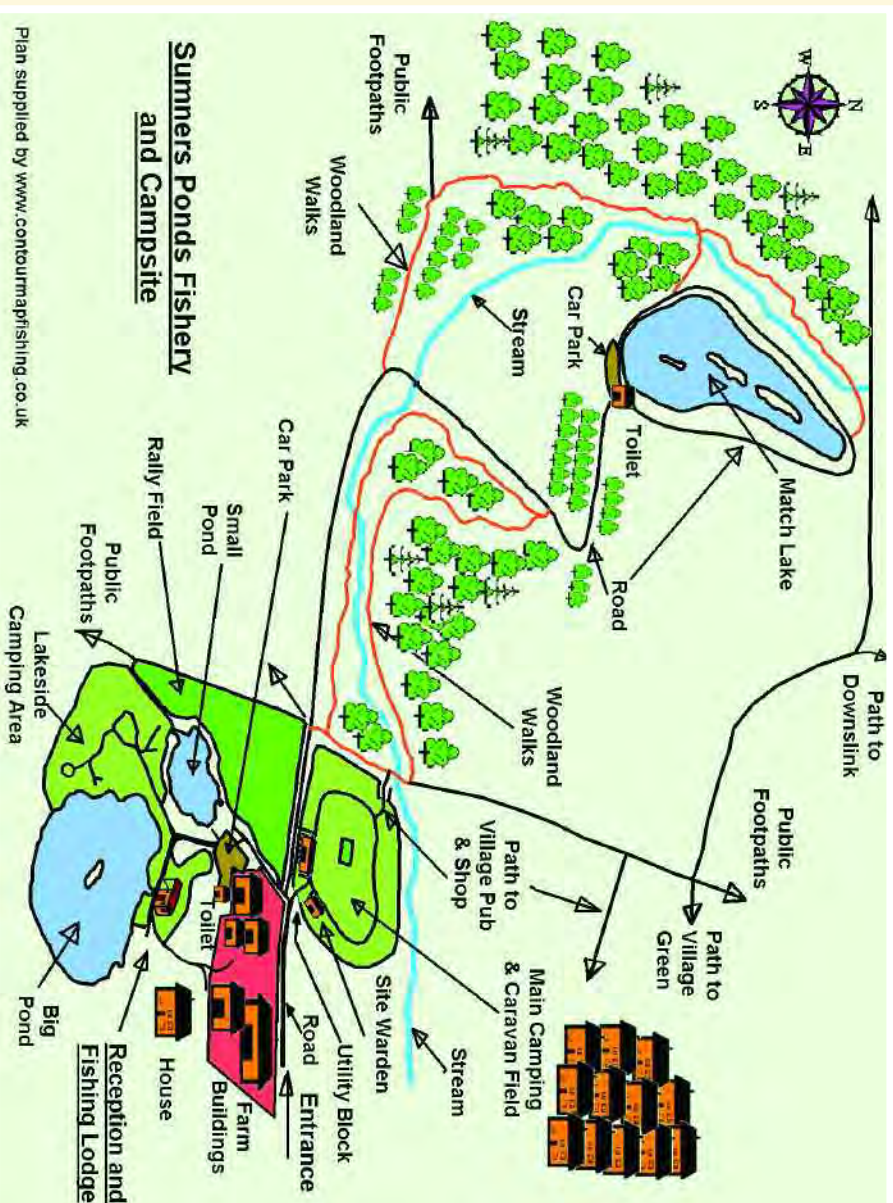
Littlehampton - 35 mins, sand and shingle, the West beach is backed by dunes and is very scenic.

West Wittering - 45 mins, a superb sandy beach, access from the A27 Chichester by-pass.

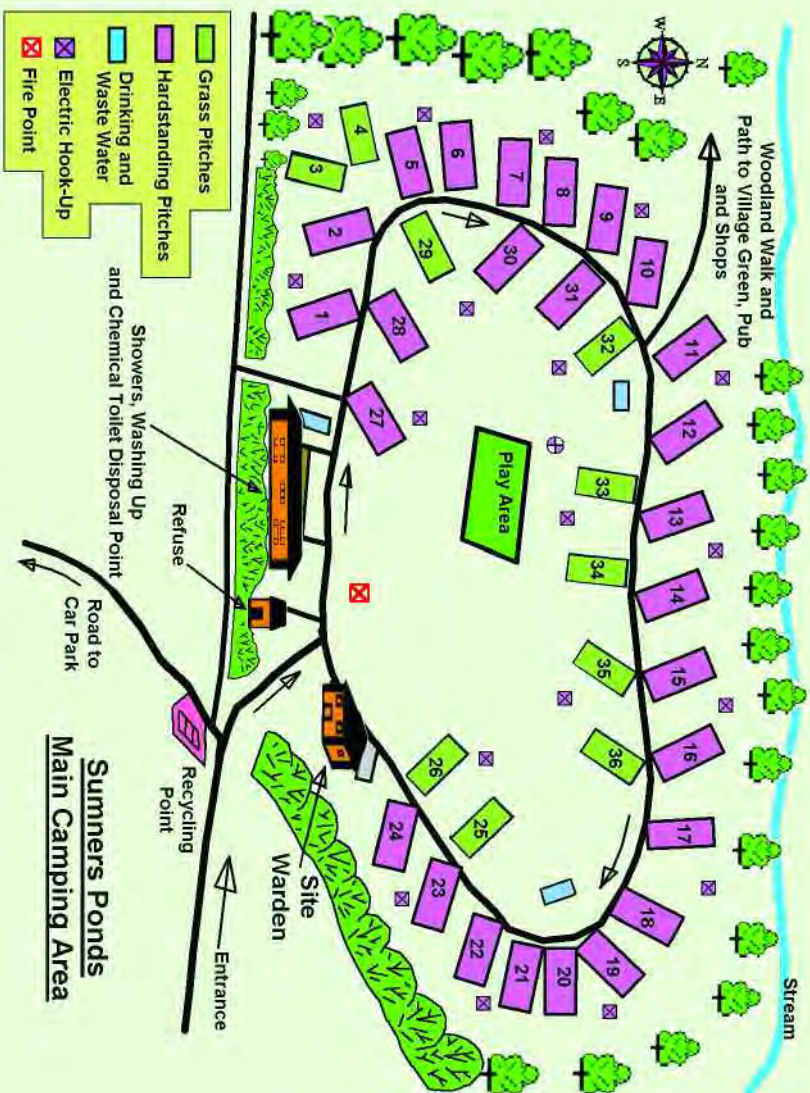
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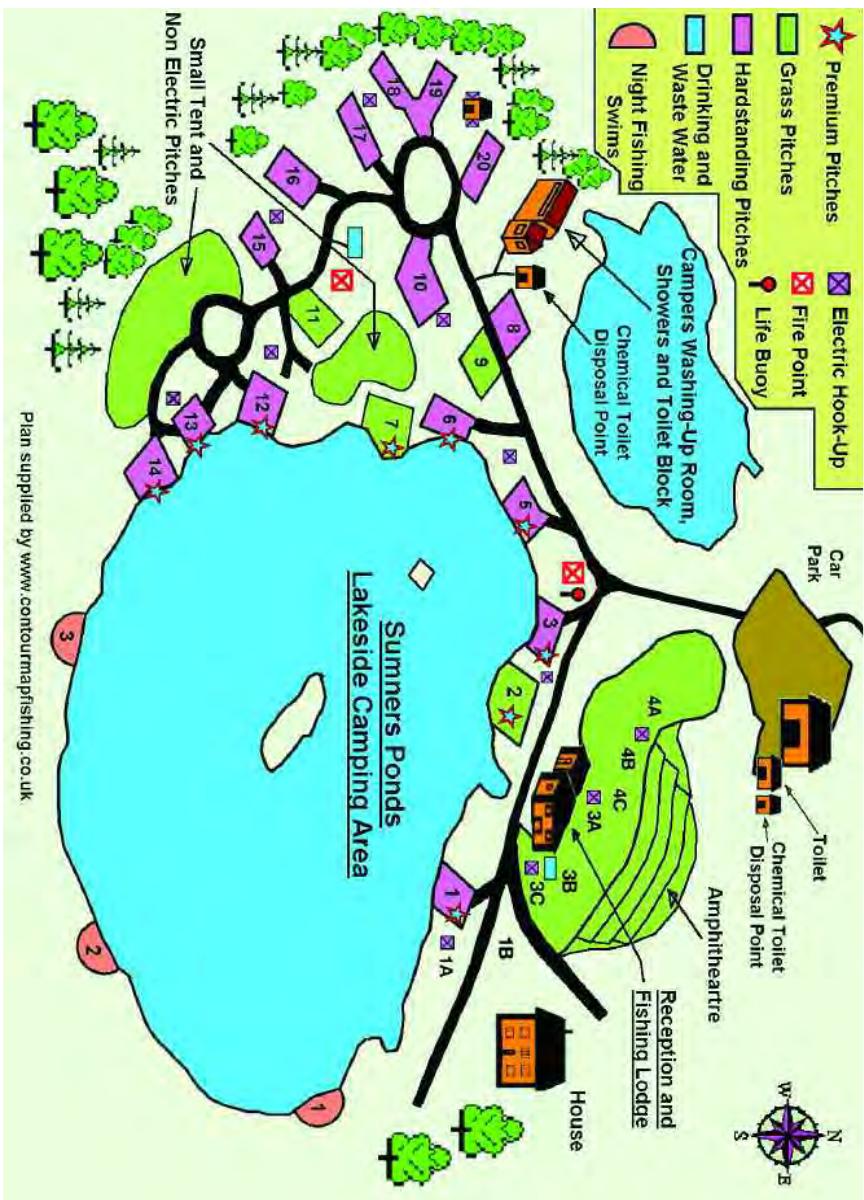
The Summers Ponds site



The main camping and caravan field



The lakeside camping pitches



Plan supplied by www.contourmapping.co.uk

Horsham Town Centre



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The Queen's Head

Chapel Road, Barns Green
tel: 01403 730436

Once the home of smugglers, this 18th century Inn is just a short walk away. We are dog and family friendly with a patio and garden including a children's play area.



We offer a good selection of beers and wines and serve home cooked food with a carvery on Sunday lunchtimes.

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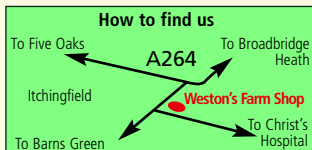
Worthing Road, (in the village of) Southwater,
Nr Horsham, West Sussex RH13 9JG

Westons Farm Shop

For the best in home grown and locally produced foods

Seasonal fruit and vegetables, great value top quality locally reared meat, fresh bread daily, homemade cakes, free range eggs, Sussex cheeses and dairy products, honey, jams, marmalades, pickles, chutneys, and much more ...

Fresh Fish on Fridays (3.00 - 5.30pm)



Open **MONDAY-SATURDAY** 9.00am - 5.30pm
SUNDAY 10am - 4pm

Tel: 01403 791228

Westons Farm Shop, Itchingfield, Horsham
www.westonsfarmshop.co.uk

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