

# Summers 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, Charlotte, Harry, Danny & Alan 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 Summers Ponds.*

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

## Introduction

*Summers Ponds Campsite is set in tranquil West Sussex countryside amongst 100 acres of lakes, woodland and pasture.*

The campsite itself boasts high quality campsite 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.

Summers 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 half an hour by car and London only one hour by train or car. There really is something for everyone.



# The Campsite

The Café by the lake is open during peak times from 8.30 until 6pm every day, serving hot food, drinks, snacks and ice cream (the café closes at 4pm each day but drinks and some snacks are available until 6pm). Enjoy a full English breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea on the deck overlooking the lake in the summer or a bowl of warming homemade soup, inside, during the winter. All meals can be provided on an eat-in or take-away basis. Evening meals are available during the summer months on a Friday and Saturday from 7pm to 9pm. Please ask at reception for a menu.

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.

Wireless Internet connections are available for laptop computers in the chalet or on the decking seating area. Various camping gases are available - *please ask at reception.*

There are three high quality WC and shower blocks - two with a washing-up area attached. A Laundry area is situated on Bluebell Park. Tokens are obtainable from the warden or from the shop.

There are three camping areas, **Bluebell Park**, **Summers Park** (Lake-side) and **Ribbon Park** (next to the Ribbon Lake) offering a total of 92 pitches, 90 are with electric hook-up and 9 are premium angling pitches, each of which has its own dedicated swim area, suitable for 2 anglers. In peak times it is often possible to accommodate tents in our overflow camping field, but this area does not have any electrical hook-ups. **Bluebell Park** has a young children's play area and particularly suitable for families as it is adjacent to the woodland walk and cycle paths. The **Summers Park**, with its premium pitches is more suited to those wishing to fish.

Well behaved dogs are welcome onto all the camping areas and there is no extra charge. Your day visitors are also welcome at no extra charge. We request that they park their cars in the car park.



## Camping Pods

We now have six camping pods at Sumners Ponds Fishery and Campsite. Four are situated in Ribbon Park and two are positioned around Sumners Lake. The Pod interior includes a double plug socket, oil filled heater, lamp and carpet flooring. A rear window provides ventilation and extra light. Visitors will need to bring everything that would normally be needed for a camping holiday in a family tent but will be cosy, warm and dry with no wet tents to pack away at the end of their stay!

All pods have a covered decking area for cooking and seating. There are 2 sizes to choose from:



### Original Pod:

(Sleeps 2 adults & 2 young children)  
height 2.38m (7ft 9in), width: 2.56m (8ft 4in),  
Length: 3.94m (13ft) Inner Compartment: Width:  
2.32m (7ft 7in) Length: 2.70m (8ft 10in),  
Head Room: 2.1m (6ft 9in)

### Family Pod:

(Sleeps up to 5 adults) 2.65m high.  
40% Bigger by Volume.  
Width: 2.83m (9ft 3in), Length: 4.77m (15ft 7in)  
Inner Compartment: Width: 2.66m (8ft 8in)  
Length: 3.52m (11ft 6in), Head Room: 2.2m (7ft 2in)

## Log Cabins

Sumners Ponds is now home to two lake-side log cabins, each with its own character and charm, enjoying an enviable setting with their own private fishing swim. These superb log cabins boast fantastic unobstructed views over the lake. Both the cabins are light and spacious, tastefully furnished and fully equipped to a high standard. Use of electric/gas is included. All cabin residents are welcome to use all of the other facilities on site at Sumners Ponds. Bed linen for all beds and sofa beds is provided and included in the rental price. Towels and T - towels can be provided for an optional charge of £1 per day. Two well behaved dogs are welcome at each cabin at a charge of £15 each per week.

Fishing permits are not included in the cost of the cabin rental but a discount of 20% will be offered to all holiday occupants to fish on any of the lakes. The fishing area allocated to the cabin would generally be adequate for two anglers to share.

**The cabins are not recommended for those with small children due to their close proximity to the lake. For more details about the cabins please ask for a separate brochure at Reception.**



# The Farm

Sumners Farm is a working farm with a beef herd of 40 cows and their calves that are kept for a year before being sold on. The cattle 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.

Whilst 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.



# Summers Ponds - The Fishing Lakes

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 reception or from 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.

## **There are now four coarse fishing waters at Summers Ponds.**

Summers Lake, the larger specimen waters, is stocked with carp to 34 lb, perch to 4 lb, chub to 6lb, bream to 7lb, roach to 2lb and pike to 15lb. In Farm Pond, the smaller but more mature of the ponds, we have carp to to 24lb, roach, tench, rudd, chub, perch and crucians.

Set on its own, away from the camp site is the 3.5-acre, landscaped match lake which 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.



The latest addition is our two acre Ribbon Lake which is, as its name implies, a meandering ribbon of water with islands to fish from. This new lake is well stocked with silver fish such as tench, chub, barble, bream and crucians, is popular with match fishermen and is ideal for beginners or parent and child teams, as they can be guaranteed a successful catch on most visits.



Alan, our resident Bailiff is usually available for help and advice on every aspect of fishing at Summers Ponds and he keeps a well stocked bait and tackle section in our campsite café and shop. Live baits such as maggots and worms are always available.

Anyone wishing to fish after dusk, will need to become a member of Summers 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 most experienced fishermen are happy to give advice.

**Detailed contour fishing maps are available for all lakes at Summers Ponds at [www.contourmapfishing.co.uk](http://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**.



*The Queen's Head Barns Green*

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. 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 its **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



*Horsham has several regular markets*

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.

### *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.

### *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 independent 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).



*One of the many outdoor cafes in Horsham town centre*

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

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.



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](http://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

Monday - Saturday	74	76	75	74	76	74	76	74	76	74	76	74
Barns Green Rosemount	08:05	---	09:00	10:05	---	12:05	---	14:05	---	16:05	---	17:26
Barns Green Recreation Ground	08:08	---	09:03	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08	17:10	17:29
Itchingfield School	---	---	09:08s	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Christ's Hospital Station Turn	08:13	---	09:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:13	17:15	17:34
Horsham Bus Station (arr)	08:20	---	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:20	17:22	17:41
Horsham Carfax	08:27	---	09:27	10:27	11:27	12:27	13:27	14:27	15:27	16:27	17:27	17:47
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 Summers 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!

**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 Hospital, 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

### 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 Chiltington 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

### **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 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.











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



*The Causeway Horsham*



# Key

-  Small Tent Area
-  Drinking & Waste Water
-  Fire Point
-  Lifebuoy
-  Chemical Toilet Disposal Point
-  Refuse Disposal Point
-  Recycling Point
-  Campsite Tracks
-  Campsite Footpaths
-  Parking Areas













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# The site





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-  Hardstanding Pitch
-  Grass Pitch
-  Premium Pitch (hardstanding)
-  Premium Pitch (grass)
-  Standard Camping Pod
-  Family Camping Pod
-  Grebe Lodge
-  Moorhen Lodge
-  Night Fishing Swims
-  Electric Hook-up
-  Drinking & Waste Water
-  Fire Point
-  Lifebuoy
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# Camping Parks



# Horsham Town Centre



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