

Discover a working, living landscape

From Neolithic to modern day farming

Your right to explore -
part of Brighton & Hove's City Council's
Downland Estate.

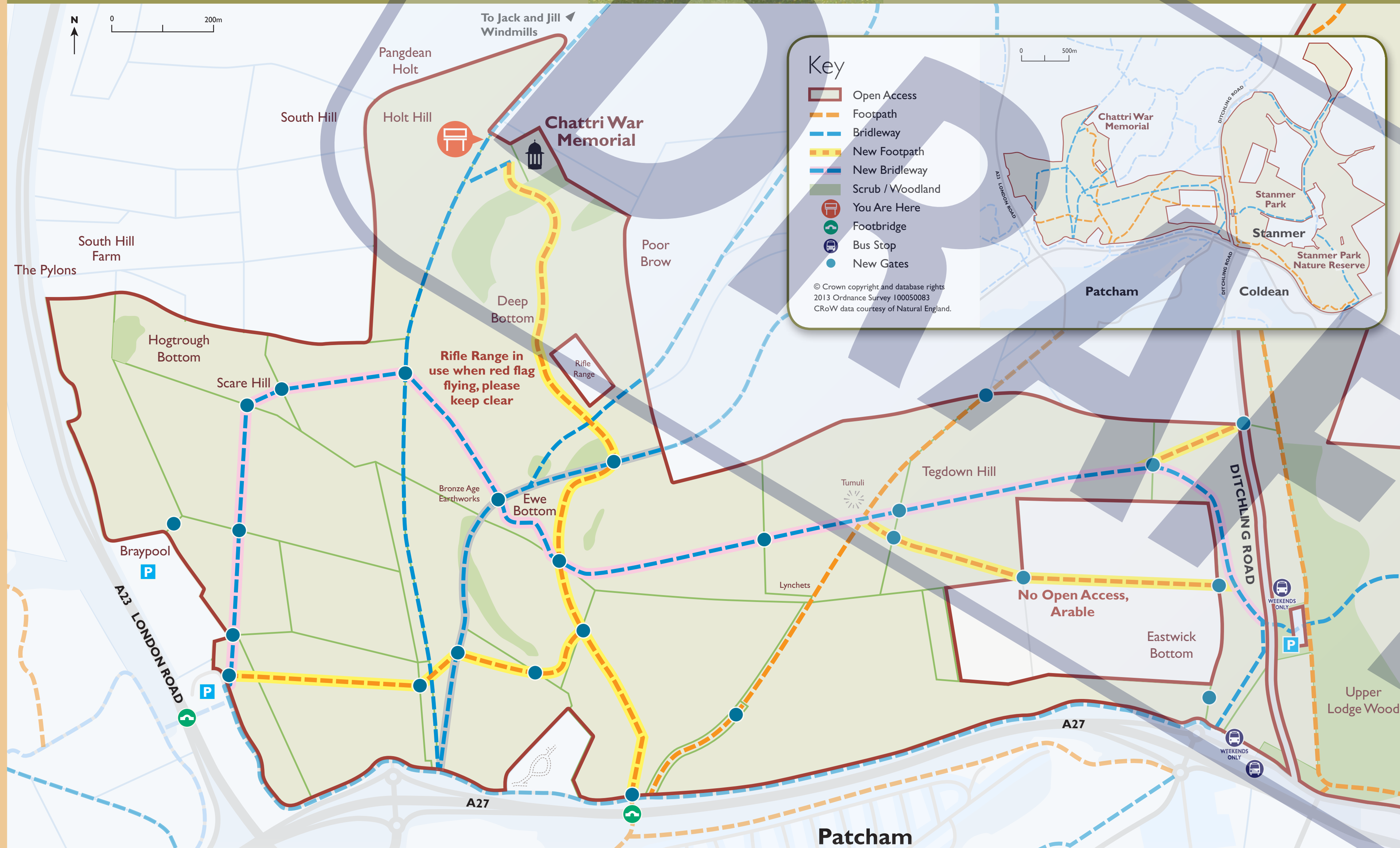


'Open Access' gives you the right to explore even more of this unique landscape. Where you see the Open Access symbol you can leave the footpath and walk, sightsee, picnic, watch wildlife, run or climb within the mapped area. Please note, cycling, horse riding and driving are not permitted on Access Land.

Shaped by farming

Imagine this whole area covered in trees. That's how it was some 7,000 years ago before Neolithic people cleared the woodland and started to work the land. Look out for ancient field systems called lynchets. These 'terrace' patterns were created by Iron Age ploughs some 2500 years ago.

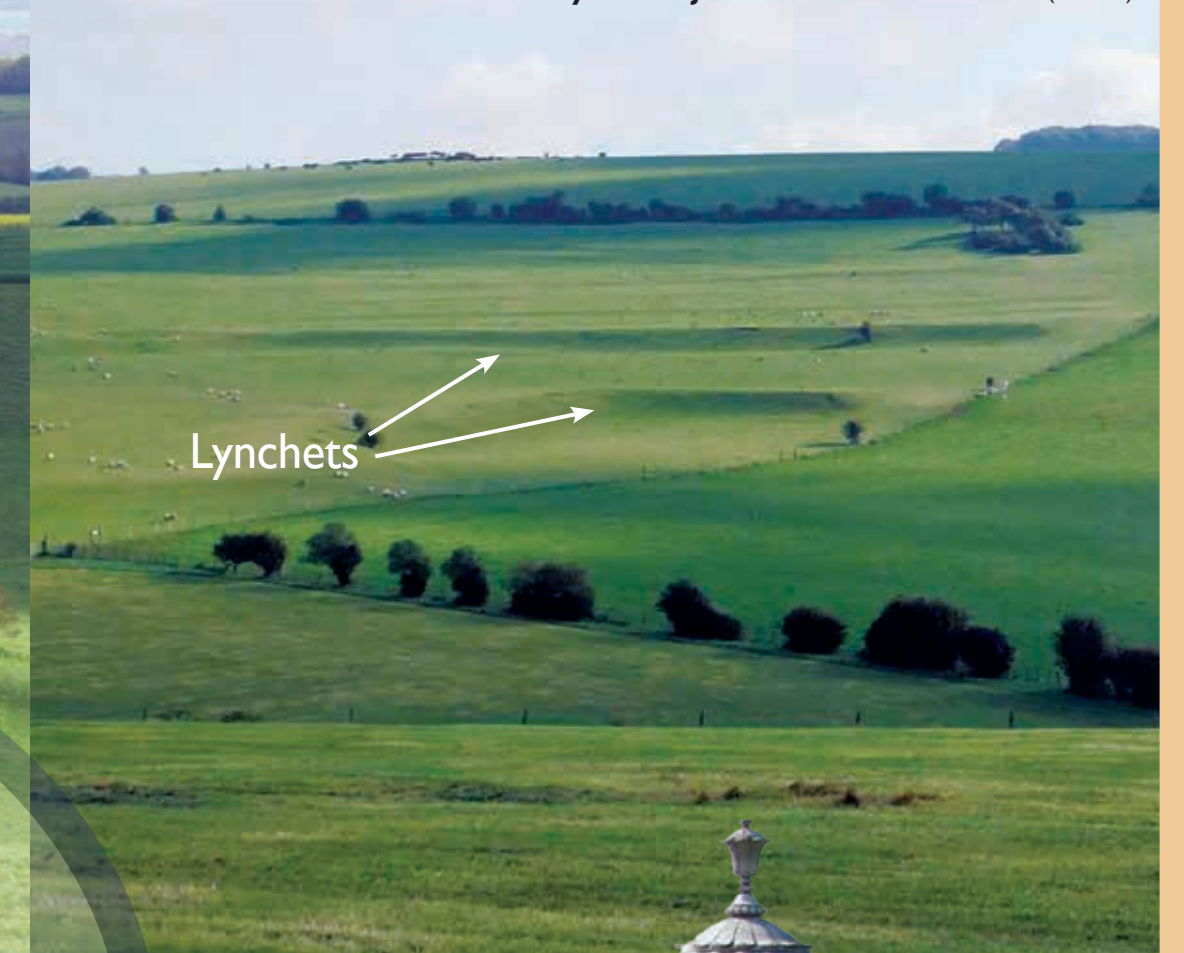
Sheep farming has helped maintain the open downland for centuries and place names like 'Tegdown' and 'Ewe Bottom' reflect this. Farming continues to shape the landscape we enjoy today, helping to sustain many of the special qualities for which the South Downs were designated including distinctive landscapes, diverse habitats and species, archaeological features and local produce.



Cows grazing the South Downs



Lynchets just above Ewe Bottom (BHCC)



A resting place

From here you can walk to the famous Chattri War Memorial most of which is open access land. During the First World War injured, Indian soldiers, were hospitalised in the Dome in Brighton. The Hindus and Sikhs who died were cremated on the Downs and, in 1921, the memorial was built on the cremation site. Chattri means 'umbrella' in Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu symbolising the protection offered to the memory of the dead.



Know your rights of way



Remember this is working landscape and we need your help to ensure it is looked after - follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control at any time. From 1st March to 31st July, your dog must be kept on a short fixed lead to help protect ground nesting birds
- Leave gates and property as you find them



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