

Coach Access to Dalesdown

Introduction

The aim of this document is to set guidelines for the use of coaches at Dalesdown.

Purpose and Scope

This document outlines the FFT guidelines with regard to the use of coaches at Dalesdown.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the group organiser to make all arrangements with regard to the use of coaches to bring groups to or from Dalesdown.

Use of 'Sat Nav'

Drivers should note that 'sat nav' is unreliable close to Dalesdown. Care should be taken to avoid turning into bridle paths and lanes which are not specifically signposted to Dalesdown.

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Family Foundations Trust does not accept responsibility for any damage or difficulties which may arise from the use of any road, bridle path or other access route to Dalesdown. The following guidance is provided for coach companies or group leaders:

- Whilst larger vehicles have successfully accessed our site, we recommend that coaches visiting Dalesdown should be standard single deck vehicles with a height not exceeding 4 metres, and length not exceeding 13 metres.
- Full / midi size coach and mini bus access is via the A24 only, turning into Grinders Lane (which becomes Honeybridge Lane) next to the Old Barn nursery. Dalesdown is approximately 1.5 miles from the junction, accessed by a clearly marked access road on the left side of Honeybridge Lane.
- Access to Honeybridge Lane from Ashurst (via Pepper Lane) is suitable for small vehicles only and should not be attempted by coaches. There are no turning facilities for coaches on this road;
- Care should be taken using Grinders Lane and Honeybridge Lane, both of which are single track roads;
- The access road to Dalesdown from Honeybridge Lane is a single track lane with tarmac surface. This road is not owned by Dalesdown;
- Full size coaches must use the turning circle at the front of Dalesdown;
- There is a risk of overhanging branches at the sides of Honeybridge Lane.

Inclement Weather

Every effort will be made to keep the approach lane between Dalesdown and Honeybridge Lane in a passable condition. In inclement weather, particularly when Honeybridge Lane is affected by fog, snow or ice, coach drivers may be concerned about proceeding down Honeybridge Lane. The decision to attempt access to Dalesdown is entirely the responsibility of the coach driver.

In extremis, consideration may be given to parking the coach close to the Old Barn Nursery and transferring residents by car or on foot. However, the distance from Old Barn Nursery to Dalesdown is in excess of 1.5 miles.