

Downs and Weald

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South Downs

They also were the dwelling place of Charles Darwin, who meditated and wrote 'on the origin of species' in his garden.

Lost Woods of the Low Weald and Downs

The often visited in , the home of in the Ouse valley.

Downs and Weald Rambling Group (DWRG)

This area is great for plane spotting as you skirt around Gatwick Airport via a traffic-free path.

See What's On at The Weald & Downland Living Museum

If you are interested in joining, it only takes a few minutes to complete an online application. The , near , viewed from Seaford Head Highest point Peak Butser Hill 271 m 889 ft Dimensions Area 670 km² 260 sq mi Naming Old English dūn, meaning 'hill' Geography Country England United Kingdom Region Hampshire, East Sussex, West Sussex : Southern England Chalk Formation Geology Chalk The South Downs are a range of chalk hills that extends for about 260 square miles 670 km² across the south-eastern coastal counties of England from the of Hampshire in the west to , in the , East Sussex, in the east.

South Downs

The South Downs have been inhabited since ancient times and at periods the area has supported a large population, particularly during Romano-British times. Alfred, had a second home at Aldworth, on ; geologically part of the , Blackdown lies north of the South Downs but is included in the South Downs National Park. Its landscape is described as one of rolling hills, studded with sandstone and cut by streams to form steep-sided ravines called gills ; small irregular-shaped fields and patches of heathland, abundant woodlands; scattered farmsteads and sunken lanes and paths.

Expectacular World: The Downs and The Weald

These hills are prefixed 'south' to distinguish them from another chalk escarpment, the , which runs roughly parallel to them about 30 miles 48 km away on the northern edge of the Weald. In the east, the escarpment terminates at the coast between and , where it produces the spectacular white cliffs of , the cross-section of dry valleys known as the and , the highest chalk sea cliff in Britain at 162 metres 531 ft above sea level.

Overview

The is overlain by the and the Formation, consisting of the and the. The rocks of the central part of the anticline include hard sandstones, and these form hills now called the High Weald. Within its boundary are included not only the South Downs proper but also part of the , a geologically and ecologically quite different district.

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