

Welcome to Sway

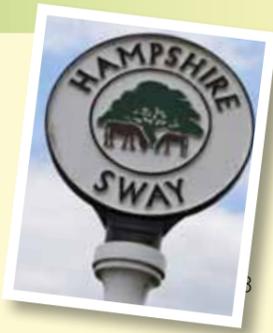
Sway is a small vibrant village nestled on the southern edge of the New Forest National Park, just 4 miles from Lymington and the Solent coastline, and miles from Brockenhurst.

The rail station is on the Bournemouth - London mainline, served by an hourly service to other stations in the New Forest (Brockenhurst, Beaulieu Road* and Ashurst, with connections at Brockenhurst for Lymington).

Sway is also described as a spot of tranquility offering visitors a range of shops, accommodation, pub restaurants and café. Experience the rich and diverse surrounding countryside. A network of public footpaths, cycle trails and extensive areas of grassed open plain are primarily north of the village, with tracks and footpaths leading to Brockenhurst, and towards Burley.

The village is best known for Sway Tower, also known as Peterson's Folly, a 218 ft. tall tower built entirely out of concrete. Even today Sway Tower remains the tallest structure built out of non-reinforced concrete. The Tower is privately owned and closed to the public, and is best viewed from Flexford Lane.

* Not all trains call at Beaulieu Road.



Exploring the New Forest

For short walks (range 1 - 3 miles) there are tracks amongst tall pine trees and oaks in Set Thorns Inclosure on the edge of the village, or roam the open grassed expanse of Long Slade, with superb views of the New Forest. Both give access to longer walks across the National Park.

The disused railway line is part of the National Cycling Network leads to cycle tracks in Wilverley, Wootton Coppice and Brownhill Inclosures, and also to Brockenhurst.

Alternatively there is the open gorse grassed area of Widden Bottom with paths to Shirley Holms.

Footpaths/cycle trails around Sway are marked on the large map in this leaflet.

Access to the coast at Keyhaven (4 miles) for walkers and cyclists is mostly on minor roads via South Sway and Flexford Lanes.



Walking Routes

Route to Set Thorns – marked red on map overleaf

Starting from Station Road in the village centre take the marked route, leading to Set Thorns' footpaths, cycle trails, and Long Slade Plain.

Follow Station Road towards Brighton Road; turn into Mead End Road and take 2nd right into Adlams Lane. Set Thorns Inclosure is at the end of Adlams Lane.

(Please note Mead End Road and Adlams Lane do not have pavements.)

Route to Pitmore Lane and walks to Shirley Holms and Widden Bottom - marked blue on map overleaf

Follow Station Road from the station past the Silver Hind pub and shops in the village centre on the marked route; turn left and proceed along Church Lane. To Meadens Garage, turn left and after crossing the B3055 proceed past the Hare and Hounds pub to the War Memorial. Cross Pitmore Lane and follow road on grassed areas.



Caring for the New Forest

Birds: To help ground nesting birds rear their young safely, keep yourself and your dogs on the main tracks from the beginning of March to the end of July.

Dogs: The New Forest is great for dogs but to minimise disturbance to wildlife, livestock and other people, please keep your dogs close by you and visible at all times – if necessary use a lead. Pick up after your dog, especially around car parks, on paths and where people play or picnic.

Cycling: Do enjoy the extensive network of off-road routes, but keep to the waymarked tracks or bridledways; give way to walkers and horse-riders, and call out a warning when approaching them. On narrow roads, ride in single file and never more than two abreast; wear bright colours to be visible and always use lights in the dark.

Fire: Because uncontrolled forest fires are a great threat camp fires are not allowed in the New Forest without the permission of the land owner. A barbecue site is provided at Wilverley by the Forestry Commission (023 8028 3141) or www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest.

Camping: There are excellent designated sites to pitch your tent or caravan. Wild camping is not allowed.

Forest management: Take notice of any warning signs and keep a safe distance from work sites. Only pass a vehicle loading timber when told it is safe to do so.

Litter: Please take your litter home.

Ponies: There is plenty of natural food for the grazing animals so please don't feed them. It's against the byelaws and human food can harm them. Some hand-fed ponies become aggressive with people who, quite rightly, keep their picnics to themselves. Even stroking ponies is dangerous – they may look friendly but they can bite and kick, especially mares with foals.

Useful Information

Local Information Point:

Sway Deli and Coffee Shop
3 Middle Road
Sway SO41 6EJ
Telephone 01590 683392

Useful Websites:

South West Trains: www.southwesttrains.co.uk

National Rail: www.nationalrail.co.uk

Cango Bus service from Sway to New Milton and Lymington
www.swayvillage.co.uk (Transport Section)

Accommodation and other Sway Village information
www.swayvillage.co.uk

Nearest Cycle Hire: Cycle Hire Experience Brockenhurst Station www.cycle.co.uk

New Forest National Park www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

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EXPLORING Sway

Location of facilities and shops:

- 1 Sway Deli Café - Local Information Point
- 2 Railway Station
- 3 Cango Bus stop
- 4 Newsagent/Post Office
- 5 General Store
- 6 Silver Hind, Restaurant & Bar
- 7 The Manor at Sway Hotel & Restaurant
- 8 Hare & Hounds Public House
- 9 Passford House Hotel
- 10 Jubilee Sports Field
- 11 Pitmore Lane Sports Field
- 12 St Luke's Church
- 13 Youth Centre
- 14 Village Hall
- 15 ArtSway
- 16 Cemetery
- 17 Rushcroft Farm Camp site
- 18 Sethorns Caravan Park and Campsite
- 19 Sway Fishing Lakes
- 20 Sway Tower *(Not open to public)*

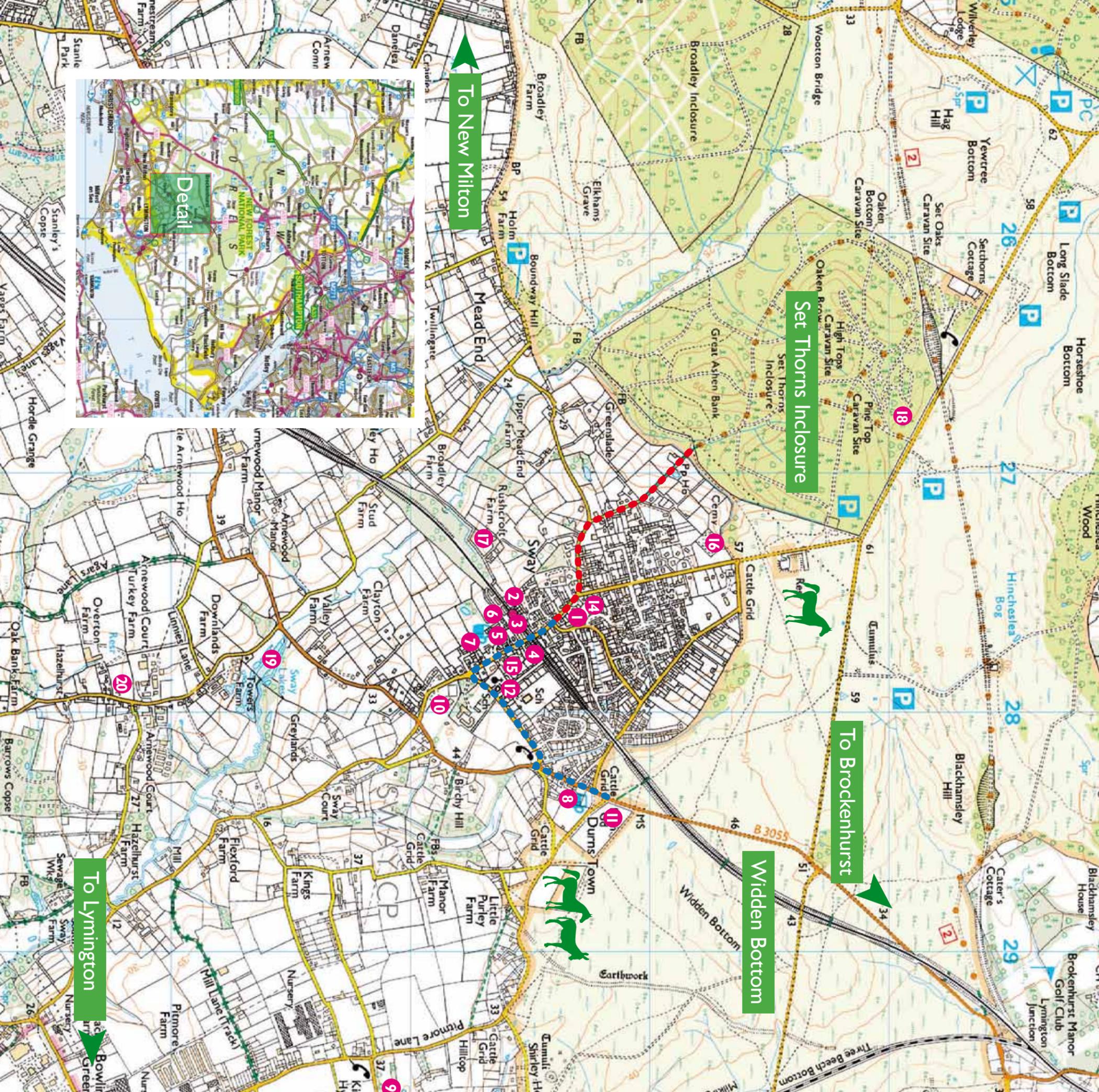
Walking routes

To Set Thorns Inclosure 

To Pitmore Lane 

Useful Websites:

-  Sway Village Accommodation and Transport www.swayvillage.co.uk
-  New Forest National Park: www.newforestnationalpark.com
-  National Rail Train Times: www.nationalrail.co.uk
-  South West Trains: www.southwesttrains.co.uk



Set Thorns Inclosure

To Brockenhurst

Widden Bottom

To New Milton

To Lymington

Detail