

Take the Coaster routes 12/12A/12X to Seven Sisters and Eastbourne – or the 13X via Birling Gap and Beachy Head

This is the perfect bus route to enjoy big skies, coastal landscapes, changing colours and quiet walks throughout the year. Famous for its white cliffs, oxbow lake and dramatic, undulating coastline created by the Seven Sisters, there is so much to enjoy and explore.

It is a popular location for outdoor activities including walking, birdwatching, cycling and canoeing. Harry Potter fans will recognise the stunning location from the film, The Goblet of Fire.

In Eastbourne you can visit museums and art galleries or for a more relaxed day out, you can enjoy the beach, parks and gardens.

And don't just take our word for it. The Reverend Richards Coles and half of former 80's pop band the Communards called it 'the best bus route in the world'.

With a **networkSAVER** ticket you can hop on and off as many times as you like. It's perfect for a family day out.



Enjoy the marvellous South Downs National Park by bus

From rolling hills to bustling market towns, the South Downs National Park landscape spans 1,600km² of breathtaking views, hidden gems and quintessential scenery. A rich tapestry of wildlife, landscapes, tranquillity and visitor attractions weave together a story of people and place in harmony. There's a 100-mile-long trail which runs its entire length.

Devil's Dyke - catch the Breeze 77

Devil's Dyke is just a short 30-minute bus ride from Brighton City Centre. Devil's Dyke is an Iron Age hill fort, has a huge famous view described by the painter Constable as "the grandest view in the world", and the Dyke itself is the deepest, longest dry valley in England. Managed by the National Trust, Devil's Dyke is a gateway to the South Downs and an ideal place for an invigorating walk or a spot of kite flying! Or take a walk to the ancient farmstead of Saddlescombe Farm.

Stanmer Park - catch the Breeze 78

An 18th century estate with a stunning house, surrounded by woods, parkland, a picturesque church and a beautiful pond. There are walking trails of different lengths through the woods and fields and a small playground and toilets near the main entrance. There are a number of places for refreshment including the Village Tea Rooms, Stanmer House, and Circa kiosk where you can also hire a bike to explore the whole park.

The free to enter and beautiful walled garden is managed by One Garden Brighton where there's also a café, restaurant and farm shop.

Just outside of the South Downs

Metrobus also offer great days out. The route 270 operates between Brighton and East Grinstead stopping off at small towns and villages along the route through the outstanding Sussex countryside.

Lindfield won the 'Best Kept Village in Sussex Award' so often it withdrew to give others a chance! East Grinstead is a lovely destination with a historic High Street that's worth a visit.

Wakehurst is Kew's Wild Botanic Garden in Sussex and there you can enjoy over 500 acres of ornamental gardens, woodlands and a nature reserve that are just waiting to be explored.

Catch the 272 bus and you'll get 50% off admission! If you buy a Metrovoyager ticket on the Brighton & Hove Buses or Metrobus app it is valid on all Metrobus and Brighton & Hove buses.

Ditchling Beacon - catch the Breeze 79

At 248 metres above sea level, Ditchling Beacon is the highest point in East Sussex and offers panoramic views of the coast, downs and the Weald. The 30-minute bus ride is extremely scenic, with wide-ranging downland views from your top deck seat. Now managed by the National Trust and Sussex Wildlife Trust it offers many possible walks east or west along the South Downs Way National Trail.



breeze up to... the Downs and beyond

Spring 2025



Free travel for up to four people aged 19 or under, when accompanied by a fare paying adult or concessionary pass holder. Offer only applies in Brighton & Hove

Sustainable travel and why we're glad you're doing it

By taking the bus instead of driving, you are really helping to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality in the city and at these stunning beauty spots. Did you know that catching the bus from Brighton Pier to Devil's Dyke would save 1884g of CO² compared to driving? That's the same as keeping a lightbulb on for 531 hours or keeping the TV on for 195 hours! Find out how much carbon you have saved by catching the bus using the journey planner at buses.co.uk or via our app.

By choosing bus, you are getting active and making the environment we live in better for everyone. What's more you can get extra rewards. Download the BetterPoints app and join the Move for Change challenge.



Find a walk to suit you

Our buses link up with some of the best walks in the area and there are walks to suit everyone. Here are some of the highlights.

For more information:

www.brightonandhoveway.org.uk

www.southdowns.gov.uk

www.carfreewalks.org

Stanmer Park Healthwalk

Come and enjoy a countryside walk with others, finishing at the tearooms.

Thursdays at 11am, meeting inside the main Stanmer Park entrance (Lower Lodges). Buses 23, 25 and 78 stop right by the park entrance! 3-5 miles and FREE! Phone 01273 294589 or visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/activeforlife

Devils Dyke to...

Upper Beeding - 4 mile walk and catch the number 2 bus back to Brighton.

Patcham - A 3 mile walk. Follow the Sussex Border Path east, then south-east. Return to Brighton on the 5A bus.

Saddlescombe Farm - a lovely 30-minute walk.

Ditchling Beacon to...

Ditchling Village and Hassocks - 2 mile walk along footpaths, tracks and lanes to the picturesque village and then a 2 mile walk onto Hassocks Station.

Stanmer Village - a stunning 2.5 mile walk, return to Brighton on the 78 bus.

Patcham - a 2.5 mile walk along the Sussex Border Path, return to Brighton on the 5A bus.

Devil's Dyke - a 6 mile walk along the Southdowns Way via Saddlescombe, return to Brighton on the 77 bus.

The Brighton & Hove Way - follow the undercliff to Saltdean, then to Castle Hill National Nature Reserve, Falmer, Stanmer Park, the Chattri Memorial, Old Portslade, and return by Hove Esplanade.

Catch Regency routes 28, 29 or 29A for a great day out. Explore Brighton, Lewes, Eastbourne (28), Heathfield (29A) or Tunbridge Wells (29).

Lewes has long been known for its spirit of independence, and its locals are proud of the town's significant history that stretches back to the Anglo-Saxon period. But it's not all about the history, there are lots of things to do in Lewes. It's a great place to shop with so many independents or stop for a bite to eat or a drink in one of its historic pubs.

Tunbridge Wells is the only spa town in the southeast of England. You can visit the Chalybeate Spring and The Pantiles with its bustling shops and cafes. Plus there's a great park and plenty of splendid Georgian architecture to enjoy. It's just a bus ride away.

Stunning Steyning - catch the route 2

One of the prettiest towns in Sussex, it has more or less everything - a fine high street, historic buildings, good shops, historic pubs and tea houses. Surrounded by the lush green countryside nearby, it's the perfect place to visit by bus, making for a great day out.



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Call 01273 886200
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The Living Coast
Did you know that Brighton & Hove is at the heart of a UNESCO Biosphere reserve, just like Mount Olympus in Greece or The Golden Gate in the US? This recognises our internationally important natural environment, a place where people and nature come together. Leave the car at home and travel by bus to our local jewels: the South Downs, Lewes, Newhaven, Shoreham-by-Sea, river Ouse and river Adur, etc...
Be part of it at www.thelivingcoast.org.uk

Bus routes

Map also includes services not listed right and overleaf



Other local buses from Brighton not featured on this map or leaflet which go into the South Downs

- 1 1X to Mile Oak
- 5 5A 5B to Hangleton
- 23 25 to Stanmer Park Gates
- 27 47 to Saldean Vale
- 52 to Ovingdean, Woodingdean

Key

- 2 29A 270
- 12X 13X 77 272
- 14 78
- 28 79 Southdowns Way
- 29 Bluebell Railway

For routes in grey go to www.traveline.info

Current frequency-full timetables are available at buses.co.uk (All journey times are approximate)

Destination	Route	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday and Public holidays	Notes
Steyning Shoreham Brighton Woodingdean Rottingdean	2	Every 20 mins	Every 20 mins	Every 30 mins	Serves Steyning hourly on weekdays and weekends.
Brighton Newhaven Seaford	12	Every 20 mins	Every 20 mins	Every 30 mins	Route 12 serves Seven Sisters & Eastbourne early morning and evening on weekdays and Saturdays. Route 12 also serves Eastbourne all day on Sundays.
Brighton Newhaven Seaford Seven Sisters Eastbourne	12A	Every 20 mins	Every 20 mins	Every 30 mins	Increase in frequency on Routes 12, 12A & 12X from June 2025.
Brighton Newhaven Seaford Seven Sisters Eastbourne	12X	Every 20 mins	Every 20 mins	-	Operates every 30 mins on Sundays and Public Holidays until 26 October.
Brighton Newhaven Seaford Seven Sisters Beachy Head Eastbourne	13X	-	-	Every 30 mins	
Brighton Lewes Ringmer Hailsham Eastbourne	28	Up to 3 buses per hour to Lewes and 2 per hour to Eastbourne	Up to 3 buses per hour to Lewes and 2 per hour to Eastbourne	Every 60 mins	
Brighton Lewes Uckfield Crowborough Tunbridge Wells	29	2 per hour	2 per hour	1 per hour	
Brighton Lewes Uckfield Heathfield	29A	1 per hour	1 per hour	1 per hour	
Brighton Devils Dyke	77	1 per hour between 9 June and 29 August	1 per hour	1 per hour	Every 45 minutes from 27 April with two additional journeys from 8 June when service becomes daily.
Brighton Stanmer Park	78	1 per hour	1 per hour	1 per hour	
Brighton Ditchling Beacon	79	-	1 per hour	1 per hour	
Brighton Haywards Heath East Grinstead	270	1 per hour	1 per hour	3 per day	
Brighton Haywards Heath Wakehurst Place Crawley	272	Approx every 2 hours	Approx every 2 hours	-	
Brighton Hassocks Handcross Crawley	273	1 per hour	1 per hour	1 per hour	

Great value fares

The easiest way to travel by bus is with contactless. Simply tap on and then tap off after every journey. No need to plan ahead or buy tickets in advance. Fares are capped meaning you can make as many journeys as you like in one day and only pay up to the price of a daily **citySAVER** or **networkSAVER**, depending on which zone you travel in. The citySAVER zone has now been extended to include Devil's Dyke, Stanmer Park, and Ditchling Beacon.

If you are travelling with others, check out the great value fares we have available for families and groups of two and four people. The best value fares can be found on the Brighton & Hove Buses app, and up to four kids go free with a fare paying adult or concessionary pass holder in Brighton & Hove. Additionally, anybody under 19 travelling unaccompanied will pay just 50p for journeys within the Brighton & Hove city area after 6pm, on weekends and school holidays.

Free travel for journeys that are within Stanmer Park. For example Stanmer Park entrance to Stanmer Village.

Check out our website for further offers and details www.buses.co.uk

Discovery tickets

Discovery tickets are issued and accepted by most local operators in West Sussex, East Sussex, Surrey, Brighton & Hove and East Hampshire.

Adult Discovery fare is £10.
Child Discovery fare is (aged 5-15) £8.
Family Discovery (up to five people with a minimum of one adult and a maximum of 2 adults) **is £20.**
 Other exclusions may apply. Check with the operator. Prices may change.

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