

SID & FLOSS's EASY- ACCESS PLACES - waterside HATCHET POND



Sat nav. coordinates
Ordnance survey coordinates

50°48'50" N 01°28'40" W
SU 019 369

Hatchet Pond is situated 1.25 miles west of Beaulieu on the B3055.

FACILITIES

Large Car park - one Blue Badge space at toilets. Approximately 12 spaces look directly over the Pond.

Toilets - yes, with a separate disabled toilet.

Seat - 3 wooden benches with backs at intervals along the northern edge of the Pond.

Refreshments - there is often an ice cream van at the car park, or excellent food in nearby Beaulieu.

SID SAYS; Hatchet Pond is the largest area of fresh water in the New Forest. It is very beautiful and can be enjoyed without leaving the car. This is a good area for picnics, or just to sit and enjoy the view.



There is an easy walk from the car park of up to 3kms. return (1.9 miles) along the northern and then the western edge of the Pond on a good grass or gravel surface. It is not possible to go all around the lake with wheels, as it is very boggy at the southern end, and there are several small streams to cross. Difficulty level **1 - 2**

There is another easy walk up to 1.5km. return (1mile) to the east and south of the Pond to the coarse fishing area, but there is some noise here from the nearby B3054.

The path goes towards the Hatchet Moor car park where there are two smaller ponds. This car park has no facilities but it is quieter than the main car park and also excellent for picnics and views. Difficulty level **2**.

Surveyed on 2nd. September 2010.