

Guidance for Access to St Nicholas, on Thorney Island

To get access through the security gatehouse requires me to submit a list to the Army two working days before your arrival. You and your adult guests will need to have photo Id while on the base, in case of challenge. Only drivers will need to sign in and receive a day pass for their car at the gatehouse. This day-pass is displayed in the windscreen and returned at the kiosk on departure. Therefore, please can you send me:

Surname:	Driver 1st Name (as on Id)	Car Reg:
Others in your car:		
Address & Postcode	Contact No.	

Introduction

St Nicholas sits within an active MoD Army base, so access and parking are strictly controlled. Due to heavy plant and troop movements, care and discipline should be maintained while travelling through the base to St Nicholas on the East side, where there is a more relaxed atmosphere, though parking is only permitted in designated places, not in streets or roads. Please do not come if you or your passengers have Covid symptoms.

Directions

Thorney Island base is off the A259 east of Emsworth. Coming from Fareham on the M27, take the A27 to Chichester and then exit at the 2nd junction marked Emsworth (it comes up quickly after the 1st - there is no other for 7miles). At the Emsworth exit, turn right under the A27 on to Emsworth. [If coming from Chichester, just a left at the Emsworth Exit]. Go through Emsworth and go straight-on over its roundabout and up the hill past the ponds. The turning to Thorney island is marked 'Baker Barracks' at the top of the rise. Proceed down to the barrier and pull into the lay-by on the left before the gatehouse.

At the Gatehouse

The driver must park in the layby and go into the gatehouse with their own photo Id (Driving License, Passport Bus Pass etc) and state your business. You may have a photo taken for the MoD Site Records. The gatehouse should have your details, but if there is a problem, be clear that there is an access list for your visit to St Nicholas Church at the time and date with a contact number. You should receive a day-pass to display all the time you are on the base and should be returned at the barrier when you leave. On occasions, cars visiting have been searched. This is a normal occurrence if there is a security alert. Please be polite as the guys/gals on the gate keep us all safe.

From the Gatehouse

You are only authorised to visit St Nicholas Church and designated car parks. Whatever the temptation to visit other areas, you must drive directly to St Nicholas on the designated route with no deviation. Take the first left after the gatehouse to drive past ALL the hangars to turn left at the stables. You must keep to the All-Island 20mph limit here as there are large vehicle and troop movements around the hangars. Look skyward before crossing over the main runway.

Car Parking

The car park is on the right just before the sailing club. Park up and walk down to the sea and along the Coast Path to St Nicholas. There are seats with lovely views on the path and in the Commonwealth War Graves area.

Parking is prohibited on verges, in Church Road or residential streets. Your car may be **impounded** for ordnance inspection/destruction if **not parked** in designated spaces.

The car park is likely to be full on a weekend, so drivers should drop their parties and return past the Officers Mess, take the first right, to park in the overflow car park up on the left. Parking in the road around the sailing club and church is not permitted. Please keep to speed limits.

At St Nicholas

Please have a mask available if coming into St Nicholas. Please use handwash before and after your visit. Be sure to return the day-pass at the barrier,