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DISCOVER NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

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The New Forest is England's newest National Park. In this beautiful book, the first comprehensive guide to be published since the setting up of the National Park, the author and photographer explore the Forest's landscapes and introduce the people who live and work there.

The National Park is special for its landscapes, its wildlife and its cultural heritage. It is a remarkable place, where ancient traditions of land management are practised everyday to support an intriguing landscape and way of life.

The Open Forest, with its ponies and open spaces, may look wild but it is cared for as much as any other landscape. How this lovely area is managed is explained so that everyone can understand and enjoy what makes it special. The New Forest has a living language unique to its landscapes and rural economy, and this book tells the reader what these words mean and how they are used.

The Open Forest is only part of the New Forest. There is also the coast, the Avon Valley, and an ancient countryside of woods and fields. The authors' hope is that their book will inspire you to go out and discover the whole of the New Forest National Park for yourself.



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Clive is interested in the nature and landscapes of extensive grazing economies together with the communities they support. He writes on nature conservation issues and conservation land management, and has had many articles published in various specialist and academic journals. He enjoys joining others in discovering wildness in nature. Outside work, Clive grows vegetables, studies natural history and plays musical instruments.



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Rhinefield House.



The rolling heathlands of the Open Forest at Stone Quarry Bottom near Godshill.



Commoners at a drift.



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