

Fernhurst Furnace was a charcoal fired blast furnace and is situated about 1km west of Fernhurst village. It lies in woodland and comprises a dam and pond, a blast furnace and associated wheel pits, water channels, a casting pit and a large quantity of slag heaps.

The site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and is within the South Downs National Park. There are water features, coppiced woodland and the remains of associated shanty accommodation in the wider landscape beyond the scheduled area.

The site was historically known as North Park Furnace and is one of the most complete charcoal-fired blast furnaces surviving from the once thriving Wealden iron industry. It operated from the C16 to C18, and dendrochronology has dated elements from the site indicating a construction date of 1560, making it one of the earliest sites in the western Weald.

The site finally fell into disuse around 1780 but the northern sluice gate collapsed in 1928 and was reconstructed in concrete during WWII in 1941. The pond and western part of the dam is owned by the Cowdray Estate and the furnace, wheel pit, casting pit and eastern-part of the dam has been owned by the Hollist Estate since 1793.

Recently, in 2018 further ground investigations took place before the commencement of the major Repair Project in 2021 and completed in May 2022. This work was principally funded by Historic England, Natural England and a charitable trust with input from the FF Preservation Group and WIRG.

Please make a generous **donation**
to help preserve this place for future generations to learn and enjoy.

You may also show your support by becoming a member of the *Friends of Fernhurst Furnace*. Forms are at the display tent or online.

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FERNHURST FURNACE

OPEN WEEKEND

14 & 15 September 2024 | 10:30 - 17:00

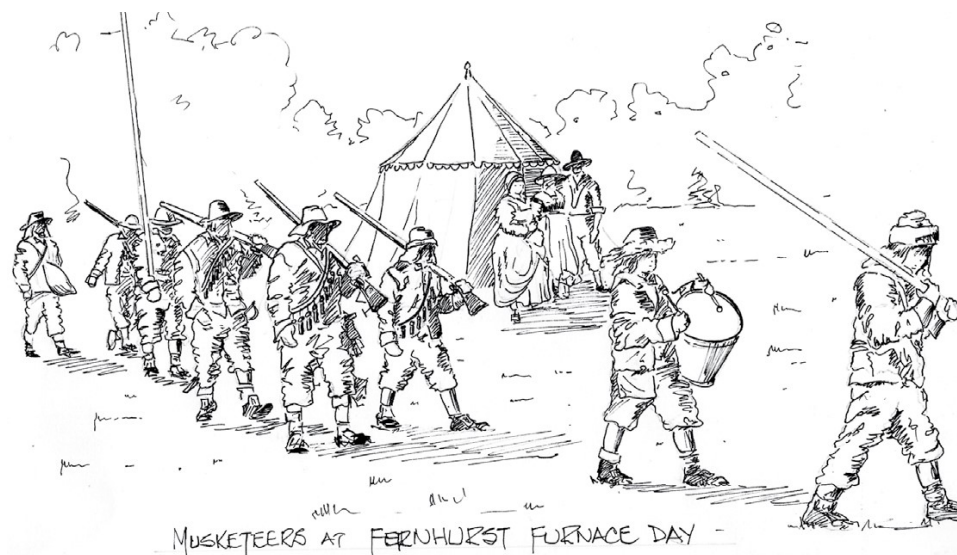
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FREE ENTRY

please make a generous donation



Displays and Activities

Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group	Display and all enquiries
Butser Ancient Farm	Educational display
Sealed Knot	Parade, skirmish and demonstrations by Sir Marmaduke Rawdon's Regiment of Foote
Guided walks of Fernhurst Furnace	Tours and talk of the historical site
Gosport Living History Society	17th Century living history experience
Wealden Iron Research Group	Expert knowledge on the iron industry in the Sussex, Kent and Surrey Weald
Ordnance Society	History of ordnance and artillery
Blacksmithing	Demonstrations by Simon Bushel
Walking Sticks	The Whittling Woodpecker, Ken Wood
Chestnut Carving	A variety of products by Rosie Watkins
Coppice Products	Handmade items by Chris Letchford
'The Spinsters'	Local ladies spinning circle
Den Building	(In the woods off the track)
Aunt Sally	(On the track to the pond)
Petersfield Archery	Your chance to practice target archery
South Downs Folk Singers	Joyful songs from the South Downs
Roast Lamb and Veggie Potato Curry	
Dylan's Ice Cream	
Rural Beer Tent	
Cake Stall	
Bacon butties and tea from the Scouts	

Events

Time	Event	Location
10:30	Gates open	
11:00	Tour of furnace [by Robin]	Furnace site
11:45	Sealed Knot parade and demonstrations	Arena
12:00	Tour of furnace [by Robin]	Furnace site
12:30	Lamb lunch available	Track to pond
13:00	Tour of furnace [by Sam]	Furnace site
14:00	Tour of furnace [by Sam]	Furnace site
15:30	Sealed Knot - Civil War Skirmish	Arena
16:00	Tour of furnace [by Pat]	Furnace site
17:00	Event closes	
All day	Cakes	Main Field
	Beer	Track to the pond
	Ice Cream	Main Field

Important Stuff



Event coordinator:
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Site postcode:
GU27 3NJ



W3W address:
outreach.appetite.trickling



First Aid:
Furnace DisplayTent
and Beer Tent



Dog owners

Keep dogs on leads at all times.

Please be aware of muskets
and cannon being fired.

Spare poo bags are available at
the furnace display tent.