



The central control mound of Yew Tree Heath Heavy AA Battery as it is today.



One of the earth mounds covering one of the gun pits at Yew Tree Heath Heavy AA Battery as it is today.



Trig point is a surveying point on high ground: a land surveyor's reference point on high ground, usually marked by a stone pillar set into the ground



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5km

YEW TREE HEATH

HISTORY OF WORLD WAR 2

KEY

 = Road crossing

 = Route

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Admire the ponies without getting too close!

Ponies are extremely protective of their young. Never stand between a mare and its foal. Be aware that ponies gallop and may move very quickly!

Angry ponies will kick or bite when threatened.

OTHER ROUTES



9km

GURNETFIELD FURZEBRAKE



19km

DENNYWOOD / PARKHILL INCLOSURE



21km

ELING



28km

DENNYWOOD / PARKHILL INCLOSURE/
BEAULIEU

Yew Tree Heath car park

This concrete road was laid during the Second World War), to connect some military buildings (Royal Air Force on a high point of heath land with the nearby road. It is now used as an access road to the Forestry Commission's Yew Tree Heath car park. This view is looking along the road to the junction with the tarmac road, with the trees of Ferny Crofts in the distance. Either side of the road there are some concrete foundations of the military buildings that have now been levelled and partly grassed over.

Points of interest



This is an interesting route because of the history relating to World War 2. There are foundations of 4 Anti-Aircraft guns that are now mostly covered by grass and soil and beyond that there is a good view of open heath land.

Yew Tree Heath was a Heavy Anti-Aircraft (HAA) battery built on the high ground east of Beaulieu Road. War diary entries show that the site was designated S.16 and housed four 3-inch AA guns when activated in 1939. These were replaced by 3.7 inch guns later in the war.

