



Welcome to Racehill Community Orchard



Racehill Community Orchard is an open space that anyone can enjoy; for dog-walking, rambling, picnics or enjoying nature. There are over 200 fruit trees and thousands of native hedgerow plants on this site.



▲ Early summer: a stunning view towards the Channel and the iconic mast on Whitehawk Hill



▲ Autumn is apple-pressing time!



--- Orchard boundary
..... Informal pathways



▲ Late Spring: Rose-bay Willowherb – wild food and medicine



▲ Late summer sunset

Local and sustainable food

Orchards are a good way of producing food locally in a way that is sustainable over many years. With careful selection of varieties and using traditional storage methods, fresh locally grown apples can be available from August to April. Techniques such as bottling can be used to preserve apples for eating during the rest of the year.



▲ A mulching we will go... ►



▲ Mulching helps keep in moisture and suppress weeds



▲ Keeping warm in Winter!

Volunteering at the Orchard

Want to get fit, meet new friends, learn new skills? We hold regular volunteer days & events that anyone can join.

For more information visit:
www.racehillorchard.org.uk
Or call: 07746 185927



▲ Planting the first tree



▲ Sometimes you just have to run for shelter and a hot cup of tea!

Fruit trees have grown on Whitehawk Hill for up to 5,500 years. In 1929 archaeologists found traces of pear tree in samples of ancient charcoal excavated from the Neolithic site further along the ridge.



Racehill Community Orchard is a project of Brighton Permaculture Trust in partnership with local residents, Brighton & Hove Food Partnership and Brighton & Hove City Council.