

Take the lead in responsible behaviour

Dogs are good companions, but please remember that they can disturb birds, wildlife and other people enjoying the quiet of the Park.

Some species of birds nest on the ground in the Park or by the lake and may leave their nests if disturbed. Do not let your dog enter any of the ponds or lakes.

Cattle graze in the Park during the summer. Avoid these fields or keep your dog on a lead near livestock.

Dog fouling especially on paths and car parks is offensive, and creates serious health risks. Think of others and remove waste – take it home for disposal or bag it and bin it.

Other walkers, school groups, work parties, joggers, cyclists and anglers may startle your dog or be startled. The car parks are often busy with motorists. Keep your dog on a lead in the car parks and when approaching these groups. Your dog and others will be safer.

Please remember that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul in a public open space and not clean up after it. Fixed penalty fines may apply.

Walking your dog in High Woods Country Park



a guide to help dog
walkers enjoy the
Country Park



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Enjoy...



Country Park Dog Walking Code



High Woods Country Park is a wonderful place to exercise your dog. You are welcome to walk your dog here providing you keep it close by and under control.

Many local people and visitors take advantage of the unspoiled landscape to exercise their dogs and enjoy the fresh air. Most dog walkers respect the Park and act responsibly. We want to protect the Park and ensure that it remains beautiful and safe for everyone who visits.

With this in mind, we have put together a code of conduct for dog walking. If you follow the code, you will enjoy yourself and allow other people to enjoy their activities too.



Help us to keep the Park a special place. Please follow the Code:



- If your dog does not come back on command, keep it on a lead.
- Keep your dog on a lead in the car parks, around the Visitor Centre, near livestock, runners and cyclists. You may be asked by a park ranger to put it on a lead.
- A dog out of sight may be out of control. Do not allow it to disturb or chase wildlife or livestock.
- Prevent your dog from fouling on footpaths, around the lake area and the car parks. Wherever it fouls, clean it up – bins are situated at entrances and car parks.
- Don't allow your dog to interfere with other park visitors and spoil their visit
- Do not let your dog enter any of the ponds or lakes.
- Keep well away from any work taking place in the Park, educational groups and picnickers.
- Report any incidents involving dogs to park rangers.

On your visit to the park please...



Guard - against all risk of fire

Protect - trees, plants and wildlife

Leave - things as you find them

Take - nothing away except your litter

Keep - the dog walking code

