

Respect, protect and enjoy!

Code of Conduct for Dog Walkers



Please follow the Countryside Code:

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



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Bracknell Forest is a wonderful place to go walking with plenty of unspoilt places to explore. To ensure that the landscape remains beautiful and safe for everyone to enjoy please follow the guidance below.

Health: Help protect your dog from diseases like canine parvovirus and kennel cough by vaccinating them in accordance with veterinary best practice. Further guidance is available from your local vet or the RSPCA.

Identification: Dogs in a public place are legally required to 'wear a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed on the collar or on a plate or badge attached to it'.¹ Ideally all dogs should be chipped to allow prompt return if lost. (This will be a legal requirement in 2016.) To report lost or found dogs during office hours contact our Customer Services on tel: 01344 352000. During 'out of office' hours, use this same number and select Option 2.

Fouling: Faeces can spread disease - any dog having a 'poo' in the park must have a watchful owner to bag and bin the waste (our bins are suitable for litter and dog waste). You can report dog fouling using our 'Report a street cleansing issue form'. It is an offence² to allow your dog to foul in a public place without clearing it up. If you witness a person failing to pick up after their dog has fouled, a fixed penalty notice can be issued to the offender if you complete our 'Dog fouling witness statement form' and return it to our Environmental Protection Team. Forms available at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/dogcontrol

Behaviour: Please be considerate to others and keep your dog under control. Any dog 'off-lead' must not jump up at strangers and must return to its owner when called. Dogs are not permitted in playgrounds. For your dog's safety, please don't allow them to approach livestock and take special care when walking where there are likely to be ground nesting birds, such as in heathland areas.

Our parks and countryside rangers liaise with dog owners in order to promote this code of conduct and ensure it is followed. Questions you might be asked include:

1. Which vet is your dog registered with and has it been vaccinated?
2. Can I see a spare poo bag please to demonstrate you are ready to pick-up?
3. Can you please summon your dog for me (if it is let off the lead) to say hello?



Responsible dog ownership is taken seriously for the benefit of all users Of parks and countryside sites.

Great places to walk your dog include:

- Ambarrow Court
- Englemere Pond
- Garth Meadows
- Horseshoe Lake
- Larks Hill
- Lily Hill Park
- Longhill Park
- Pope's Meadow
- Shepherd Meadows

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¹ Control of Dogs Order 1992
² The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act

Help us to keep Bracknell Forest a special place.

Dog walkers pledge

I hereby volunteer to promote responsible dog walking in the borough.



1. I will clean up after my dog and dispose of the waste in a bin.
2. When others walk my dog I will ask them to clean up after my dog.
3. I will keep my dog under control so that it's either on-lead or returns when called.
4. My dog wears a collar with my name and address inscribed on the collar or on a plate or badge attached to it.
5. I will follow the Countryside Code.

Please complete (in print) the following section and return to us at the address below. Forms can also be handed in at South Hill Park reception and borough libraries.

Your name Dog's name.....

Areas where I walk my dog.....

Signed..... Date.....

If you are interested in receiving information about our park events then please provide us with your contact details:

Email / Tel

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The information you have provided will be used for the purpose of this service only. If the information on this form relates to an organisation which is providing a service on behalf of the Council it may be shared with that organisation in order to deal with your enquiry or complaint. Otherwise we will not disclose any information about you to outside organisations or third parties without your consent, unless there is a legal requirement to do so.