



The Countryside Code



Be Safe – plan ahead and follow any signs

It's best to get the latest information about where and when you can go. For example, your rights to go onto Forestry land may be restricted while work is carried out for safety reasons. Check the weather forecast and wear suitable clothing and footwear. Follow advice and local signs, and be prepared for the unexpected.

Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees

Leave gates and property as you find them

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage, and safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

Keep dogs under control

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

Consider other people

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone – at home, at work and at leisure.



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