

Dartington

Dogs on the estate *follow our lead*

The Dartington Hall Estate attracts over 250,000 visitors every year and we're delighted that dogs and their owners are among those visitors.

We welcome dogs onto the estate but we ask that visitors with dogs follow the Countryside Code, and our own guidance, as they explore this beautiful area.





The Dartington Hall Estate

Key

1. The Great Hall
2. The White Hart
3. Barn Cinema
4. The Roundhouse café
5. The Granary
6. Print Workshop & Bindery
7. The Green Table café
8. Higher Close
9. Warren Lane
10. Dynamic Adventures
11. Park School
12. Chirmels
13. Blacklers
14. The Hex & Gyrinastium
15. Aller Park
16. Spoce
17. Foxhole
18. Lower Tweed Mill
19. The Shops at Dartington
20. Old Parsonage Farm (Dartington Dairy)
21. Schumacher College
22. Dartington Church
23. Woodlands Yard
24. Webbers Way
25. School Farm
26. Visitor Centre
27. Symon's Tree Field (campsite)
28. Sirona Therapeutic Horsemanship

● Location of dog bins

Access

Dogs are not permitted in the Dartington Hall Gardens. Elsewhere on the estate, all dogs must be kept under close control and on leads around livestock and between 1 March - 31 July (ground-nesting birds season).

- | Amenities | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| | Main road | | Parking |
| | Estate road | | Shops |
| | Footpath (public & permissive) | | Food & Drink |
| | National Cycle Path (Access for All) | | Play Area |
| | Dog Off Lead Areas (Access for All) | | Campsite |
| | Queen's Marsh Wetlands | | Deer Park |
| | Deer Park | | Deer Viewing Areas |



Please keep your dog:

- *out of the gardens*
- *on the path*
- *on a lead around all livestock*
- *on a lead in car parks and on pavements*
- *on a short lead during ground nesting bird season: 1 March -31 July*
- *under control*
- *this means in sight and returning to you promptly on command*

Please pick up after your dog

Why are we asking you to do this?

• **We like wildlife.** We work hard to create conservation spaces for wildlife on the estate, providing a home to species such as otters, kingfishers and cirl buntings. By staying to the paths and keeping your dog on a lead during ground nesting bird season, you help to preserve this estate as a wildlife habitat.

• **We like our farm animals to be alive and healthy.** Being chased by a dog can cause livestock huge amounts of stress and physical injury in the act of trying to escape, both of which can be fatal. Just being chased can be enough to cause a ewe to miscarry her lamb, for example.

Similarly, dog faeces can contain diseases such as neosporosis, which can cause abortions in cattle, and sarcocystosis, which can cause neurological disease and death in sheep.

• **We like everyone to enjoy their time on the estate.** We have agricultural tenants, a school, a college, businesses and privately rented properties. The estate has an extensive network of permitted paths and we therefore ask people to make use of them in consideration to other users. Not everyone is a dog person and children in particular can find dogs intimidating so please bear this in mind when you come across others during your walk. Please always remember to clear up after your dog - thank you.

• **We like dogs.** Keep your dogs on leads in carparks and on walkways to reduce the risk of them being hit by a vehicle or causing an accident. Livestock can also pose a risk, particularly if your dog is in a position where they feel it is a threat to them. In the unlikely event that your dog is chased by cattle or horses, please let it off the lead to allow them to move away quickly. Don't put yourself in harm's way protecting your dog, it will be much safer if it can run away and so will you. If dogs are not under control, farmers can take action to protect their livestock. This may include placing the dog in an animal shelter for collection by the owner. But also be aware that the law permits a farmer to shoot a dog that threatens their animals.



Photos:

*One of Dartington's farm tenants keeps his dog 'Custard' on a lead
This sheep (above) was a victim of a previous dog attack on the estate
Undisturbed sheep (left) graze happily on the estate*

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