

We hope that you and your dog enjoy Epping Forest but please remember:

Your dog, your responsibility

As the owner of a dog, you have public liability in the event of an accident or damage resulting from the actions of your animal.

Do not let your dog disturb other visitors

Not everyone is confident around dogs so please do not allow your dog to approach people in the Forest. If another Forest user expresses concern or requests that you keep your dog under control, please do so.

Keep your dog under effective control

Dogs must be in sight at all times and return immediately when called or be kept on a lead.

Your dog must not disturb any wildlife or other animals.

Clean up after your dog

Please think about the others who walk, play and work here.

Information, maps, leaflets & events

The Epping Forest Visitor Centre provides interesting and informative displays about the Forest. There is also a small shop within the Centre where maps, books and leaflets can be purchased. Look out for the suite of Forest Walk leaflets which provide suggestions for walks of varying lengths.

Regular guided walks are held throughout the year and well-behaved dogs on a lead are welcome on most of these.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Visitor Centre.

Well behaved dogs are welcome



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SOME IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency 24hr call out	020 8532 1010
Epping Forest Visitor Centre	020 8508 0028
Superintendent's Office	020 8532 1010
Website	www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/epping
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EPPING FOREST

You & Your Dog



Welcome to Epping Forest

Enjoying the Forest with your dog

Stretching for over 19km (12 miles) from east London into south-west Essex, Epping Forest is London's largest public open space. Owned by the City of London since 1878, Epping Forest consists of 2,476 hectares (6,118 acres) of ancient woodland, wetland, heathland, grassland and secondary woodland.

Epping Forest is a popular area for walkers and well behaved dogs with their owners are welcome.

Lost dogs

Should you lose your dog in Epping Forest, as well as notifying the local police and dog wardens, please also inform the Forest Keeper Service, tel. 020 8532 1010 (24hrs).

Your dog & the Forest Byelaws

Like all our visitors, dog walkers must adhere to the Epping Forest Byelaws. The following byelaws relate to dogs in the Forest:

- Your dog must be under effective control (Byelaw 3 (36)). Your dog is not under control if it does not come back to you when you call it. It must also wear a collar with your name and contact details on it.
- Hunting with dogs is not allowed (Byelaw 3 (37)). To enforce this, greyhound, whippet or cross-breeds of these types of dog must be muzzled at all times.
- Dog racing and training (other than in basic obedience) is not allowed (Byelaw 3 (38)).
- Your dog must not worry or chase any bird or animal (Byelaw 3 (39)). This includes deer, cattle and horses.



Dogs and other animals

Deer and other wildlife

Your dog should not disturb any wildlife including rabbits, squirrels, birds and deer. Please be aware that although not always seen, deer may be present. Many deer are killed on Forest roads each year and several of these accidents are caused by dogs chasing or disturbing them.



Cattle

English Longhorn cattle graze on the Forest during the summer months. When near the cattle, please keep your dog on a lead. Do not allow your dog to run amongst or disturb the cattle.

Horses

There is an extensive network of horserides criss-crossing Epping Forest. Please ensure that your dog is kept under control near horses. Do not allow your dog to approach any horse. Your dog may frighten the horse which could lead to accident and injury to both horse and rider. Also your dog will be at great risk of being kicked or trampled on by a horse.



**If in doubt please
KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD**



Fouling

Certain areas of the Forest are designated for specific recreational uses including sports pitches, tea huts, village greens and easy access paths. Whilst you are welcome to enjoy these areas, we do ask you to clear up after your dog. Dog waste bins have been provided in some areas and the local authorities will enforce their powers to issue fixed penalties to people who fail to clear up after their pets. Please be aware of the notices provided.

Unlike wild animals, dogs have a processed diet and the faeces that they leave behind in our woodlands and on our grasslands and heathlands are rich in nitrogen and phosphorus. This changes the composition of the soil and limits the variety of plant species which can grow and the insects that they can support. Typically the most common species thrive and the rarities are pushed out.

