



Shropshire's
**GREAT
OUTDOORS**



**Severn Valley
Country Park**

Welcoming Dogs to Severn Valley Country Park



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With 126 acres to explore, Severn Valley Country Park is a great day out for all the family. Dogs love exploring the park too! There are so many new smells to sniff and meadows and woods to run around.

When visiting it is always best to follow [The Countryside Code](#) to Respect—Protect—Enjoy.

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



Where can my dog go?

Dogs are allowed off lead, under close control across most of the park.

By 'under close control' we mean:

- Your dog will return to you at the first call
- You can see your dog at all times
- Your dog will not approach other visitors without their consent
- Your dog will be on a lead around livestock and other wildlife

Not all visitors to the park like dogs and some are frightened of them. Keeping your dog under close control helps make all visitors have an enjoyable day out. Dogs can be nervous of each other. If you see another dog on a lead, please respect that they may need their space. There are more details at www.respectthelead.com

During the year, there may be livestock (sheep or cows) in Spring Pieces Meadow, Jack's Meadow, the Riverside Meadows and the Toposcope Field Meadow. [Click here for a map of the park.](#) If livestock does charge, The Countryside Code advises that you let go of your dog's lead and make your way quickly to safety.

Is there anywhere my dog can't go?

At Severn Valley Country Park, there are a few areas we ask that dogs don't go. These areas are well signposted and include:

- Easy Access Nature Trail and Wetlands
- Toposcope Field Meadow
- Sand Pit Children's Play Area
- Wooden Boat Play Area

In the Easy Access Nature Trail, the Wetlands and the Toposcope Field Meadow we are working to encourage ground nesting birds including skylarks to take residence and nest. To help ensure the birds are given the best opportunity and remain undisturbed we ask that dogs do not go in these areas.

Water stops...

Outside the visitor centre, there are water bowls for our four-legged visitors to take a drink after exploring the park.

Please scoop the poop!

Dog poo is extremely unpleasant and can cause infections. It contains a number of things which can make people ill including roundworm (*Toxocara Canis*). If roundworm eggs are swallowed it can result in a range of symptoms from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In some cases, eyesight can be damaged. The risk to human health is small but can be reduced by always clearing up after your dog.



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Dog Poo bags are provided free of charge. A dispenser can be found in the main car park. There are many bins around the park, and you can put dog poo bags in any of them.

Please bag and bin the poop. We ask that you don't leave poo bags at the side of footpaths or in trees and bushes around the park.

It is an offence (under the Clean Neighbourhoods Act) not to clean up after your dog in a public place with possible fines up to £1000. [More information can be seen here.](#)

Thank you for helping keep Severn Valley Country Park a safe place for all our visitors.



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