



Dogs in parks and the countryside
07 May 2009
Worcester Woods Country Park, Worcester

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Target Audience

The event will be of interest to policy makers, managers and front-line staff of organisations that manage parks, countryside sites, access land and public rights of way, particularly where high levels of use by dog owners requires sensitive and effective management to minimise negative impacts without alienating a significant and potentially vociferous user group.

By attending this event participants will:

- * learn about a variety of new approaches to managing access for walkers with dogs.
- * better understand the access needs and aspirations of dog owners
- * identify current deficiencies in access management that exacerbate problems
- * understand how principles of behavioural theory will help them develop the most effective management approaches.

There are 50 places available on this seminar

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Delegate Fee: £150

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A copy of the conference proceedings publication is also included in the price

More information about the event/ venue will be sent to you prior to the event.

Cancellations: Refunds (less 25% cancellation fee) will only be made for written cancellations received before 23rd April 2009.

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Background:

Most managers of parks, countryside sites and public right of ways will tell you that visitor surveys frequently cite "walking the dog" as the main reason for visiting and "dog fouling" as the main one that deters them.

There are over 7 million dogs in Britain with as many as 1 in 4 households owning a dog. Dogs bring a great deal of pleasure to many people and perform a valuable role in providing friendship for people who live alone, assistance to people with restricted vision or health problems and an incentive for an increasingly sedentary population to get off the couch and visit the local park or countryside. However, problems with fouling, livestock, ground-nesting birds and attacks on other dogs or people present regular challenges to most site managers.

Aims of the event:

The aim of this event is to:

- * raise awareness of the scale of the issue
- * provide an insight into the dog owners' perspective
- * give an update on the legal position
- * share good practice

**Chair: Andy Maginnis, Acting Countryside Manager,
Worcestershire County Council, CRN**

- 09.30 Registration and refreshments
- 10.00 Introduction and welcome by Chair - Andy Maginnis- Worcestershire County Council
- 10.15 The user's perspective from the Kennel Club's Access Advisor - Stephen Jenkinson- Kennel Club Access Advisor
- 10.45 Assessment of Perceptions Behaviours and Understanding of Walkers with Dogs in the Countryside study Maxine Gregory - Sport Industry Research Centre
- 11.15 Refreshments
- 11.45 Illustrating the importance of the "Dog Walking" market using FC/SNH/CCW Surveys as example - Duncan Stewart-TNS
- 12.15 Q&A with morning speakers
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.30 Welcome back from the Chair
- 13.45 Case study 1- FC work on managing dogs - Paddy Harrop - Forestry Commission
- 14:15 Case study 2 - Jo Hale - Hampshire County Council
- 14:45 Case study 3 - Paws on the Moors project - Dan Boys - Moors for the Future
- 15:15 Q&A with afternoon speakers
- 15:45 Summary
- 16.00 CLOSE