

Epsom & Walton Downs



Dog Owners - Code of Guidance



Epsom & Walton Downs welcomes responsible dog walkers. Follow our simple code of conduct to ensure that your visit to the Downs is pleasant and safe experience for everyone.

- Please keep your dog(s) under effective control. Your dog should be in sight at all times and come immediately when called or be kept on a lead.
- Please do not let your dog(s) disturb other visitors
- Please do not let your dog(s) chase or disturb horses, wildlife or livestock
- Please clear up after your dog(s). Bagged dog waste can be disposed of in a normal litter bin or in a dog bin
- Please ensure that your dog(s) has a collar and identity tag with your contact details clearly marked. Ideally have your dog(s) micro-chipped
- Regular worming protects your dog(s), people and many other animals.

The Epsom & Walton Downs Byelaws (2005), advises that dogs on the Downs should be under proper control and not allowed to annoy, worry or disturb any person or animal.

This Byelaw was made primarily in the interest of the safety of horses and riders, particularly the highly strung thoroughbred racehorses which are trained on the Downs. Epsom's reputation as a racehorse training centre, built up over the centuries, could be put in jeopardy if dogs are not kept under proper control and are allowed to worry or disturb the horses exercising on the Downs. The main horse riding areas are shown in pink and blue on the map which is displayed by the side of all approach roads to the Downs and in the car parks. Particular care is needed to control dogs near the all weather training tracks, the sand tracks and on Walton Downs near Epsom Lane North.

The Downs are used for many conflicting purposes (for example, horse riding, horse racing, walking, flying model aircraft, kite flying and picnics) and the cooperation of dog owners is sought to ensure that their animals do not interfere with others and to avoid the Conservators having to resort to formal legal proceedings to enforce the Byelaws. Please cooperate by helping the Conservators and their staff to maintain the Downs for the benefit and the enjoyment of all.



Frances Rutter
Clerk to the Conservators
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