



Dog Traffic Lights At Lorton Meadows Nature Reserve



Dogs Welcome 😊

Due to a very sad incident previously and for the safety of dogs and their owners, we would advise dog walkers **not** to walk their dogs through the fields where the cows and bull are grazing – indicated by the red areas on the map.

When walking through **all** gates, please pay attention to the signage – red, amber or green. Please shut all gates where indicated, with the rope/chain attached to the gate posts, so that the cattle cannot get out.

Red – sorry no dogs

Amber – dogs on leads

Green – dogs under effective control

While you are in the carpark, near the Conservation Centre and on the Lane, please keep your dog on a lead for due to vehicles and cyclists using the area.

Please also keep your dog on a lead while walking through the Site of Special Scientific Interest – the fields shown as orange on the map - to minimise disturbance to wildlife (a legal requirement during the nesting season).

In the areas coloured green on the map we would like dog walkers to keep their dogs under effective control, again to minimise disturbance to wildlife and to be considerate of other walkers and dog walkers visiting the reserve.

Please be aware that the red and green areas will change throughout the year, as the cattle are moved from one field to another to graze the meadows optimally for wildflowers, so please look at the maps/leaflets each time you visit Lorton Meadows.

There are also some small areas of the reserve that we use for school groups and children's holiday/weekend activities, so please do not take dogs into the Picnic Area or Withy Woods, also marked in red on the map.

If you notice any problems with cattle, please contact the grazier:

Tim Bowden: 07970 498772 / 07970 498773

If you would like to speak to a member of DWT staff about the reserve management or to report a problem with gates, fences, etc, please phone 01305 816546 or email:

sdallimore@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk.

We welcome dogs and their owners, please follow the code and enjoy your visit.

Doggy Do Code:

- 🌍 Do bag it and bin it – any bin will do!
- 🌍 Do stop your dog from chasing animals.
- 🌍 Do follow requests on signs.
- 🌍 Do respect other visitors & keep your Dog under effective control = in sight and near enough to return when called.
- 🌍 Do protect nesting birds: keep to paths and use a short lead from Feb to Aug.

Dorset Dogs champions positive management for dogs and promotes responsible dog ownership, for more information, events, news and to join for free visit: www.dorsetdogs.org.uk

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Thank you for your cooperation – enjoy your walk 😊