

Useful contacts

If you are concerned about a dogs behaviour or suspect a stray dog please contact:

Herefordshire Council Community Protection Team
please call 01432 260000

In the case of a more serious incident please contact:

West Mercia Police
Tel:0300 333 3000 (non emergency number available 24 hours a day)



QUEENSWOOD
COUNTRY PARK

Herefordshire Council
Parks, Countryside & Leisure Development Service

Queenswood Country Park
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Information for dog owners at Queenswood Country Park



Working in partnership for the people of Herefordshire

Queenswood Country Park welcomes responsible dog owners

Queenswood Country Park has a dogs policy so that the Park is a safe and enjoyable place for **all** visitors, their pets and the local wildlife.

Should you bring your dog, we would like to remind you that you are legally responsible for your dog and its actions for the entirety of your visit.

The Queenswood Dog Policy

Please follow these guidelines during your visit to Queenswood Country Park:

- **Dogs must be kept under control at all times.**
- **No dogs are allowed in the fenced children's play area.**
- **Clear up your dog's mess.**
Dog faeces carry harmful infections including *Toxocariasis*. Please use the dog waste bins provided. Biodegradable dog mess bags are available free from outside the Tourist Information-Toilet block during normal opening hours.



(From 25th October 2010 it will be an offence not to clean up after your dog at all publicly accessible sites across the County, including Queenswood Country Park and you could face a fixed penalty notice of £80 for not doing so.)

- **Do not allow your dog to interfere with other Country Park visitors (or their dogs) and spoil their visit.**
You may know your dog is friendly but the person it runs up to may not - this seemingly innocent action could be deemed "dangerous" under the legislation mentioned below. If in doubt please keep your dog on a lead.

Dog Control Orders

Herefordshire Council Dog Control Orders have been brought in under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

They come into force from 25th October 2010 and Queenswood will be an area in which "The keeping of dogs on leads by direction" will be active.

For more information visit the Council's website:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/environment/animals/45411.asp

The Legal Stuff!

The owner of a dog is responsible for ensuring it is kept under proper control and if it is not then the owner may commit an offence under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or be the subject of a 'complaint' under the Dogs Act 1871.

The council and the police can deal with reported incidents under either piece of legislation with fines and Magistrate's Court appearances subject to investigation, reliable evidence and identification.

Other information for dog owners

Please think about wildlife

During spring and early summer ground nesting birds and other wildlife may be disturbed by dogs allowed to run through the undergrowth in the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) woodlands and arboretum.

Thirsty dog?

There is a drinking bowl behind the public toilets so that you can provide your dog with a drink after its walk.

Forgot your poop scoop bags?

Biodegradable dog mess bags are available free from outside the Tourist Information-Toilet block during normal opening hours.

Dogs die in hot cars

Never leave your dog locked in your car especially during the summer months.