



Dog Walking Policy

Name of Policy	Dog Walking Policy
Aim of Policy	All dogs to be on leads at all times of the year to ensure the safety of livestock, wildlife, and visitors to our sites.
Related Organisational Aims & Objectives	
Intended Audience	Council Members, Staff, Volunteers, and Visitors
Approved By	NAT Council
Date Approved	13/07/2021
Review Cycle	3 years/when policy changes
Review Due Date	July 2024
Individual Responsible for Review	Director
Comments on Last Review	



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The Norfolk Archaeological Trust requires that all dogs be kept on leads throughout the year at all the sites which NAT owns or manages.

We welcome responsible dog owners who enjoy our beautiful sites, and hitherto we have been reluctant to introduce this policy, although many similar organisations have adopted the same policy. Our dog walking policy is established to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable visit at our sites.

Keeping Dogs on Leads

Our sites are sanctuaries for a wide range of wildlife, including wildflowers and ground-nesting birds. All of these are extremely sensitive to disturbance by dogs. To maintain our sites, we are reliant on controlling the grass through grazing by sheep and cattle (and the income from farmers contributes to our charitable funds). Unfortunately, we have had reports of dogs worrying sheep, and visitors being alarmed by dogs running free.

Therefore, we ask you to keep your dog on a lead at all times, to protect your dog as well as visitors, livestock, and wildlife.

Fouling

We have dog waste bins placed around our busiest sites. Please ensure that you bag and bin (or take home with you) any dog waste - this will help to protect visitors, dogs, livestock, and wildlife.

Professional Dog walking

If you use a Norfolk Archaeological Trust site for professional dog walking (i.e., if you are paid to walk someone else's dog), please get in touch. We may be able to issue you with a licence and authorise your commercial use of Norfolk Archaeological Trust land. Please contact info@norfarchtrust.org.uk for further information.