You and your dog

Keswick, Lake District
near Borrowdale Club Campsite
Member photo by Amanda Prescott

A helpful guide to visiting Club campsites with your dog
Dogs are very welcome at all Club campsites

There’s no extra cost to bring your four legged friend along, there are dog walks on many Club campsites, so they make ideal destinations for you and your pet to explore and discover the great outdoors.

Being in the countryside brings its own pet etiquette, so we’ve put together some helpful tips and guides to protect you, your dog, the countryside and fellow guests, so everyone can enjoy the freedom of the great outdoors. Most we’re sure are second nature to you as a dog owner, others are just to ensure you and your dog enjoy your stay.

On the campsite

On arrival, advise the site staff you have a dog(s) staying too, they may be able to recommend an available pitch closer to the dog walk areas (where available) or nearer to the campsite exit to help avoid any accident on shared areas and pitches around the campsite.

We all get excited exploring somewhere new, especially dogs, but please ensure that they are kept under control at all times, for the safety of other guests.

As a responsible dog owner we expect all owners to act in accordance with government guidelines.

Of course your dog can accompany you when walking around Club campsites, however, please exercise them in the designated dog walk area, or off-campsite, and clean up after your dog using the bins provided.

Please keep your dog on a lead less than 2m long at all times when on our campsite (other than in a designated free roaming area). If tethered on your pitch, please ensure that your dog cannot reach the road or your neighbour’s pitch.

Be aware of others around you, not everyone feels comfortable around dogs, especially young children, who can sometimes find them a little frightening. Please try to discourage excessive barking and anti-social behaviour. Make sure you and your dog respect others’ space so everyone can enjoy themselves on the campsite and while exploring the great outdoors.

Dogs can become anxious when lonely or uncomfortable. To minimise this, make sure they have somewhere cool to relax, with good ventilation and access to an ample supply of drinking water if you do have to leave them.

Where possible, please keep your dog with you, especially on hot days. A quick build-up of temperatures in cars, awnings, outfits or tents can be fatal to animals.

Unless you have an assistance dog, dogs aren’t allowed in the reception, information room, toilet blocks, laundry rooms, dishwashing areas, swimming pools or any other buildings.

Exploring the great outdoors

Your site staff are a fantastic source of information about their local area. Why not ask them for advice on great places to take your dog when going off-campsite.

There are miles of public footpaths, bridleways and byways to explore freely with your dog. In open countryside, the law requires dogs to be kept on a lead between 1 March – 31 July and at all times near farm animals.

When venturing out, ensure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it in areas where there are often ticks present, such as woodland, and give your dog a quick check on your return.

If you’re aware your pet has a confirmed contagious condition before your arrival to the campsite, we would ask you not to travel to us until the condition has been fully treated and your dog is feeling better. If your pet is confirmed to have a contagious condition during your stay, we would ask that you inform the site team and vacate the campsite to ensure the safety of other pets staying on the campsite.

If we observe or receive any reports that guidelines are not being followed, we will remind you to adhere to these guidelines for everybody’s comfort. Repeated offences may result in you being asked to leave the campsite.

On the road

During long trips, keep your dog hydrated and comfortable and take a break every few hours to make sure your dog can get a drink and some exercise.
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Sandsend Beach, Yorkshire
near North Yorkshire Moors Club Campsite
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