

WOOLSTON EYES NATURE RESERVE ACCESS WITH DOGS POLICY

Woolston Eyes Conservation group is a charitable organisation run by volunteers and funded entirely from charitable donations, any grants we successfully bid for through the Government and Environmental bodies and the fees from our annual permit renewals.

Unusual for a Nature Reserve we are not against our permit holders accessing the Reserve with dogs. However, we must stress that this concession will be maintained as long as the presence of dogs and their behaviour does not become detrimental to the wildlife we seek to attract and protect, or disturb the enjoyment of our other visitors and work of the numerous scientific survey groups who work on the Reserve.

With this in mind, we ask all our dog owners who wish to bring them on the Reserve to respect some basic conditions;

- **All dogs at all times must be on a lead on parts of the Reserve requiring permit access.**
There are ample public areas to exercise dogs off leads before or after visiting the restricted permit access areas.
- **There are no facilities on the Reserve to cater for the disposal of dog waste. Therefore, we expect all our dog visitors to come prepared and clear away any waste deposited and take it with them when leaving the Reserve and dispose of it in an environmentally friendly way in the bins our councils provide for this purpose.**
These will be some distance from the Reserve and although inconvenient, please do not discard the waste in its plastic wrapping in the neighbouring hedgerows or grassy areas.
- **If your dog is not fully trained, excitable or just not good with other people around please reconsider the merits of bringing them into an area where good control is required.** Noisy dogs even on leads distract and disturb wildlife and other visitors.