



Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

THE COVID-19 COUNTRYSIDE CODE

The over-riding advice is to **stay at home as much as possible; Stay alert, Control the Virus, Save lives.**

We are still actively farming during this time, so please follow the Countryside Code whilst enjoying the outdoors. You can help us by following these guidelines.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE:

- Consider other people while enjoying the outdoors (keep at least two metres away from people as a precaution or one metre when you can mitigate the risk by taking other precautions like walking/sitting side to side instead of face to face with those outside of your household or support bubble);
- Leave gates and property as you find them;
- Keep to marked paths and tracks, do not enter any fields without clearly signposted public access

PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:

- Leave no trace of your visit;
- Please take your litter and dog waste home;
- Keep dogs under effective control. Please keep your dog on a lead and well out of the way where livestock are grazing.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS:

- Plan ahead and be prepared – wear suitable clothing and footwear, consider taking water with you;
- Sites are likely to be busy at certain times of day, if possible try to visit outside of these times;
- Follow advice and local signs.

We all have a responsibility to protect the countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees and try to leave no trace of your visit. When out with your dog make sure it is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, horses, wildlife or other people.

Sources: www.gov.uk Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs Natural England.

