



Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

THE COVID-19 COUNTRYSIDE CODE

The over-riding advice is to **Stay at home, Protect our NHS, Save lives**. You should go out as little as possible and only when it's essential.

If you are able to walk to one of our sites then please follow the advice below.

We are still actively farming during this time, so please follow the Countryside Code whilst taking your daily exercise. Our ranger team is working at slightly reduced capacity dealing with priority safety issues and essential seasonal duties. This may mean that some regular duties might not be covered as quickly as normal. You can help us by following these guidelines.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE:

- Don't drive to take your daily exercise;
- Consider other people while enjoying the outdoors (keep at least two metres apart and in groups of no more than two if from different households);
- Leave gates and property as you find them;
- Keep to marked paths and tracks.

PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:

- Leave no trace of your visit;
- Please take your litter and dog waste home (we may not be able to empty bins as quickly as usual);
- Keep dogs under effective control. Please keep your dog on a lead 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.

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