

**Dogs are very welcome at Crickley Hill, please follow these tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:**

**Make sure your dog is wearing a collar** with your name, address and mobile telephone number.

**Keep dogs in the car until you're ready for your walk.** This keeps dogs safe and helps avoid dog mess in the car parks.

**Use a lead in car parks and around roads.**

**Keep dogs on short leads and under close control from 1 March to 31 July on access land\*.** Please see map overleaf for details.

**Keep dogs on short leads and under close control when cattle are on site.** A map outside the café will show where cattle are grazing. Please note: if cattle approach your dog, you should let go of the lead.

**Crickley Hill is home to lots of wildlife, including adders.** Adders are a protected species and Crickley Hill is home to a growing population. To help protect adders and avoid bites to your dog, keep your dog nearby and in sight. If bitten, stay calm and phone a vet immediately – very few bites are fatal.

**Do not let your dog approach or chase wildlife,** including birds, squirrels, rabbits and deer, as it can cause stress and exhaustion.

**Do not let your dog approach other visitors,** especially children, horse riders and picnickers.

**Dispose of dog mess responsibly.** Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust provides free dog poo bags at the café. Pick up any mess and dispose of it in one of several dog poo bins on site or take it home.

\*Open access land is designated for walking, outdoor recreation, and exploration on foot. At Crickley Hill this means you can go walking, dog walking, running, birdwatching, and picnicking (as long as you take all rubbish home with you). The right to walk across open access land is sometimes restricted, this includes between 1 March and 31 July which is a particularly sensitive time for a variety of breeding animals.

When on access land, you are responsible for your own safety and for making sure that your actions don't cause damage to the wildlife, habitats, or people you encounter.

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# Paws *on the* hill



**Tips for happy dogs at Crickley Hill**

# We welcome dogs, but wildlife needs your help to thrive

It is a legal requirement for dogs to be kept on short leads (two metres or less) on access land between 1 March and 31 July (Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

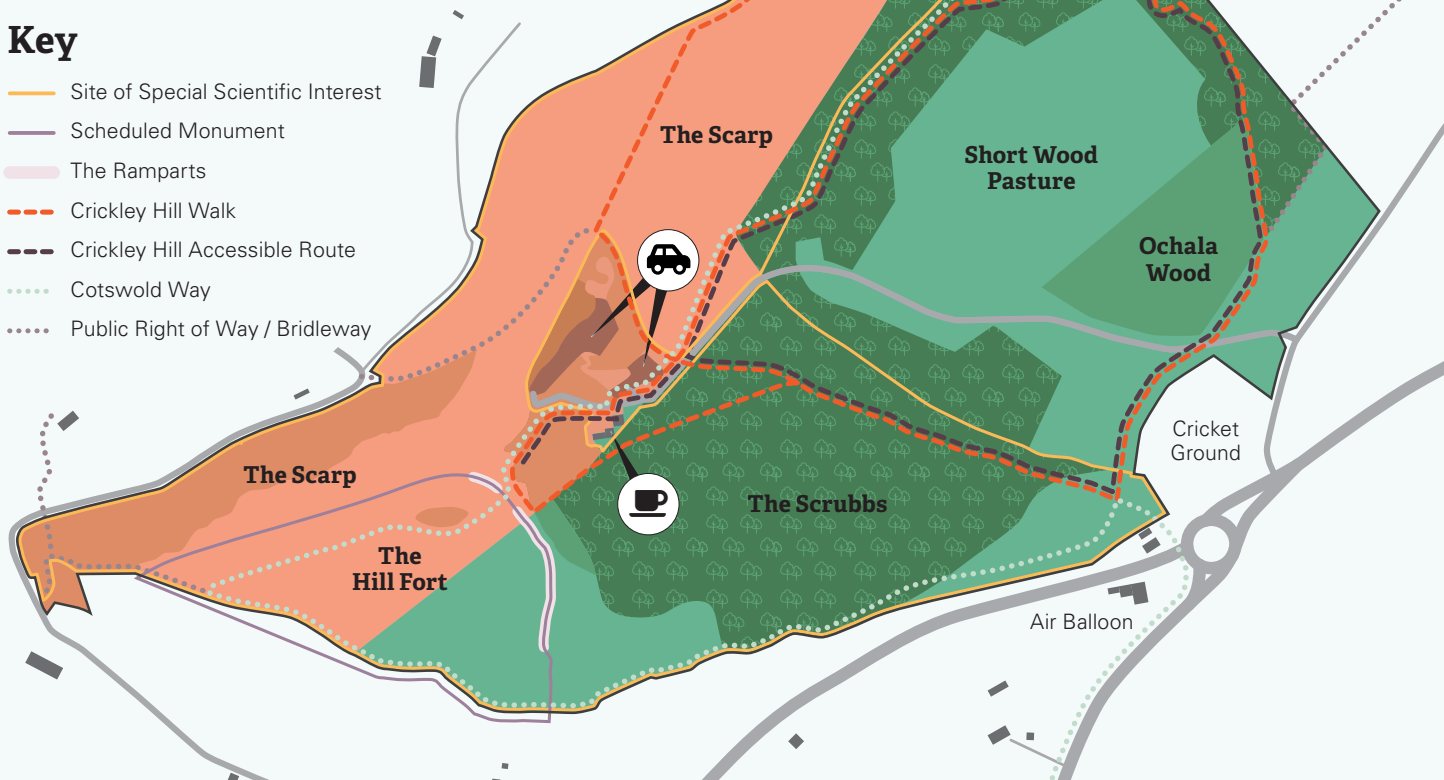
As the weather starts to improve in early spring, a variety of animals including adders, skylarks and yellow hammers are starting to build nests and raise their young (often in very short vegetation).

Unfortunately, even friendly dogs will scare animals away from nests, leaving the young to starve or be eaten by predators. Animals that are repeatedly disturbed by curious dogs can struggle to find enough food for themselves or their young, and may not be able to find a mate.

We've created a map and set of paw symbols to help you identify which areas of Crickley Hill are designated as access land and where dogs can enjoy exercising off the lead between 1 March and 31 July.

## Key

- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Scheduled Monument
- The Ramparts
- - - Crickley Hill Walk
- - - Crickley Hill Accessible Route
- ... Cotswold Way
- ... Public Right of Way / Bridleway



If you have any questions please speak to one of our friendly staff, or call the Crickley Hill wardens' office on 01452 863170

For dog walkers, the café has external undercover seating and cosy blankets. For dogs, the café offers water bowls and handmade treats.

*Look out for the coloured paw symbols on gates and posts*



**Access land:**  
dogs must be on a short lead



**Not access land:**  
dogs may be off the lead