

Enjoy your walk -

but remember you and your dog share the outdoors with others.

Scotland's outdoors is a great place for dogs and owners. However, dogs that aren't kept under proper control can be a real concern for wildlife, other visitors, and some land managers. In using your access rights, you must keep your dog under proper control. The advice in this leaflet sets out your responsibilities as a dog owner and applies to the whole of the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, including the Heritage Trail which passes through it.



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Please, remember you're on one of Scotland's 54 National Nature Reserves and if you have your dog with you on the reserve, please keep it beside you.

The Loch is a very special place to many 1000s of birds throughout the year. Birds are highly sensitive to disturbance from dogs. A dog's natural instinct to explore the undergrowth can cause a nesting bird to abandon its nest or exhausted wintering birds to leave a safe resting place.



Please help us to look after your National Nature Reserve and ensure everyone enjoys their visit by following the advice in this leaflet.



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If you have any queries regarding access please contact:

SNH – the Reserve Manager,
The Pier, Kinross, KY13 8UF. Tel: 01577 964439
Perth & Kinross Council –
Access Officers, Pullar House, Perth, PH1 5GD.
Tel: 01738 475000

For specific guidance at RSPB Vane Farm contact:
The Reserve Warden Tel: 01577 862355.

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Tips for dog walkers at Loch Leven

National Nature Reserve



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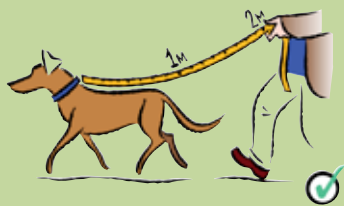
Magical places, amazing wildlife.

Gateways to the reserve:
Burleigh Sands
Kirkgate Park
Findatie Beach

The open grass area at the end of Kirkgate Park, and the beaches at Burleigh Sands and Findatie are the best places to let your dogs stretch their legs or even go for a swim, but always respect other users.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

- We ask that people respect the peaceful and tranquil atmosphere of the Reserve making sure their dog moves quietly along the path.
- This is a popular path for, families, cyclists and other dog-walkers, so please keep your dog under close control whilst on the Heritage Trail – this means on a short lead (2m or less) or close at heel (within a metre or so of your feet) and able to respond to your commands.



- Make sure your dog does not jump over or crawl under the fence that runs alongside the path as it may disturb wildlife.



Other areas of the reserve
 Beyond Burleigh, Kirkgate and Findatie and the Heritage Trail, there is limited provision of access facilities as birdlife is highly sensitive to disturbance. Please avoid taking, or letting your dog into these areas.



Bag & Bin it
 Always clean up after your dog in any public open area. Dog mess can carry diseases that can affect humans, livestock and wildlife. Many school groups explore the reserve. Please help others enjoy their visit safely by cleaning up and removing your dog mess - it's against the law not to! You can use any bin to dispose of your dog mess but if there is a red dog dirt bin nearby please use it.