



Nonsuch Park Dog Walking Code of Conduct

General

Behaviour: Always carry a lead (max 1.8m) for each dog. Ensure your dog is trained, has good recall and is well socialised.

Caution: Ask permission before allowing your dog to approach others. Consider using a vest or lead cover to indicate if your dog is nervous/reactive and needs space.

Off-Lead Areas

Ensure Control: Only let your dog off-lead in safe, designated areas.

Monitor Behaviour: If your dog becomes aggressive, reactive or disobedient, put them back on a lead. Consider whether it's safer to remove them from the park.

Restricted Areas

Dog-Free: Some areas of the park are designated as dog-free such as picnic areas at the Cheam Gate, London Road Gate (except for approved events), Sparrow Farm Road Gate and the Formal Garden.

On-lead: Dogs must be on a lead around the Nonsuch Pantry Cafe and front of the Mansion House and leads are advised on shared use paths and around cars.

Cleaning Up After Your Dog

Pick Up Waste: Carry biodegradable waste bags and dispose of them in bins. Do not hang bags in bushes or trees.

Health & Safety

Maintain Health: Keep your dog vaccinated, wormed, and flea-treated.

Extreme Weather: Avoid walking in extreme weather conditions (storms, snow/ice and extreme heat). In hot weather provide plenty of water and rest breaks. Protect paws from hot or rough surfaces.

Respect Wildlife and Water

Avoid Disturbing Wildlife: Do not allow your dog to chase or disturb other animals.

Control Near Water: Keep dogs under control near water. Be aware of hazards like blue-green algae, and respect no-dog zones around water to protect and encourage wildlife and fragile ecosystems.

Walking Multiple Dogs

Maintain Control: Do not walk more dogs than you can safely manage (recommended max: four dogs). Avoid walking with other large groups to prevent pack behaviour.

Commercial Dog Walkers: Licensed walkers may walk up to six dogs, in line with their public liability insurance, which is verified by the Council as part of the licencing process.

Dangerous Dog Behaviour & Lost Dogs

Report Incidents: Report aggression, attacks, or injuries immediately to the Police and/or Epsom & Ewell Borough Council. Owners are responsible under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Identification: Ensure your dog has identification and contact details.