

Code of Conduct when visiting Perivale Wood Local Nature Reserve



In order to protect and preserve the reserve we have to ask visitors to comply with a few rules when coming in to the reserve:

Animals: No animals to be brought into the Reserve. Registered Assistance Dogs (guide dogs, or “hearing” dogs”) are only permitted when working and so under tight control. Poop must be scooped.

Introductions: No animal or plant (including, for instance, frog spawn) is to be brought into the Reserve without express permission; the Reserve is already rich in its own, native wildlife – introductions carry the risk of importing disease, and upsetting the natural balance.

Security: Always relock the gate behind you. Do not allow anyone else access unless they can show you that they have a key so they can let themselves out independently. When you leave, remember to put the lock back on after you slide the bolt.

Signing in: There is a signing in book in the wooden box on the hut wall near the entrance. Please sign in, and if you are keen, collect a recording sheet to let us know what you see.

Health and Safety: Although we keep the reserve as safe as we can, there are hazards – slippery, or uneven paths and steps, water, biting and stinging insects and plants; trip hazards. **Please take care and ensure children are adequately supervised at all times.** Report any incidents or concerns in the Accident book in the box on the wall of the hut.

Litter: Don't drop any! Take any rubbish home with you.

Noise: Please keep as quiet as possible, you will see more, cause less disturbance to wildlife and other visitors

Paths: In order to protect the delicate woodland floor, and your own health and safety, please do not stray from the marked paths in the wood.

Gates: Shut and clip them behind you please.

Films, photos and videos: Personal and wildlife photos are allowed. Anything for publication, display or professional use must comply with the Society's Policy and be agreed in advance.

Research: The Reserve is used for research, including moth trapping and bird ringing. Please leave mist nests, and any birds caught in them alone, and moth traps, marker posts or labels are there for a specific purpose, please do not remove them.

Fires: No fires of any kind are permitted without special permission of the management committee. This goes for BBQs, fireworks and sky lanterns.

Pedal bikes, motorcycles, quad bikes, drones, model aircraft, metal detectors: may not be used in the Reserve without special permission.

We would encourage you to carry a working mobile phone with you should you need to summon assistance in an emergency, especially if you are on your own.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT!