

Hylands Estate PSPO

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Hylands Estate is now in place to help provide a safe environment for all park users. The PSPO defines special zones where dogs must now be kept on a lead, along with formalising a small number of areas such as the adventure playground where dogs are not allowed. More than 470 acres of the park will remain available for dogs to be exercised off the lead at any time of day.

Dogs on the lead

There are several 'on the lead' zones now in place, which are typically spaces used by large numbers of visitors. These areas fall into 2 categories:

- **Dogs on the lead at all times:** this zone (in orange) includes the estate's car parks and around the Serpentine Lake.
- **Dogs on the lead after 9am:** this zone (in purple) covers the green space immediately next to the adventure playground leading up to The Stables and Hylands House; the estate's formal gardens; the area surrounding Hylands House and The Stables; the front and back lawns of Hylands House.

Areas where dogs are not allowed formalised

There are a small number of spaces marked on the map in red where dogs are not permitted at all. These are areas where dogs are not currently allowed, including the adventure playground; Hylands House, The Grand Pavilion and The Stables courtyard; Home Farm (only open to staff); and grazing areas for livestock and horses.

Dogs off the lead

Dogs would be allowed off the lead in any of the areas which are not shaded on the map and before 9am in the purple zone. These areas are easily accessible from all of the estate's car parks and pedestrian entrances. Dogs will still need to be under the full control of their owner and if a dog is not controllable off the lead then it must remain on the lead at all times.

No more than four dogs per dog walker

The PSPO also limits the number of dogs walked by any one person to four. This is in line with RSPCA advice for professional dog walkers. This applies everywhere within Hylands Estate.

Enforcement and fines

The penalty for breaching the PSPO may be a **£100 fixed penalty notice** or prosecution in the Magistrates' Court. However, the PSPO isn't being introduced to catch dog walkers out, or to raise money. Informal and formal warnings will be used where these are more appropriate, for example, where the PSPO has been breached inadvertently and an officer's advice is accepted and acted upon.



Find out more about the Hylands Estate PSPO at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/pspo or scan this QR code.

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PSPO restricted areas



Key

-  Entrance to venue
-  Parking
-  Bicycle entrance
-  Pedestrian entrance
-  No dogs permitted
-  Dogs on leads
-  Dogs on leads after 9am
-  1 Adventure playground
-  2 The Stables courtyard
-  3 Hylands House and Grand Pavilion
-  4 Paddock
-  5 Home Farm (staff access only)
-  6 Serpentine Lake
-  7 Grazing area for cattle
-  8 Temporary car park
-  9 Walled garden (no public access)