

# WELCOME

## Welcome to the Avalon Marshes' nature reserves.

Covering around 1,500 hectares (3,700 acres), the nature reserves are a haven for a broad array of wildlife and offer the chance to see some unusual species, rarely seen elsewhere.

This leaflet has been designed to help you and your dog explore and protect this wonderful landscape and its wildlife, by providing information on where you can walk your dog.

Throughout the year birds and other species are using the area to feed and breed, and can easily be disturbed by the approach of people and dogs. In addition there may be livestock present.

We ask you to put wildlife first on the nature reserves by keeping your dog on a lead at all times (but let go of lead if chased by livestock), and not let them enter the water, reedbeds and undergrowth. Registered assistance dogs are welcome on all trails and in hides.

Please note there are no dog, or litter, bins on site, due to the high cost of their upkeep, so we ask people to take their dog waste away with them.



# WILDLIFE PROTECTION

## How you can help us protect the wildlife on the Avalon Marshes' Nature Reserves:

- ❏ Please look out for and follow signs relating to dog walking.
- ❏ Please keep your dog on a short lead at all times (but let go if chased by livestock).
- ❏ Please keep to the path and don't allow your dog in the undergrowth or water as this disturbs the wildlife.
- ❏ No commercial dog walking.
- ❏ Please take your dog waste home with you (don't 'stick and flick' it).

**Thank you.**  
**We hope you and your dog have a great visit.**



For more information,  
please visit



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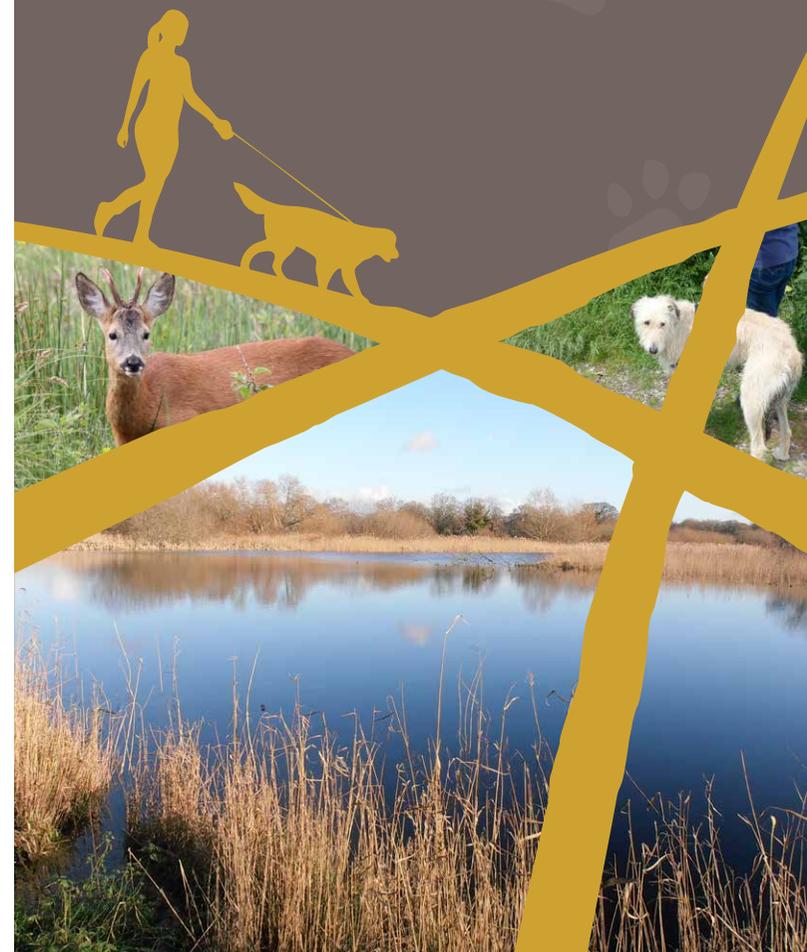
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# Dog Walking on the Nature Reserves



# NATURE RESERVES MAP

This map shows the areas in which dogs need to be on leads and areas in which there are no dogs allowed.

Please note that registered assistance dogs only are allowed in the hides at Westhay Moor and Catcott Complex.

- H** Hide or viewing platform
- P** Car Park
- NR** Nature Reserve
- NNR** National Nature Reserve

	Dogs on leads please.
	No dogs except registered assistance dogs.

Illustrative map not to scale.

