

Welcome! Take the Lead on Cannock Chase...

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Adders emerge from hibernation and bask on bare ground and sunny spots to warm up. You may find them on quiet paths.

Adders mating.

Young **adders** around and about.

Adders hibernate in holes in the ground. Please ensure your dog doesn't accidentally disturb one by keeping them on a lead and close to you.

Deer are born

Deer rutting season

Bird Nesting Season

Woodlarks and nightjars are ground nesting birds. You won't see them as they are wonderfully camouflaged but your dog could easily disturb them.

This is why dogs **MUST** be on a lead March to August on the heathland.



Your dog can roam now but keep them within sight and under control.

Protect your dog from being bitten by an adder by keeping it close to you.

Cannock Chase is at its busiest. Please remember not everyone welcomes being approached by dogs. Often other dogs don't like it either!

Dogs don't need to be on a lead from November to January, as long as they have excellent recall and you can see what they are doing. Please carry one just incase.

Find out more: www.cannockchase.org.uk/dogs



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**Cannock Chase
is a great place
for you and your
dog to enjoy.
Please follow
these steps
when you visit.**



**Keep your dog
under control**

It is a legal requirement that dogs must be on a lead from the 1st March to the 31st July on Open Access Land (most of Cannock Chase), and at all times around livestock.



**Protect wildlife by
keeping to paths**

Be considerate

Not everyone loves dogs, not even other dogs! Keep your dog close to you and only allow them to approach others after checking it is ok first.

What to do if an adder bites your dog

- You will notice an immediate **swelling**.
- You might be able to spot **two small puncture wounds** at the centre of the bite.
- Take your dog to a **vet** immediately.
- **Bathe** the wound in cold water.
- If possible, **carry your dog**.
- Keep your dog **warm, calm and as still** as possible.

Why pick up poo?

Heathland soil is typically acidic and low in nutrients, dog mess changes this and heathland plants will not grow.

Do your bit, bag it and bin it at home please.

What is 'Under Control'?

Keeping your dog under control means within sight and able to call to heel the first time.



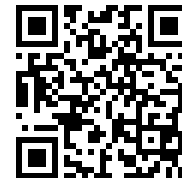
**Take litter and
dog waste home**

Why aren't there poo bins?

It isn't only people who visit our car parks, bins of any type take a lot to look after and present a hazard to wildlife.

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Cannock Chase's heathland is an internationally important habitat. Please help protect it.