



# Pathfinders Camp

## Assistance Dogs

Charity: 1171466

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Assistance dogs are very welcome at Woodlarks and Pathfinders.

We will ensure that relevant information about an assistance dog is passed to other camp users and announced that the dog is a working dog and therefore should not be approached unless previous consent from the owner.

To meet Woodlarks rules, whilst at camp:

- No dogs are to be in the kitchen or cooking area at any time.
- For campfire/hike sites dogs will need to be at a safe distance from the fire.
- On the fields and around the buildings all dogs must be kept on lead and can only be let off in the woods. Dogs can be off lead in the buildings but with the dining room door constantly in use this may be an issue. The valley can be used for off lead exercise, but of course the valley / woods are not secure and rabbits / squirrels are always a worry being so close to the road (which is a busy, fast road). Even the most well trained dogs cannot be trusted if they get the scent of something tasty.
- "Toilet" time, should ideally take place in the valley and all dog mess must be picked up immediately and disposed of in a suitable and safe manner. If a dog is desperate and can't make the valley and goes on the field that isn't an issue as long as it's picked up immediately and disposed of in a suitable and safe manner.
- Only guide and working dogs are allowed near the pool. They should be tethered away from the pool when their owner is swimming and kept on a lead at all other times. The Trust hopes to build a guide dog shelter in the future.

We recommend a cage for sleeping in so the dog can be safe when not attached to the owner by a lead. Alternatives may be an anchor peg that can be put into the ground for the dog to be attached to with a long lead. This ensures the safety of the dog and of other camp users and mitigates the risk of an individual accidentally letting the dog loose.

The responsibility is with the dog owner to ensure that a suitable harness, sleeping/rest cage or anchor peg is brought with them to ensure that the dog can be safely restrained/secured when not attached to the owner.



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