



Visiting Attingham with your dog 2021

Two legs or four, we want everyone to enjoy their visit to Attingham



Continuing a tradition

Attingham has always been a place where dogs can enjoy themselves. Dogs lived alongside the Berwick family who left Attingham to the National Trust, and we continue the tradition of welcoming responsible dog owners to the estate.



Visiting with your dog

Exploring acres of parkland with your four legged friend is a great way to enjoy the beautiful landscape of the estate. Attingham's a popular place to visit and the number of visitors, and those visiting with dogs have risen over recent years.

In February 2021 we reviewed our dog policy in light of the current opening of the estate and government guidance relating to Coronavirus. Also taking into account that annual visitors had reached over 540,000 a year in 2019. We've also reviewed regular feedback from visitors regarding dogs, recent incidents involving dogs, and increased use of outdoor spaces for exercise during the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021.



Lord and Lady Berwick walking in the Deer Park with their Alsatians Jason and Jinger.(c.1920).



2021 updates to the policy

As of 19 April 2021 we'll be reinstating an off-lead (but under effective control) area in part of the woodland. We have moved the boundaries of the previous off-lead part of this area (prior to March 2020) in response to visitor feedback and reported incidents. This takes into account an increase in visitors using the Mile Walk and natural play area, as well as protecting wildlife habitats around the top loop of the walk. We often receive complaints, regarding dogs in this area. From April 2021 the off-lead area will start where the top loop of the Mile Walk joins together with the path that leads to the Suspension Bridge. See map overleaf.

'Off-lead but under effective control' means: dogs must remain in sight and you must be able to recall your dog in any situation with the first call.

Help us stay welcoming

Use the map and guidelines overleaf while visiting Attingham with your dog.



If you'd like this information in an alternative format please call us on 01743 708170 or email attingham@nationaltrust.org.uk



Facilities for dog walkers

In the Stables Courtyard you'll find '10 minute tie up points' for lone visitors popping into the café, toilets or shop. Paw friendly toilets are marked on the map above, and you'll find water bowls in the Stables Courtyard.

Follow the National Trust's Canine Code

Take the lead: keep your dog on a lead to help reduce disturbing wildlife. Help look after our deer herd by not walking off the paths in the deer park.

In the off lead area dogs must remain under effective control. This means: dogs must remain in sight and you must be able to recall your dog in any situation with the first call. Do not allow your dog to swim in the river for everyone's safety, the banks are steep and we have had both dogs and people unable to get out.

Scoop the poop: help us protect the wildlife and the parkland by using dog waste bins. Please do not 'stick and flick', keep Attingham beautiful for everyone to enjoy. Dog waste bins are marked on the map.

Paws for thought: look out for and follow signage on site. Assistance dogs only inside the café, shop and Mansion.

Be on the ball: not everyone loves dogs, so keep them close by. Do not allow your dog to approach other visitors without their consent. We want your dogs to have fun on their visit but please do not allow them on the play equipment in the Field of Play, or in the beds and plants in the Walled Garden.