

Pick up after your dog!

It is an offence in West Somerset in all areas (with limited exceptions) to fail to pick up after your dog. There are many dog bins jotted around the district, in addition, dog waste can be placed in the litter bins providing the waste is in a bag. There are no excuses for failing to pick up after your dog therefore there is a zero tolerance for anyone seen doing so, a fixed penalty notice will be served.

Location Maps

North Hill & Culvercliff Walk

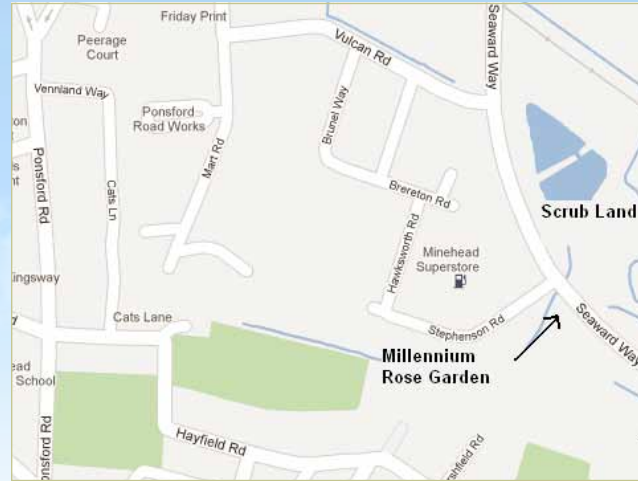


Alcombe Combe



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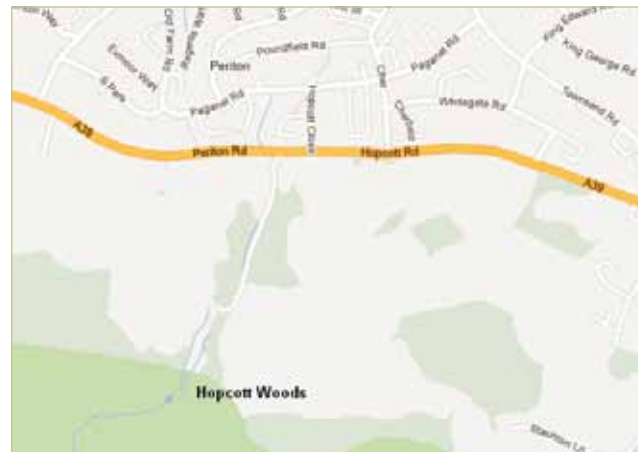
Millennium Rose Garden & Scrub Land



Bratton, Higher & Lower Parks Walk



Hopcott Woods



Seasonal Beach Ban Minehead





Introduction

Minehead Beach is subject to a dog ban during the summer months. This is primarily due to the health risks associated with Toxocaris found in dog faeces. Children are more commonly infected by this infection as they are most likely to handle contaminated soil or sand which can cause blindness. Anyone who has walked in dog dirt knows how messy, smelly and unpleasant it is. It is the small number of irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dog who spoil it for other responsible dog owners and the general public.

Seasonal Beach Ban

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 the council made a Dog Control Order to exclude all dogs (except those registered for disability purposes) from Minehead Beach during the summer season. Minehead is a seaside town and the beach is most popular with holiday makers and local residents with families. Dogs are excluded from Minehead Harbour to the Golf Club Groyne from the 1st May until 30th September inclusive. The beach is regularly patrolled by authorised officers who will serve a fixed penalty notice on anyone breaching this rule.

Alternatives

West Somerset has many other beautiful and interesting areas to explore with your dog whilst the beach ban is in force.



Culvercliffe Walk

Culvercliffe is a public open space which is some 12 acres in extent and nestles below the wooded slopes of North Hill. This is situated beyond the Minehead harbour and looks out over the Bristol Channel towards South Wales. This area is managed as a wildflower and conservation area with a surfaced path which runs from end to end. The site is also criss-crossed by a regularly mown grass pathway to allow access to the "wilder" areas.

Higher Park, Woodcombe & Bratton Walk

The Park's Walk, Woodcombe and Bratton Walk were originally part of a thirteenth century park. The Park's Walk was laid out in the 1920's and consists of attractive gardens. The stream which once ran through meadows, winds its way through the gardens and disappears under Park Street, eventually emerging onto the beach.

Please note that the Parks walk is split into 'Higher' and 'Lower' Parks Walk. The Lower Parks Walk is subject to a Dog on Lead order.

North Hill



North Hill rises up from Minehead and offers dramatic coastal views across the Bristol Channel to Wales and along Exmoor's coastline.

North Hill is part of the National Trust's Holnicote Estate and is one of the best places in the area to catch sight of the famous

Exmoor Ponies or Red Deer. There are great walking opportunities with paths and bridleways crossing all over the area including the longest National Trail in Britain – The South West Coastal Path which begins in Minehead and carries on to Dorset. There are many places to park your car, have a picnic or just enjoy the wonderful views the area has to offer.



Scrub Land, Seaward Way

This is an area opposite Tesco which is a popular viewpoint for the Stream Trains running along the West Somerset Railway. The land benefits from lovely wild flowers and vegetation and a large pond which is a home to many ducks.

Alcombe Combe

Alcombe combe is a mixed woodland on the edge of Minehead and is about a 20 minute walk from the town centre. It is an attractive location with a small stream running through the lower ground.

The woodland is quite hilly in places so not suitable for wheelchair users. There are no facilities in Alcombe Combe however there are shops and a café located in Alcombe close by.

Millennium Rose Garden

The rose garden is located off Seaward way adjacent to the Tesco Supermarket. The Rose garden itself is subject to a dog ban however the land to the right is not. This is an ideal place to exercise your dog if you yourself are not feeling up for a long walk.

Hopcott Woods (TA24 6DJ)

Hopcott woods is an ideal starting point for a lovely walk to the medieval village of Dunster. Dunster is only 2 miles away by car however walking through Hopcott Woods will take you near the Conygar Tower and St Leonards Well.

