

# enjoy the countryside!






## Explore More – Paths from your doorstep

Public footpaths, bridleways and byways are a wonderful way of exploring and enjoying Leicestershire's countryside. They also provide important links to schools, shops and work places.

## Finding Your Way

Each class of path is indicated by a certain coloured arrow; footpaths are yellow, bridleways are blue, and byways are red.

### Some of the symbols you may see in the countryside

-  Footpath waymark
-  Bridleway waymark
-  Byway waymark
-  National Trails
-  Open Access

Clear signage is found at the start, end and along all paths, making it easier to know which way to go. Here in Leicestershire there are also yellow-topped waymarker posts that act as targets to aim for in the distance.

It is advisable to always refer to a map when out and about. FREE mapping is available online at [www.leics.gov.uk/maps](http://www.leics.gov.uk/maps) and Ordnance Survey Explorer maps are available at good book shop.

There are many FREE walking guides available online, from local libraries

and direct from the Countryside Service. There are also some selected routes for riding. See page 28.

## Online Mapping

If you are planning a walk, or are just interested to see where paths are in your area, view the online mapping at [www.leics.gov.uk/maps](http://www.leics.gov.uk/maps). You can search all paths within a radius of any village or town in Leicestershire. There is a zoom tool to enable you to look in more detail.

To view the Definitive Map of all Public Rights of Way in Leicestershire, ring 0116 305 7083 or email [footpaths@leics.gov.uk](mailto:footpaths@leics.gov.uk). The map can also be viewed at County Hall, Glenfield or at any of the District Council offices in the County.

Follow the **Countryside Code** to protect our beautiful countryside now and for future generations:



### Be Safe, plan ahead and follow signs

Use up-to-date maps; check weather forecasts; wear suitable footwear and take rainwear; be prepared for no mobile signal.



### Leave gates and property as you find them

Follow the path; use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries provided; through growing crops keep to the path wherever possible.



### Protect plants and animals and take your litter home

Take care with natural and historic features; give plenty of space to wild and farm animals particularly if with their young; prevent fires from old matches or cigarettes.



### Consider other people

Drive slowly for walkers, riders and farm animals; park responsibly; respect the needs of land management; preserve peace and quiet.



### Keep dogs under close control

Don't let dogs stray or scare sheep or wildlife; use a lead around farm animals (but let go if they chase you and your dog); clean up mess.

