

RIGHTS OF WAY TEAM INFORMATION SHEET

'Right to Roam' in Warwickshire

The purpose of this information sheet is explain that although the 'Right to Roam' does not permit the public to wander freely over agricultural land or private premises, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy the Warwickshire countryside.



Family enjoying Burton Dassett County Park, one of eight country parks in Warwickshire

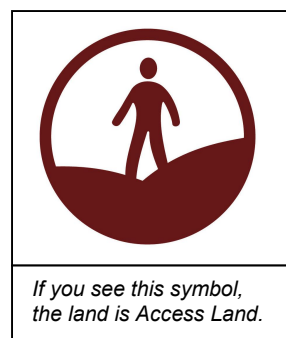
In 2000, Government launched the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (the CROW Act), which introduced the 'Right to Roam' across certain types of landscape, namely:

- Mountain,
- Moorland,
- Heath,
- Downland, and;
- Registered Common Land.

Such landscapes are extremely scarce in Warwickshire. Consequently, when the 'Right to Roam' was introduced to Warwickshire in October 2005, less than 1% of the County was affected.

Land over which the public may roam, is called 'Access Land'. In Warwickshire, most Access Land is registered Common, much of which already accommodated informal public access. Unfortunately, there are practically no qualifying mountains, moors, heaths or downlands in Warwickshire.

Please remember, the 'Right to Roam' does not apply to agricultural land or private premises, where you MUST keep to public rights of way.



Although the public may not wander freely over agricultural land or private premises, there are over 1,700 miles of public rights of way in Warwickshire, which can be used to access the countryside.

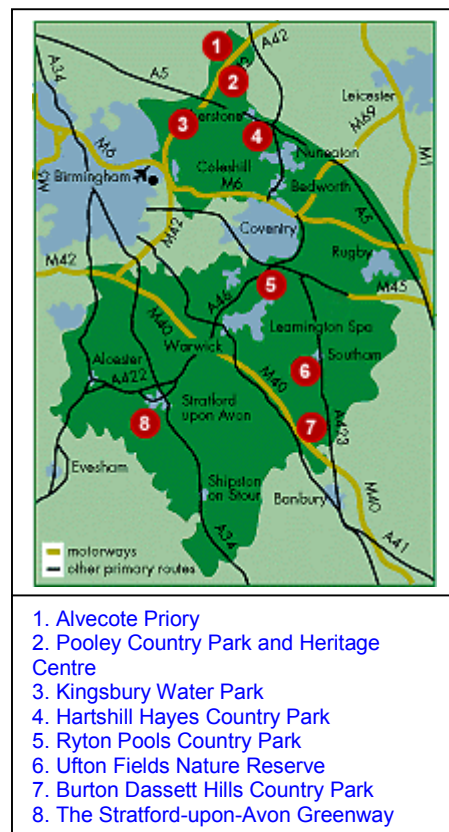
Land that is classed 'Access Land' may be identified on the ground by a white and brown circular disc showing a person standing on a 'hill' (see diagram overleaf). Where you see this symbol, you may access the land on foot only although this does not affect users of a public bridleway or public byway, who must keep to the legal line of the right of way.

Dogs are permitted but between 1st March and 31st July, they must be kept on a short lead to prevent disturbing ground nesting birds and spring lambs.

For further information on, and maps of Access Land, please visit the national countryside access website at www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Although less than 1% of Warwickshire is classed as Access Land, there are still many opportunities to enjoy Warwickshire's countryside. Not only are there over 1,700 miles of public rights of way and many miles of canal towpath to use, there are eight country parks to visit (shown on the map). The parks cater for a wide range of interests including, fishing, cycling and walking. Cafes are available at some sites and others offer bike and mobility scooter hire. In addition, many events are hosted throughout the year by the Park's ranger team.

For a list of events and further information on visiting Warwickshire's countryside, why not visit our website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/countryside . Many circular walk and cycle leaflets may be downloaded free of charge.



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