

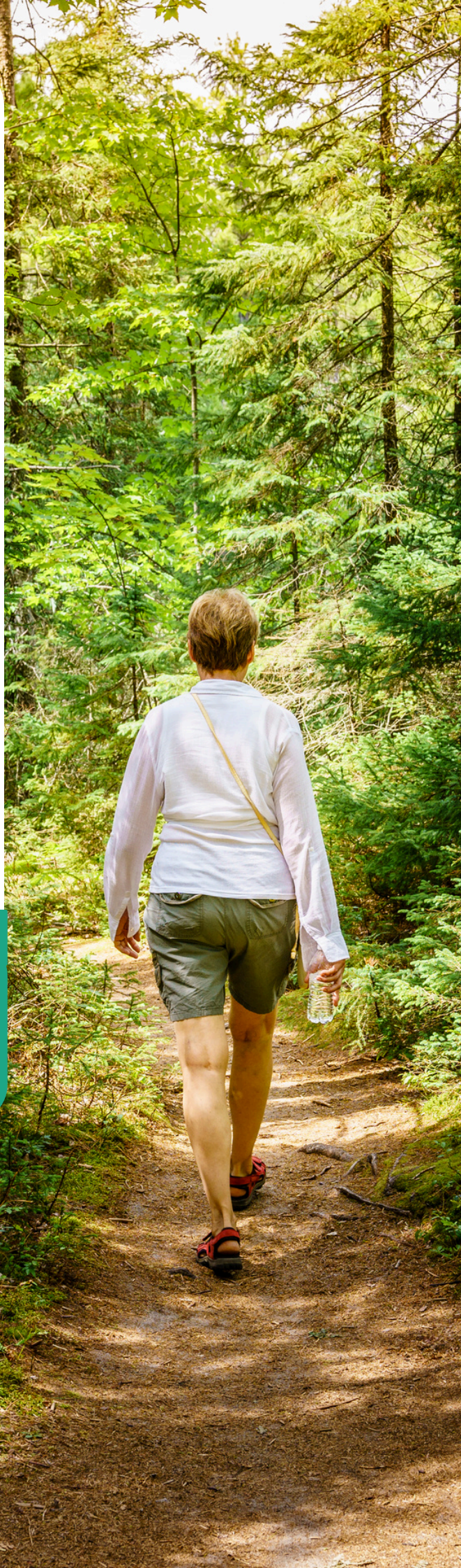
THE BIG SUMMER

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A friendly guide
to using Public
Rights of Way in
Gloucestershire

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What Are Public Rights of Way?

A quick breakdown:

- Public Footpaths – For walking, wheeling, or using pushchairs (terrain permitting).
- Public Bridleways – For walkers, horse riders, and cyclists.
- Restricted Byways – For walkers and non-motorised vehicles.
- Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) – Accessible paths, possibly rough, that allow motor vehicles.

Find routes on Ordnance Survey maps, local council websites, or apps like OS Maps and AllTrails.

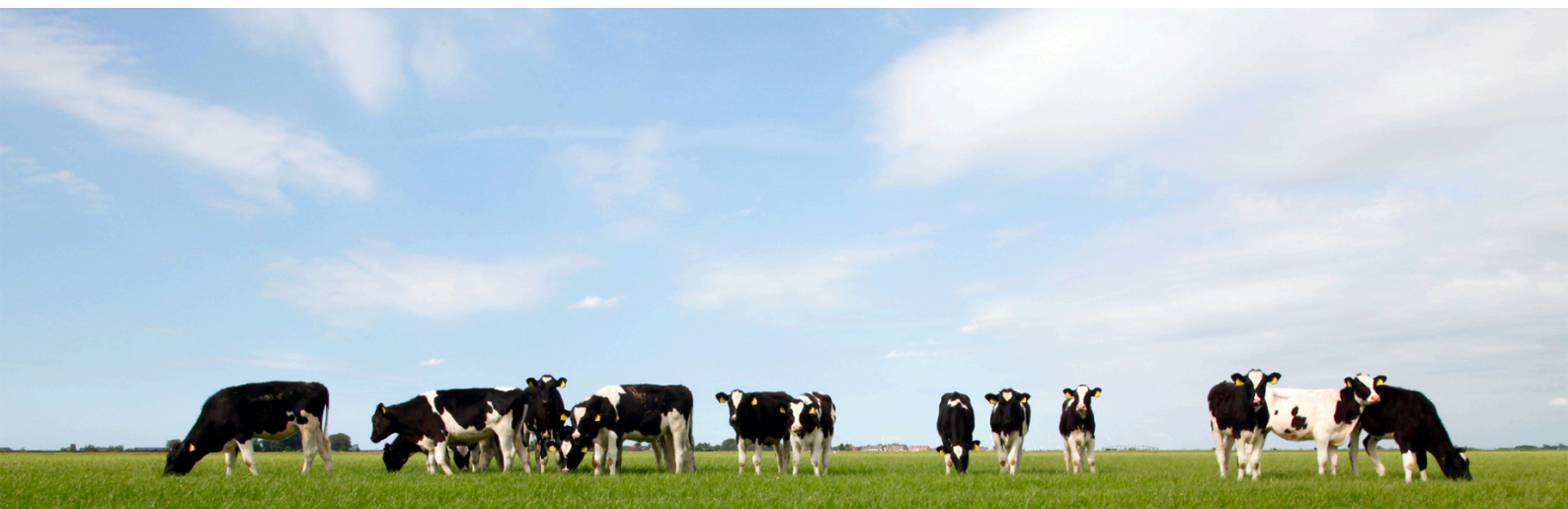
Walking through livestock and habitats

Always:

- Keep dogs on short leads, especially near sheep or cattle.
- Never feed, chase, or approach farm animals.
- Walk calmly; if animals crowd the path, give them space or take a wide detour.
- If cattle act aggressively, stay calm, avoid sudden movements, and calmly move away. If you have a dog, putting it on a lead or letting it find distance can help.

Respecting Wildlife & Habitats

- Stick to the path, especially in meadows, wetlands, or woodlands.
- Avoid noisy behavior or disturbances during nesting/breeding seasons.
- Observe wildlife from a distance with binoculars or cameras — no touching, feeding, or interacting.



Leave no trace

Please:

- Take all litter home, including biodegradable materials.
- Bag and bin dog waste properly — never leave it behind.
- Close gates securely; don't pick flowers or remove stones/branches.
- Respect signs like "No Entry" or "Do Not Feed the Animals."



Walk or roll responsibly

- Stay on marked paths to protect crops and habitats.
- Be polite to landowners, walkers, and locals — greeting everyone helps!
- Don't block access with bikes or buggies.
- Check route suitability ahead of time — not all paths are step-free or smooth.



Useful resources

Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way – Gloucestershire County Council

Countryside Code – Natural England (official guide to enjoying and protecting the countryside)

Public Rights of Way and Access Land – GOV.UK

The Ramblers – Walking Advice and Countryside Etiquette

Ordnance Survey – Find Footpaths and Rights of Way Maps

OS Maps App – Explore and Plan Walking Routes