

# THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

The Countryside Code is a set of rules that we each have a responsibility to follow. Keeping to the code means everyone is able to enjoy spending time outdoors without harming wildlife, damaging farmland or livestock or hurting and upsetting other people.

## Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Follow paths but give way to others where it is narrow.

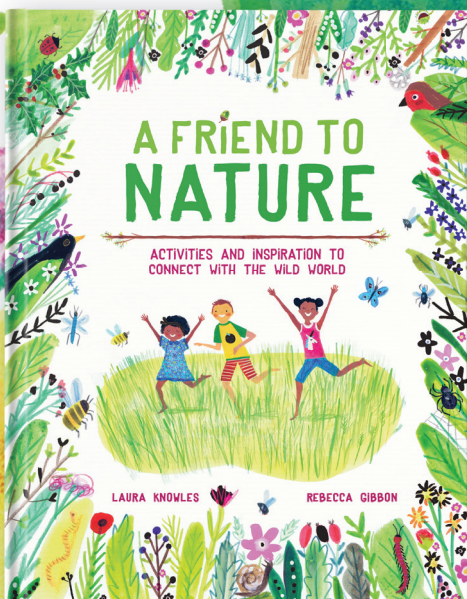
## Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home.
- Don't have BBQs or fires.
- Keep dogs under effective control.
- Always clear up after your dog – bag the poo and bin it! Dogs should be kept on a lead whenever they are around farm animals or horses.

## Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared.
- Follow advice and local signs.

Did you know that a banana peel takes two years to rot and disappear? Dropping litter or food looks ugly, can harm wildlife and it is against the law!



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