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There are no public toilets on the Common.

car park (Grid reference SP009239 nearest postcode GL54 5TL). reference 50994249, nearest postcode GL54 4EU) or West Down the south side of the common use the Radio Masts car park (Crid night, at 8 pm during British Summer Time and at 5 pm CMT. From nearest postcode GL52 3PW). Note that this car park is locked at of Cleeve Hill. Park in Quarry car park (Grid reference 50989272, To reach the Colf Club entrance, turn off the B4632 at the summit

available at five main locations as the above map shows. Cleeve Common is four miles north east of Cheltenham. Parking is

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### carried out at the participant's own risk. Please note that all activities on the Common are

- It is an offence to pick flowers, camp, light fires or barbecues.
  - Motor vehicles are strictly prohibited on the Common.

pass into these areas.

Respect temporary cattle paddocks and only use gates to Keep off all areas cordoned with temporary fencing.

kite-boarding and ball games.

- Use the activity area for flying kites,
  - Take all litter home with you.
- tees; take care when crossing fairways. Keep off the golf course greens and

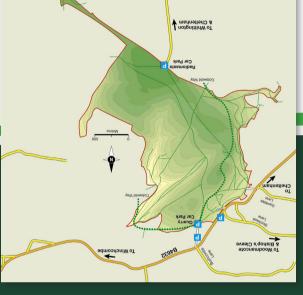
anywhere on the Common.

- in the bins provided. Don't leave plastic mess bags It is essential to pick up after your dog. Place all dog waste
  - Close gates to stop sheep or cattle escaping.

until November.

around sheep and cattle. Sheep are present from April • Keep dogs under close control at all times and on a lead

Looking After Cleeve Common Together:





# Welcome to Cleeve Common

"In one hundred years' time, visitors to Cleeve Common will enjoy the same sense of space and tranquillity, with the diversity of plant and animal life, as they do today"

#### A Site of Special Scientific Interest

SEAE CONTROL

With an area of over 400 hectares, Cleeve Common is one of the most extensive areas of natural limestone grassland in Gloucestershire. It is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for both its geological and botanical interest. It is situated within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

# Archaeology and Geology

Cleeve Common has three Scheduled Ancient Monuments: The Cross Dyke, the Hill Fort and The Ring. It also has a geological SSSI, Rolling Bank Quarry, where you can see unique geological exposures. Archaeology and geology features are shaded in red on the map.

#### Plant and Animal Life

Cleeve Common is a major stronghold for natural limestone grassland, having never been fertilised, sprayed or ploughed. The sward, or grass area, contains a diverse range of interesting wild flowers. Some of these are very rare. Many of the species would have been familiar throughout our countryside prior to the post-war intensification of farming but are now sadly much less

The species-rich sward provides habitat and food for a huge variety insects, birds, reptiles and mammals. The old quarries and gorse thickets add to this variety of wildlife habitats.

#### Recreation

Cleeve Common offers wonderful recreational opportunities to visitors. Peaceful activities are welcome, so long as they do not damage the Common, upset grazing animals or interfere with other visitors' enjoyment. Please see our website for further information.

Walking: Walkers are welcome to explore over 1000 acres of archaeology and be mindful of your impact on loose soils and narrow paths. The Cotswold Way runs across the Common.

**Cycling:** There is permissive access for cyclists on the Common and the cyclists' code (see website) must be followed. Please keep to established tracks.

Golf: Operated on behalf of Tewkesbury Borough Council and open to the public on a pay-and-play basis. Club house open to the public for refreshments.

## Kites, Kite Boarding, Model Gliders and Drones:

Please keep to permitted areas and follow our codes of conduct. Motor-powered model aircraft and drones are not permitted on the Common. See our website for codes and more details.

**Horse Riding:** Any rider may use the Restricted Byway along the front edge of the Common and the short stretch of bridleway at the eastern end. To ride anywhere else on the Common, you must have a licence, available from Cleeve Common Trust.

**Rock Climbing:** Rock climbing is enjoyed on the limestone cliffs of Cleeve Cloud. Other rock faces are dangerously loose and unsuitable for climbing.

#### Management

Managing Cleeve Common is all about achieving the right balance between the needs of wildlife and the people who visit so that each may share this unique space for many years to come.



Continuous monitoring of the Common is critical in ensuring the continued existence of a diverse number of species whether they are common or rare. Controlling the spread of scrub and coarse grass is the main priority and this is mainly

If you would like to volunteer your time with us as a warden, events volunteer or by monitoring our grassland please send us an email. info@cleevecommon.org.uk

## Cleeve Common Trust

Like many other commons, Cleeve Common is privately owned. What makes it a 'Common', is that certain local landowners have grazing rights, entitling them to graze specified numbers of sheep, cattle and other animals between April and November.

Today the Common is managed for public benefit by a charity, Cleeve Common Trust, whose voluntary Board members are appointed by local councils.

