



Outdoor Recreation Network

# People & Dogs in the Outdoors Seminar

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Lynford Hall Hotel & Thetford Forest  
England

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The **Outdoor Recreation Network** is pleased to announce that bookings are now open for its upcoming seminar on the hot topic of people and dogs in the outdoors, jointly hosted by Forestry Commission England and the Kennel Club. With input from key policy-makers, stakeholders, academics and practitioners, this informative two-day event will cover important contemporary policy and practice matters.

## Topics will include:

- Opportunities and best practice management of visitors with dogs and canine sports in the outdoors to optimise the benefits and minimise any adverse impacts on other visitors, wildlife and farm livestock.
- Ensuring healthy dogs, healthy people, and a healthy environment, including the mental and physical human health benefits of dog ownership and assistance dogs, and veterinary updates on diseases associated with dogs in the outdoors.

The event will particularly focus on practical management measures, with lots of good practice sharing and networking opportunities.

There will also be an opportunity for 20 delegates who purchase full two-day seminar tickets to see firsthand an early morning sled dog training session in the forest. Four delegates will have the opportunity to ride with the mushers.

The seminar will be of interest to many. However, it will be of significant value to those interested in the benefits and opportunities that dogs can bring to people and those involved in the practical management of dogs in the outdoors such as site rangers, land managers and countryside visitor staff, and other outdoor recreation professionals.

**Please book early for this stimulating seminar as “all things dog related” are of real interest to our member organisations. Places are limited.**



Images courtesy of Forestry Commission England & Tourism NI

# Seminar Programme Day 1

## Opportunities & best practice management of dogs in the outdoors

### **10 Years on - reflections on Dog Management**

Stephen Jenkinson, Access Advisor for the Kennel Club, will open the seminar by reflecting upon the progress and development in the thinking, policy and practice of Dog Management over the last 10 years since the previous ORN Seminar on dogs.

### **Introduction to canine sports in the forest**

Caroline Kisko from the Kennel Club and Vicky Tustian from the Forestry Commission will give an introduction and overview to canine sports in Thetford Forest, partnership work to date, and emerging trends in canine sports. Vicky will also cover how canine sports work in practice from a landowner perspective and how this is managed in a working forest environment with multiple different users.

### **Lightening Presentations- 'Hot Dog' Topics**

Panel members will cover a series of 'hot topics' related to dog management in the outdoors.

### **Question time debate, exploration of opportunities & best practice**

Just what is says on the tin! Your opportunity to ask some experts.

### **Inclusive design for Assistance Dogs & their human partners**

Peter Gorbing, CEO from Dogs for Good will share good practice examples on how to plan for, welcome, and support Assistance Dogs and their human partners.

### **Finding The Right Balance**

British Horse Society will share examples of pro-active work taken to address conflict between different users of the outdoors.

### **"Walk after Dark" Event (Optional)**

Based on the exciting new "Bark after Dark" concept which is being held on Forestry Commission England sites this winter, delegates are warmly invited to join in a post-conference walk in the woods. As we walk through the woods you will hear about some of the work the Forestry Commission is doing with the Blue Cross to encourage visitors and their four-legged friends to walk after-dark whilst raising funds to care for homeless pets.

### **Seminar Dinner & After Dinner Speaker (Ticket Only)**

Don not rush away. Enjoy a delicious 3 course meal in Lynford Hall Hotel. This is a fantastic opportunity to network mid-conference.



# Seminar Programme Day 2

## Healthy dogs & healthy people

### **Sled Dogs Site Visit & Demonstration**

A rare opportunity to see sled dogs being trained in Thetford Forest. Experience the sights and sounds of an early morning husky training session and speak with the mushers. Four of the delegates attending will have the opportunity to ride with the mushers on a training run. Book early as spaces for this weather-dependent session are limited and will be allocated to those who book two-day seminar tickets.

### **The business benefits of welcoming dogs & their owners to your estate**

Josephine Lavelle, Head of Marketing, Brand & Communication, will showcase some of the campaigns that Forestry Commission England have undertaken which are focused specifically on dogs and their owners and the multiple benefits that this has delivered for the organisation.

### **Commercial Dog Walking**

Stephen Jenkinson from the Kennel Club will give insights into the profession and how landowners and managers can influence this group of regular users.

### **Healthy People**

A presentation by Dr Carri Westgarth BSc MPH PhD, Lecturer in Human-Animal Interaction at University of Liverpool. Carrie will share some of her ongoing research with dog owners focused on the physical and mental health benefits of dog walking and ownership. Carrie will also summarise and present research undertaken by colleagues centered on dog bite prevention. Finally, to finish she will cover some top tips on how to reduce the risk of you, your colleagues or other visitors getting bitten by a dog.

### **Healthy Dogs**

In this session Bridgette Hall, Recreation Manager for Forestry Commission England will be joined by a veterinary expert to cover the latest issues in dog health and what this means in terms of practical management implications in the outdoors.

### **Healthy Environment**

Dawn Rayment, People and Wildlife Ranger for the New Forest National Park, will share learning from the work undertaken in the New Forest to help dog owners be part of a healthy environment.

### **Shaping the legacy of the conference**

Putting conversations into action! This session will be facilitated by Bridgette Hall and Stephen Jenkinson.



# Seminar Tickets

## Delegate Options

Booking for this conference is via the Outdoor Recreation Website:

<https://www.outdoorrecreation.org.uk/events/>

For invoicing please contact Jayne Woodrow, ORN Secretariat.

Email: [jayne@outdoorrecreation.org.uk](mailto:jayne@outdoorrecreation.org.uk)

Phone: 028 9030 3930.

### Full Seminar Ticket including Evening Dinner

This ticket is for those wishing to attend the full two-day conference. This ticket includes refreshments & lunch on both days, 'Walk after Dark' (optional) & evening dinner on the first day.

Cost:  
£190

### Full Seminar Ticket excluding Evening Dinner

This ticket is for those wishing to attend the full two-day seminar. This ticket includes refreshments, lunch on both days, 'Walk after Dark' (optional) however does not include the evening dinner on the first day.

Cost:  
£160

### Day 1 Seminar including Evening Dinner

This ticket is for those wishing to attend day one of the Seminar on Tuesday 12th February. This ticket includes refreshments and lunch, 'Walk after Dark' (optional) and the evening dinner.

Cost:  
£150

### Day 1 Seminar Ticket excluding Evening Dinner

This ticket is for those wishing to attend day one of the Seminar. This ticket includes refreshments, lunch and 'Walk after Dark' (optional), however does not include the evening dinner.

Cost:  
£120

### Day 2 Seminar Ticket

This ticket is for those wishing to attend day 2 of the Seminar. This ticket includes refreshments and lunch.

Cost:  
£120

Please book accommodation separately. More information on the Outdoor Recreation Network Website.

Refunds (less 25% cancellation fee) will only be made for written cancellations received 2 weeks before the event or via Eventbrite. Email: [jayne@outdoorrecreation.org.uk](mailto:jayne@outdoorrecreation.org.uk)

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