Is there any clean up policy?

Teignbridge District Council has now adopted the ‘Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, 1996’, over the whole of the District. This means that it is an offence to allow a dog to foul anywhere at Dawlish Warren, without immediately clearing it up.

Council staff, including the Wardens, are authorised to issue fixed penalty notices where an owner fails to clear up after their dog.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET YOUR BAG; CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

For further information please contact:
Wardens
Dawlish Warren NNR
Teignbridge District Council,
Forde House, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX
Tel: 01626 215754
Or ask the Wardens at the Visitor Centre:
01626 863980
Or the Beach Manager on: 01626 888317

Thank you for following the byelaws.

Some Common Questions

What is so special about Dawlish Warren?

It is a beautiful place for people and wildlife. It is so important for animals and plants that it is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and it is of international importance for birds and plants. As the landowner the Council must prevent bird disturbance. Please help to look after this special place.

Why can’t I walk my dog beyond Groyne 9?

This is the most remote part of Dawlish Warren and the most sensitive for wildlife. In winter huge bird flocks feed and rest here. In summer it is an important bird breeding area and home to a host of other species. Dogs can disturb wildlife so please avoid this area when with your dog.

Why should I keep my dog on a lead?

Many dogs are well behaved but some like to jump in the ponds, explore dunes and woodlands, chase birds or chase other dogs. Each of these instances can disturb wildlife or other visitors. Please keep your dog on a lead of no more than 2m in length in the orange area on the map overleaf.
Where to Walk your Dog At Dawlish Warren

Essential Information

Dogs can continue to be taken over a large area of the beach. Under the new Reserve byelaws dogs can also be taken over much of the rest of the Reserve on a lead. However, dogs are not allowed on the dunes, beach or mudflats beyond groyne 9, under the new policy.

Signs will show you where dogs can walk on the site. There are also groynes (wooden structures) along the beach which will help to mark out different areas. If you are unclear on any aspect, please contact the Wardens.

The dogs policy will be enforced by the Wardens and penalties will be given to owners failing to follow the byelaws.

All dogs should be kept under close control throughout the Reserve.