

SECAD Biodiversity Projects

Survey conducted by the SECAD Biodiversity Team ("B Team") to investigate "dogs on leads" and "dog fouling" in public recreation areas in South and East Cork.

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INTRODUCTION

Established in 1995, South and East Cork Area Development (SECAD) Partnership CLG is a not-for-profit company dedicated to supporting people, community and enterprise. In working with people, we follow a 'bottom up' approach, meaning we empower communities and enable them to bring about beneficial changes for themselves. In terms of outdoor recreation, part of our work involves tourism promotion through managing and supporting the "Ring of Cork" network and also the development, management and maintenance of land and water-based recreational trails. It is due to our trails work in particular that SECAD has developed a beneficial partnership with Leave No Trace Ireland.

The SECAD biodiversity team, "The B Team", aims to promote biodiversity enhancement throughout the South and East Cork area by working closely with community-based organizations such as Tidy Town and Tidy Village groups, schools and environmentally-conscious businesses.

Leave No Trace is an outdoor skills and ethics programme designed to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. It is based on 7 principles which encourage people to make better decisions when recreating in the outdoors in order to minimise the impact of recreation on the outdoor environment. Leave No Trace Ireland was established in 2006 as a conservation charity committed to raising awareness of Ireland's rich natural heritage and thereby protecting the Irish outdoors for future generations.

In 2014, at the Leave No Trace Ireland AGM, a workshop was run which explored the topic of "Dogs in the Outdoors". A number of issues were raised and some interesting research themes emerged. SECAD was involved in some of the follow-on research activity through our involvement with Leave No Trace Ireland's Research Group which eventually led to our deciding to carry out a survey in our own region with a focus on "dogs on leads" and "dog fouling".

This survey was carried out by SECAD's B Team. The following report outlines the findings of our survey.

METHODOLOGY

This survey focusses on the geographic locality covered by SECAD. The survey was carried out in 13 popular dog walking areas in the South and East Cork locality. Other than some very slight adaptations, this survey follows the same methodology of the original survey which was attempted in 2015 by the Leave No Trace Ireland Research Group (the original, un-adapted, methodology can be obtained from Leave No Trace Ireland). SECAD was involved in the preparation of this original survey but, unfortunately, the survey was never completed due to an insufficient amount of volunteers being able to undertake the field work. However, because SECAD could see a need for such research to be undertaken, we decided to undertake a version of the survey in our own region in the hope that it might contribute both to the development and management of outdoor recreation resources in our own locality and also to help inform the national picture in terms of "Dogs in the Outdoors".

Targeted public recreational areas are categorised under: Coillte Recreation Woodland, Popular Beach, Urban Recreation Area or Park, Upland Area, Farmland, National Park, and Other. "Other" could include private property, a mix of public and private land or an island, for example.

Locations were noted for their conservation designation, or proximity to such an area, in the following categories: Natural Heritage Area (NHA), proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

For the purposes of this study, it was decided that "Out of Control" dogs are dogs who don't seem to respond to their owner's voice commands, or dogs who have caused disruption or harm to local wildlife and/or other users of the recreation area. In addition for this survey, we clarified that the definition of "out of control" dogs would include any dog off a lead who approached the surveyor's vicinity when uninvited so that the dog was closer to the surveyor than the owner.

11 of the 13 locations were surveyed by the same surveyor. The two remaining areas were each surveyed by one of two different surveyors.

This survey focuses on the geographic area of SECAD but because the opportunity arose, the survey was also carried out in Bushy Park in Dublin and in Lake Muskry in Co. Tipperary. As part of the original Leave No Trace survey, on Achill Island in Co. Mayo, Keel Beach was surveyed twice and Keem Bay was surveyed once. Also as part of the original Leave No Trace survey, Ballyannan Woods in Midleton, Co. Cork was surveyed twice. Some of this additional survey information has been referred to in the Conclusion and Recommendations sections of this report.

The method for data collection was covert non-participatory naturalistic observational research. The methodology / instruction sheet and survey sheet that observers used can be seen in Appendix 1.

CONSTRAINTS

The main focus of the original survey was a 'dogs on lead' survey. The dog fouling was included as a readily achievable way to increase the value of the 'dogs on lead' survey.

While there was an attempt to categorise each of these two elements of the survey for the purposes of standardisation, there was a degree of subjectivity to observer interpretation, particularly for dog-fouling.

For this survey, as mentioned, the majority of survey work was carried out by a single surveyor. This did have the benefit of reducing 'between-observer-bias'. However, this also reduced the opportunity to collect information on variation of interpretation, which could have allowed for adaptation to similar future surveys.

RESULTS

In total, 114 dogs were surveyed in 13 public recreational areas in the SECAD area. As mentioned in the Methodology, locations in Mayo, Dublin and Tipperary were also surveyed. The following results and statistics are for the SECAD area only, although some data from the other locations will be referred to in the Conclusion and Recommendations sections of this report. None of the public areas surveyed in the SECAD area came under the categories of National Park, Upland Area or Other. 8 were in or near a protected area. The areas surveyed were at the following locations:

Coillte Recreation woodland:

Ballyannan Woods, Co. Cork
Rostellan Woods, Co. Cork
Curragh Woods, Co. Cork
Marlogue Woods, Co. Cork
Curraghbinny Woods, Co. Cork
Castlemartyr Woods, Co. Cork

Popular Beach:

Youghal Beach, Co. Cork
Harbour View, Co. Cork
Keem Bay, Achill, Co. Mayo*
Keel Beach, Co. Mayo*

Urban Recreation Area/Park:

The Mangala, Co. Cork
O'Callaghan Park, Glanmire, Co. Cork
Ballincollig Regional Park, Co. Cork
Suez Pond Greenway, Co. Cork
Bushy Park, Dublin City suburbs*

Upland Area:

Lake Muskry, Co. Tipperary*

Farmland:

Ballycotton Cliff Walk, Co. Cork

*outside of the SECAD locality

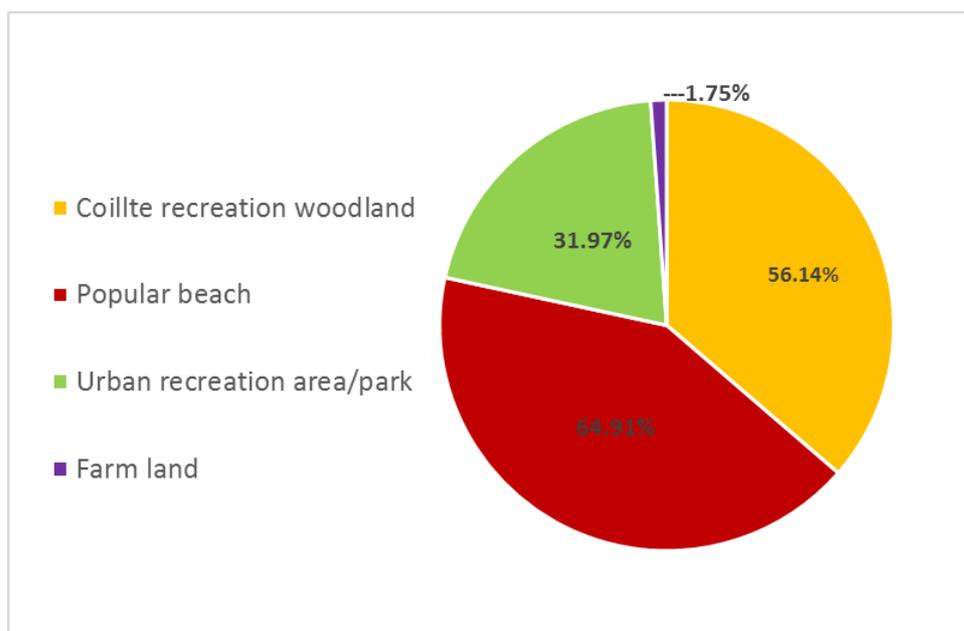


Figure 1. Dogs surveyed per location type

Dogs off Lead

Of the 114 dogs surveyed, 62% of dogs were off lead, 16% were out of control, 4% appeared not to be accompanied by an owner. 40% of dogs were off lead in or near designated protected natural areas.

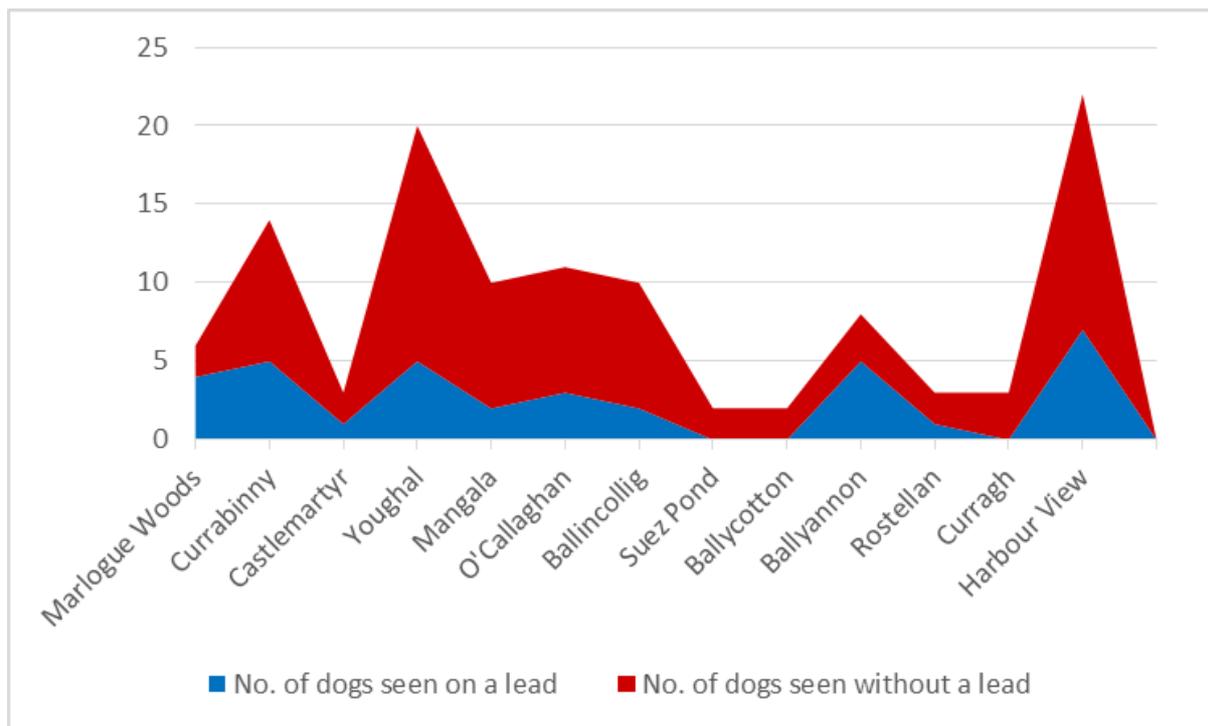


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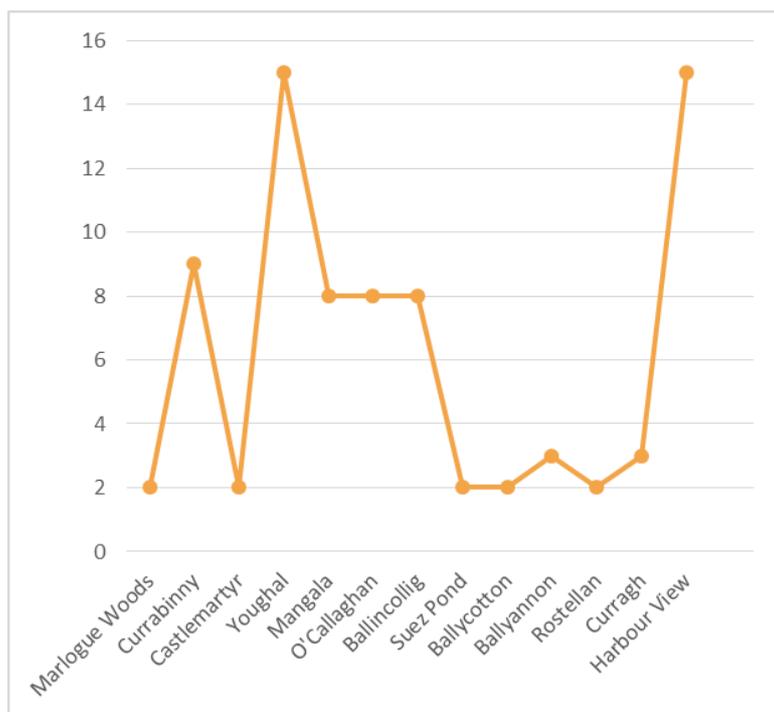


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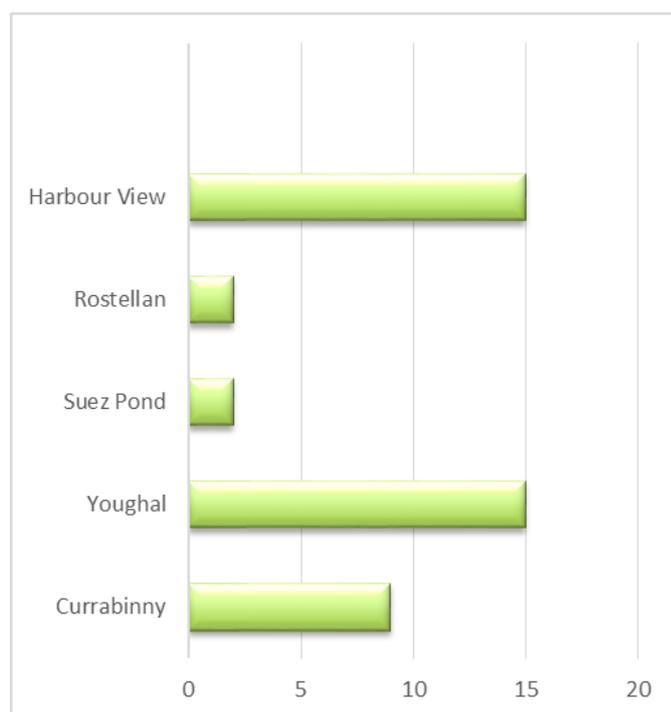


Figure 3. Number of dogs off lead in protected natural areas

Signage: Dogs off lead

Only 6 locations surveyed indicated by signage that they allowed dogs on leads. O'Callaghan Park in Glanmire, stated that dogs were not allowed on the playground area, but could be on a lead elsewhere in the park. No loose dogs were seen in that area, although they were seen in other areas where they were required to be on lead. At 4 locations, there was no indication that dogs were permitted access, whether on or off a lead, but this might have been presumed to be permissible given the presence of signage to keep dogs "under control". 3 locations had no signage whatsoever pertaining to dogs, yet dogs were surveyed at each of these areas.

The signage type varied, as did the organisations that installed them: Coillte Recreation Woodland, County and City Councils, An Taisce, Tidy Towns, Fáilte Ireland, as well as some private signs. Sign information varied from simple and straightforward to extremely complex, with information on points of cultural and historic interest at the location, Leave No Trace code of ethics and statements indicating the laws and bye-laws on leashing and fouling. Photos of the various signs at each location can be seen in Appendix 2.

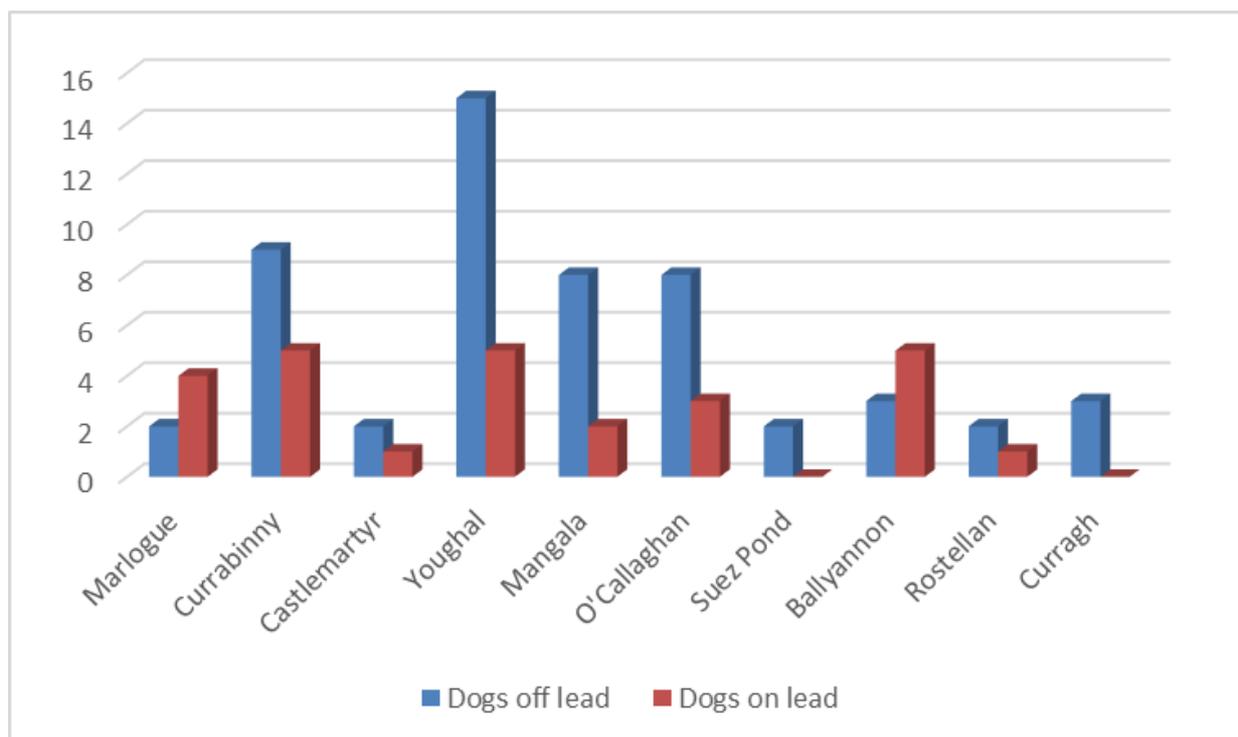


Figure 5. Number of dogs off lead at locations where signs indicate they must be on lead

The tone of language on signage varied widely: from polite or neutral to demanding and threatening. See photographs in Appendix 2.

Dog fouling

Observers were given the option of subjectively deciding whether dog fouling was “Definitely”, “Maybe” or “Definitely Not” an issue. If we consider “Definitely” and “Maybe” to mean dog fouling was an issue, then it was an issue at 7 locations in total (more than 50% of the surveyed locations). 6 of these 7 locations were designated protected natural areas, or within proximity of such an area.

11 locations had signage indicating that dog excrement should be removed. There were 2 locations with no signage pertaining to dog fouling, yet only 1 of these locations showed signs of fouling. Information on the fines that would be issued, in terms of their amount, as a penalty for not removing dog faeces varied from location to location.

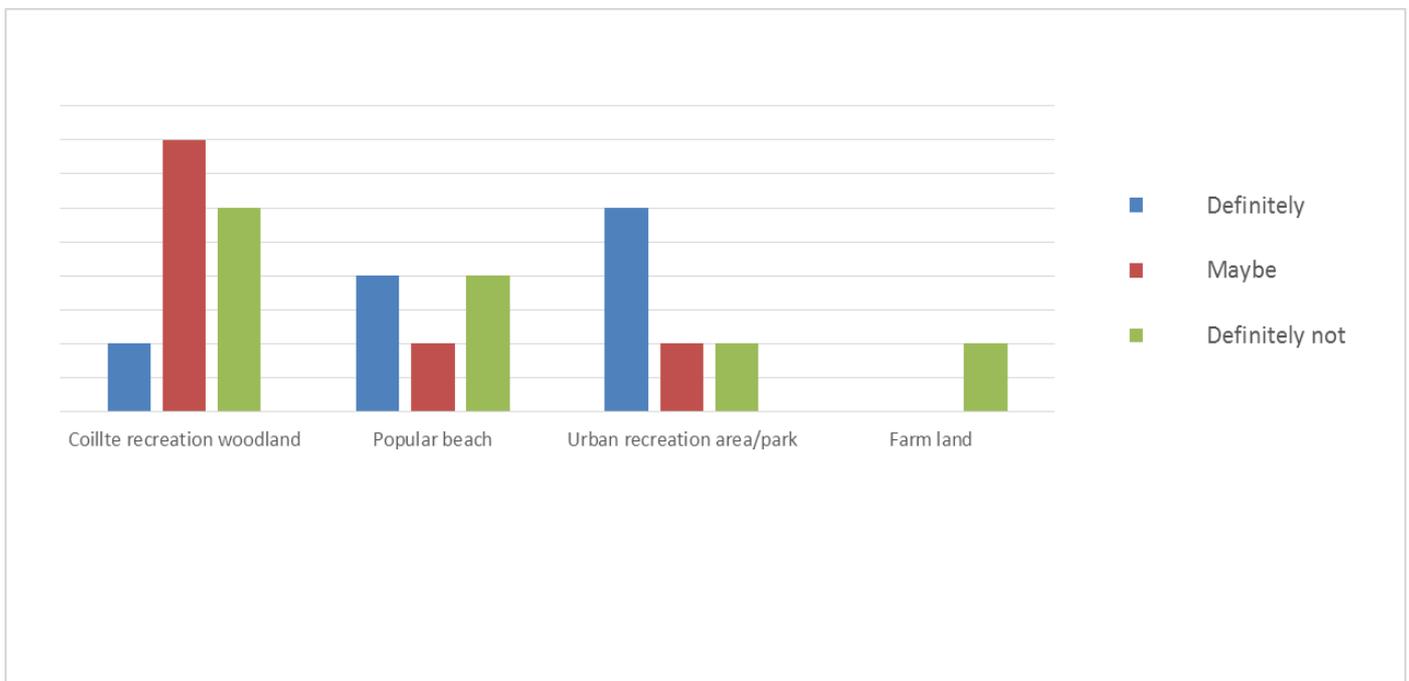


Figure 6. Is Dog Fouling an Issue? Per location type

Location	Area Type	Presence of Signage	Was dog fouling an issue?
Ballincollig Park	Urban / Park	YES	NO
Ballyannan Woods	Coillte	YES	NO
Ballycotton	Farmland	NO	NO
Castlemartyr Woods	Coillte	YES	MAYBE
Currabinny Woods	Coillte	YES	NO
Curragh Woods	Coillte	YES	MAYBE
Harbour View	Popular Beach	NO	MAYBE
Mangala	Urban / Park	YES	YES
Marlogue Woods	Coillte	YES	NO
O'Callaghan Park	Urban / Park	YES	YES
Rostellan Woods	Coillte	YES	NO
Suez Pond Greenway	Urban / Park	YES	YES
Youghal Beach	Popular Beach	YES	NO

Table 1. Is dog fouling an issue where there is and is not the presence of signage for its removal?

CONCLUSION

Dogs were found to be off lead at every location surveyed. Dog fouling was definitely an issue at 3 out of the 13 sites and maybe an issue at another 3 sites. Standard and type of signage, or even the presence of signage, was something that was not consistent throughout the 13 sites surveyed and there appears to be an issue in terms of the overall effectiveness of dog-related signage in general.

Clear information on signage indicating the requirements for keeping dogs on a lead, whether dogs were permitted or for removing dog faeces was not consistent. The individual sites showed variation in the occurrence of sign type, language and tone. Signage ranged from simplistic and straightforward with clear guidelines to the very complex with an overabundance of information. On some of these complex signs, it was difficult to quickly find text that referred to dog walking. Signs taking a stern approach of threatening the public with fines did not appear to be effective and in all cases, no-one was present who had the authority to issue these fines. It's worth noting that some sites had no issue with dog fouling at the time of the survey even though they had no signage in relation to dog fouling.

Only 5 of the 13 sites had a bin to dispose of dog excrement. Perhaps this might encourage recreationalists to pack out their rubbish, although it would appear that not all dog walkers are doing this.

None of the sites surveyed in the SECAD area permitted dogs to be off lead. However, permission for dogs to be off lead was allowable at Bushy Park in Dublin during select hours of the day (Appendix 2, page 33). The survey of Bushy Park was carried out during and after the time-frame that allowed loose dogs. Though only surveyed on one occasion, this park did not appear to have a problem with dog faeces nor with the loose dogs being "out of control". Conversely, dogs were not permitted at any time on the "Upland" section of Lake Muskry in Tipperary as this was designated for grazing sheep. Even so, 2 dogs on leads were surveyed in the location (see page 32).

Some signage requested that dogs be kept "under effective control". It seems that there may be a lack of understanding as to what this term means, especially seeing as many dogs were recorded as being "out of control" at these locations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Having a period of time during the day during which dogs are allowed to be off lead might help dog walkers feel less inclined to let them off lead when it is not permissible.

If removing dog faeces is going to be a public requirement, perhaps education as to the health hazards of not doing so is required. Education could be via explicit wording on the signs already present regarding the illnesses caused by external and internal parasites or through free information disseminated through groups, such as veterinarians, schools and Tidy Towns groups. Although the placement of more bins might encourage more people to remove their dogs' faeces, people may need more encouragement to get used to the idea of disposing of the waste themselves according to the Leave No Trace ethos of "Pack it in, pack it out".

There also might be discrepancy as to what the definition of "out of control" means for dogs, especially between dog-owning and non-dog-owning groups. It can be very subjective as to what this means. People who are used to dogs might think that dogs are "out- of control" only when they are fighting or at least showing some level of hostile behaviour. On the contrary, people who have limited experience with dogs or who are afraid of them might deem dogs to be "out of control" when they simply encroach on their personal space while out on a walk. Therefore, the definition of dogs being kept "under effective control" needs to be clarified to the general public.

Perhaps additional research on dog walkers themselves is warranted in order to get a clearer picture of the reasons for the human behaviour that leads to letting dogs off lead and leaving dog excrement in recreation areas.

Quantification for classification of various levels of dog-fouling might be explored for future dog-fouling surveys.

This survey deliberately avoided surveying dogs in car parks because this is an area where people are likely to have their dog on a lead or pick up their dog's excrement because lots of people are around them and they know that they are being watched. Conversely, the car park is also a place where people might open the doors of their car and let their dogs run around off lead to release some pent-up energy before putting them on a lead. It might be necessary in future to carry out a survey based solely on dogs in car parks.

As was stated in the Conclusion, signage varied hugely in its information as well as in tone and clarity. Perhaps a survey could be carried out determining the success of the different types of signage.

APPENDIX 1

Methodology/Instruction for LNT Dogs on Lead & Dog Faeces Survey 2016

- The survey will be carried out in three different focus areas which include:
Cork/Kerry area
Dublin/Wicklow area
Galway/Mayo area
(The survey can also be carried out in places outside of the focus areas)
- 6 different site types will be surveyed.
These are:
 1. Coillte Recreation woodland
 2. Popular Beach
 3. Urban recreation area/park
 4. Upland area
 5. National Park
 6. Farmland.
- Please choose a site where you are a likely to encounter dog walkers.
- Do not record dogs where dog owners commence, or complete their dog walk, i.e. car park.
- Within each of the three different parts of the country, each site type should be surveyed on three different occasions. The overall aim is to have the six site types surveyed three times in three parts of the country.
 - An individual site can be surveyed three times, or alternatively, one two or three different sites can be surveyed.
 - A survey site can include more than one site type i.e. upland area could also be farmland.
- Sites have to be visited when people are likely to be walking dogs.
- Ideally 10 dogs should be recorded during each separate survey.
 - Up to 2 hours may need to be spent at a site until at least 10 dogs are recorded.
 - If the target of 10 dogs isn't reached within 2 hours, the data collected will still be valid and useful.
 - It is also ok to record more than the 10 dog target, provided all dogs are recorded within a 2-hour timeframe.
- As part of the survey, if possible please make an effort to include sites which have been designated as protected areas (SPA, SAC, NHA and pNHA).

Survey sheet for LNT dog on lead & dog faeces survey 2016

Leave No Trace Ireland – Dogs on lead survey - 2016

Name of surveyor:

Contact details:

Date of Survey:

Time of Survey: From To

Total no. of hours:

Exact Location of Survey:

Type of site

~~Coillte~~ Recreation Woodland

Popular Beach

Urban recreation area/park

Upland area

National Park

Farmland

Other

Have you surveyed in or near where dog walkers are commencing their activity i.e. car park?

Yes No

Would you describe the site as an urban or rural area?

Is the site designated, or within close proximity to a designated site?

A Special Protection Area (SPA) for birds Yes No

A Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Yes No

A Natural Heritage Area (NHA) for birds Yes No

A proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA) Yes No

**Details of a sites conservation status can be found on the National Parks and Wildlife Service map viewer which is available at the following link <http://webgis.npws.ie/npwsviewer/>*

Is there information to say that dogs are permitted in the site?	Yes	No
Is there information to say that dogs are not permitted in the site?	Yes	No
Is there information to say that dogs are permitted on a lead?	Yes	No
Is there information to say that dogs are permitted without a lead?	Yes	No
Is there information about dog fouling and cleaning up after your dog?	Yes	No
Is there evidence of dog fouling not being cleaned up at this site?	Yes	No

Does dog fouling seem to be an issue at this site?

Definitely

Maybe

Definitely not

Record sightings in number sequence, i.e. No. of dogs = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, etc.

❖ Total no. of individual dogs recorded during survey =

○ No. of dogs seen on a lead =

○ No. of dogs seen without a lead =

○ No. of dogs seen off a lead, but whose owners have a lead =

○ No. of dogs seen without an apparent owner (loose dogs) =

○ No. of dogs displaying 'out of control' behaviour* =

* 'Out of Control' dogs are dogs who don't seem to respond to their owner's voice commands, or dogs who have caused disruption or harm to local wildlife and/or other users of the recreation area.

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LOCATION 1: Marlogue Woods

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 31st July, 2016

Time of survey: 16:30 – 18:20

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland. Rural, though one house at car park.

Designation: None

Signage/Info: “Leave No Trace”, “Please Clean up After Your Dog”, “Dogs Must Be on a Leash” signs imply that dogs are allowed. No specific sign indicating dogs have access.

Dog fouling: Evidence: Yes; Issue: No, the trails’ edges lead into woods making the pathway wide enough to avoid stepping in dog excrement.

No. of dogs: Total: 5 dogs
1 on lead
3 off lead
1 out of control

Notes: More evidence of horse manure. One sign for horse riding to permit holders only. No sign regarding picking up horse manure. 2 horses and horse riders in car park: 1 being lunged. Public safety issue? 1 “out of control” oncoming dog crossed my path when I approached so owner on my right and dog on my left.



LOCATION 2: Curraghbinny Woods, near Crosshaven, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 26th October, 2016

Time of survey: 10:00 – 11:10

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland. Rural.

Designation: SPA on northern edge of woodland.

Signage/Info: 1 old Coillte "Welcome" sign

1 Coillte Outdoors Curraghbinny Forest Recreation Area sign describing the trail with map. 8 separate pieces of information within frame, including Leave No Trace list of ethics in Irish and English; 3 additional official signs stuck on to frame:

1 x Coillte Outdoors Bylaws for Access that includes a Leave No Trace symbol and quote

1 x Coillte CCTV

1 x Coillte Compass Club

At end of trail, minor entrance, small parking area off road:

1 Coillte "Please Clean Up After Your Dog"

1 x "Dogs on Leash"

Dog fouling: Evidence: No.

Issue: None whatsoever.

No. of dogs: Total: 14 dogs!

3 on lead

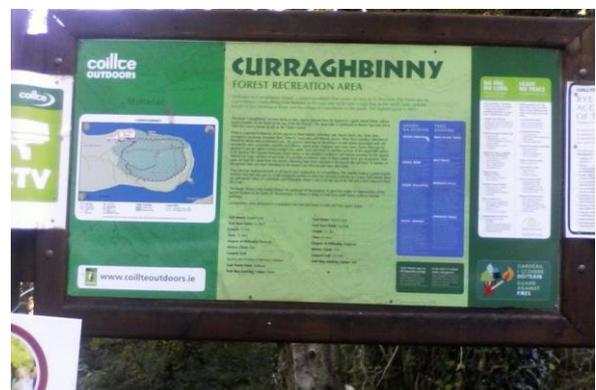
11 off lead

9 out of control

Notes: Dry, clear, sunny Autumnal day. Maybe the dogs were extra spritely as 9 approached me.

Walkers with dogs were wearing cold-weather clothing such as coats which might account for the lack of visible leashes.

(Also saw 3 leashed dogs leaving the car park onto the road appearing to have just finished their walk so didn't count them in survey.



LOCATION 3: Mitchell's Wood & Pigeon Wood, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: Wednesday, 7th September, 2016

Time of survey: 13:15-15:15

Type of site: Urban and rural: Rural woods but urban in town.

Designation: None

Mitchell's Wood, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork

Signage/Info: 1 COILLTE sign indicating name of area, trail builders and maintainers, with Leave No Trace caption and symbol and list of LNT code of ethics: dog-specific information under "Farm animals" and "Waste removal". Sign was close to roadway so surveyor did not read this as parked beyond the sign. Parking allocation unclear at trail head.

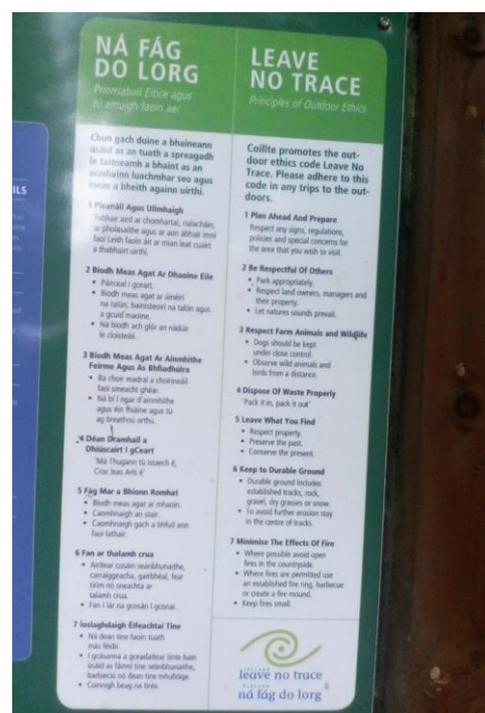
Dog fouling: Evidence: Yes; Issue: Yes: on my shoe when in car!

No. of dogs: Total: 1 dog
1 on leash

Notes: Two separate woods make up Castlemartyr Woods:

- (a) Mitchell's Wood
- (b) Pigeon Wood & Barn Wood

Where there was no obvious signage for excrement removal, there was excrement unremoved; where there was clear signage, there was a bag of poop left along the route that the owner removed on her way back (surveyor observed this).

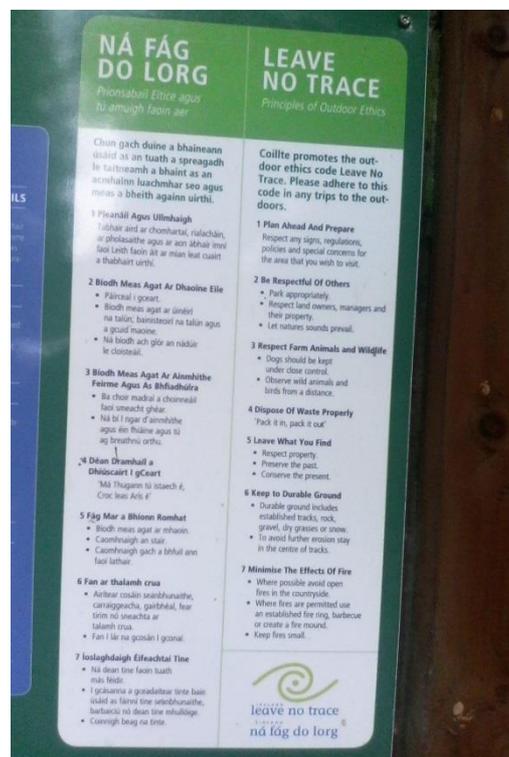


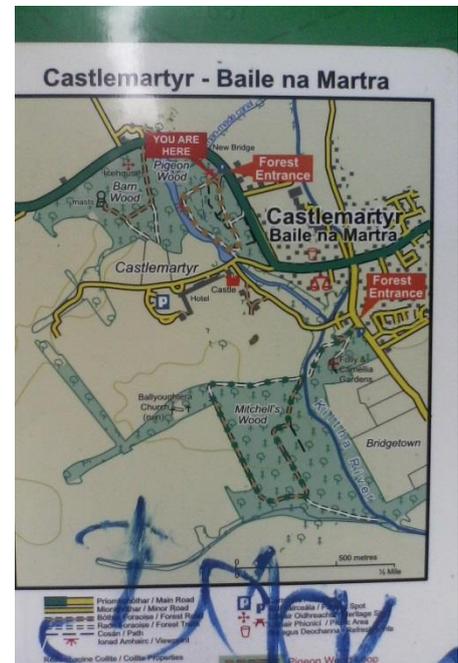
Pigeon Wood, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork

- Signage/Info: 1. COILLTE sign indicating name of area, trail builders and maintainers, and Leave No Trace caption and symbol with LNT Code of Ethics. Details about dogs under the caption :
 "Respect Farm Animals and Wildlife: Dogs should be kept under close control"
 and under "Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack It In, Pack It Out";
2. Coillte Outdoors sign: "Keep Dogs Under Control" suggests dog walkers use their own discretion as to what merits "control";
3. Coillte Outdoors sign: Please clean up after your dog".
- None pertaining to leash specifically.

Dog fouling: No

No. of dogs: Total: 2 dogs
 0 on lead
 1 had leash in hand
 0 out of control





- Notes: Two separate woods make up Castlemartyr Woods:
- (a) Mitchell's Wood
 - (b) Pigeon Wood & Barn Wood

Where there was no obvious signage just for excrement removal, there was excrement unremoved; where there was clear signage, there was a bag of poop left along the route that the owner removed on her way back (surveyor observed this).

Leave No Trace information very detailed with paragraph for each section. The doggie info. under Farm and Waste, not its own heading.

The vertical Coillte Outdoors sign most obvious, simple and attention-grabbing and straight to the point (silhouette illustration of person picking up poop after dog).



LOCATION 4: Ballyannan Woods, Midleton, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 2nd August, 2016

Time of survey: 15:15 – 17:45

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland

Designation: None (although the Little Egret the inhabits year round)

Signage/Info: No specific sign indicating dogs permitted access or not: signs indicating what dogs should not do imply that dogs are allowed general access.

No sign to indicate that dogs must be on a lead or not.

3 signs all in carpark area at beginning of walking route to indicate that dog waste must be picked up:

1 Tidy Town Association sign on garbage bin to indicate bin for dog waste only;

1 Tidy Town Association large sign on fence showing cartoon of foot about to step on dog waste;

1 sign from the Veterinary Department of Cork County Council indicating the imposition of a \$3,000 fine for dog fouling

Dog fouling: Evidence: Yes, in 4 locations

Issue: Yes: the trails are tar so dog waste is notable and will not biodegrade.

No. of dogs: Total: 8 dogs

5 on lead

3 off lead

1 off lead with no apparent owner (ask William if each dog can overlap in category?)

Notes: Labrador with stick approached – I put him under “loose” dog with apparent owner. Should he be “showing out of control behaviour” – he was in a hurry to get to the water with his stick.



LOCATION 5: Rostellan Woods, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 20th August, 2016

Time of survey: 10:30 – 12:20

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland. Rural, though one house at car park.

Designation: None

Signage/Info: 1 x Leave No Trace, 1 x Coillte Outdoors: "Please Clean up After Your Dog", 1 x "Horse Riding Not Permitted"

Signs imply that dogs are allowed. No specific sign indicating dogs have access.

Dog fouling: Saw a dog fouling

No. of dogs: Total: 3 dogs
2 on lead
1 off lead

Notes: (Is one "out of control" when he was on a leash but showed signs of aggression towards a walker who approached the owner to talk?)



LOCATION 6: Curragh Woods, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 24th August, 2016

Time of survey: 16:30 – 18:20

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland. Rural.

Designation: None

Signage/Info: Coillte name of location sign. Specific sign indicating dogs must be on a leash. Sign with Leave No Trace symbol. None to indicate must clean up poop.

Dog fouling: No visible evidence

No. of dogs: Total: 3 dogs

3 off lead

Notes: No visible evidence of fouling but had some on my shoe on getting into my car.



LOCATION 7: Youghal Beach, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 21st September, 2016

Time of survey: 17:20 – 18:55

Type of site: Popular Beach

Designation: None

Signage/Info: No specific sign indicating dogs have access. Signs indicating what dogs should not do imply that dogs are allowed general access.

At trail head: One Cork County Council sign stating leaving rubbish behind is punishable by a fine

One sign on garbage bin to indicate bin for dog waste only.

Within half an hour of walking, One Cork County Council sign to take out rubbish

And one Taisce Blue Flag sign promoting the Leave No Trace "Pack It In, Pack It out" ethos.

Dog fouling: Evidence: No

Issue: No

No. of dogs: Total: 20 dogs
15 on lead
5 off lead: 5 with leash
0 out of control

Notes:



LOCATION 8: Harbour View, Co. Cork

Surveyor: William O'Halloran

Date of survey: 11th February, 2016

Time of survey: 12:00 - 13:00 pm

Type of site: Popular Beach

Designation: SPA, SAC, pNHA

Dog fouling: Evidence: No

Issue: Maybe

Signage/Info: No signs at all to say whether dogs are allowed, should be leashed, to pick up fouling, etc.

No. of dogs: Total: 22 dogs

7 on lead

15 off lead

5 out of control

Notes: No signage for any aspect of dogs in the outdoors

LOCATION 9: Mangala, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Barry O'Sullivan

Date of survey: Tuesday, 6th December, 2016

Time of survey: 12:30 - 13:30 pm

Type of site: Urban

Designation: None

Dog fouling: Evidence: Yes, although hidden in fallen leaves on trail.

Issue: Yes! Surveyor stepped in some!

Signage/Info: 1 x Cork County Council Veterinary Department: "Clean Up [Diagram of dog with "X" going through dog excrement], Protect Public Health, Maximum Penalty £3,000";

1 x Pet Sitters Ireland: "Love Your Pets! Promote Responsible Pet Ownership. Please Pick Up After Your Dog [Diagram of person picking up dog excrement].

1 x Cork County Council Public Safety Notice: Legal requirement when walking list of restricted breeds of dogs.

No. of dogs: Total: 10 dogs
2 on lead
8 off lead
0 out of control

Notes:



LOCATION 10: O'Callaghan Park, Glanmire, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: 28th July, 2016

Time of survey: 15:45 – 16:30

Type of site: Urban recreation park

Designation: None

Signage/Info: No specific sign indicating dogs have access. Signs indicating what dogs should not do imply that dogs are allowed general access.

One sign indicating that dogs are not allowed in playground which is within the park (off to the side)

One sign on garbage bin to indicate bin for dog waste only.

No sign to indicate that dogs must be on a leash in park.

No sign to indicate that dog waste must be picked up.

Dog fouling: Evidence: Yes

Issue: Yes: the trails are tar so dog waste is noticeable and will not biodegrade

No. of dogs: Total: 11 dogs

3 on lead

8 off lead: 5 with leash; 3 with no apparent owners

3 out of control (2 barking, potentially aggressive, 1 crossed river without owner)

Notes:



LOCATION 11: Ballincollig Regional Park, Co. Cork

Surveyors: Barry O'Sullivan & Finbar Wallace

Date of survey: 29th November, 2016

Time of survey: 10:30-11:30

Type of site: Urban

Designation: None

No. of dogs: Total: 10 dogs
2 on lead
8 off lead
1 out of control

Dog fouling: None!

Issue: No.

Notes: The "out-of-control" dog was a large boxer who was very friendly but encroached on each group of people around him. The owner had no ability to recall the dog.

Signage/Info:

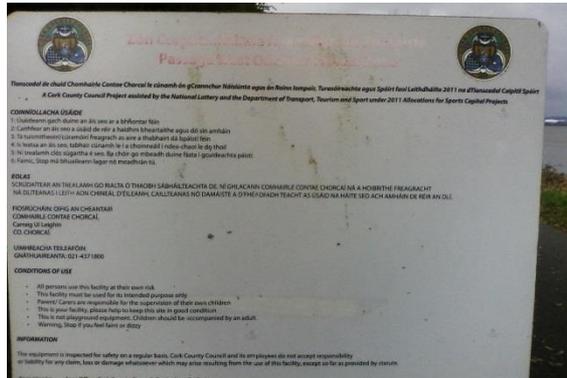


LOCATION 12: Suez Pond Greenway, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch
 Date of survey: 26th October, 2016
 Time of survey: 12:00 – 13:00
 Type of site: Urban.
 Designation: None.
 Signage/Info:
 No. of dogs: Total: 2 dogs
 0 on lead
 2 off lead
 0 out of control
 2 leashes visible

Notes:

Signage/Info:



LOCATION 13: Ballycotton Cliff Walk, Co. Cork

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: Monday, 15th August, 2016

Time of survey: 13:00-15:00

Type of site: Popular Beach (coastal cliff walk)

Urban and rural: on edge of village (houses and public building at train head).

Designation: None

Signage/Info: No signage relating to dogs at all: 1 SECAD sign indicating bird walk area, 1 not allowing mountain bikers and horses, 1 regarding walking along fence line of farm (note use of "Please" and explanation (crop damage)).

Dog fouling: Evidence: No; Issue: No

No. of dogs: Total: 2 dogs
0 on lead
2 off lead

Notes: 1 out of control (trail so narrow, couldn't avoid being inches away from face of dog in front of owner).
Some evidence of rubbish: plastic bottle, paper, cardboard.



LOCATION 14: Lake Muskry Trail, Glen of Aherlow, Co. Tipperary

Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: Sunday, 14th August, 2016

Time of survey: 11:20 – 13:30

Type of site: Coillte Woodland and Upland area. Rural.

Designation: None

Signage/Info: One sign at the turnstile at the end of the forest trail approaching the upland area with free-ranging sheep indicating that no dogs allowed.

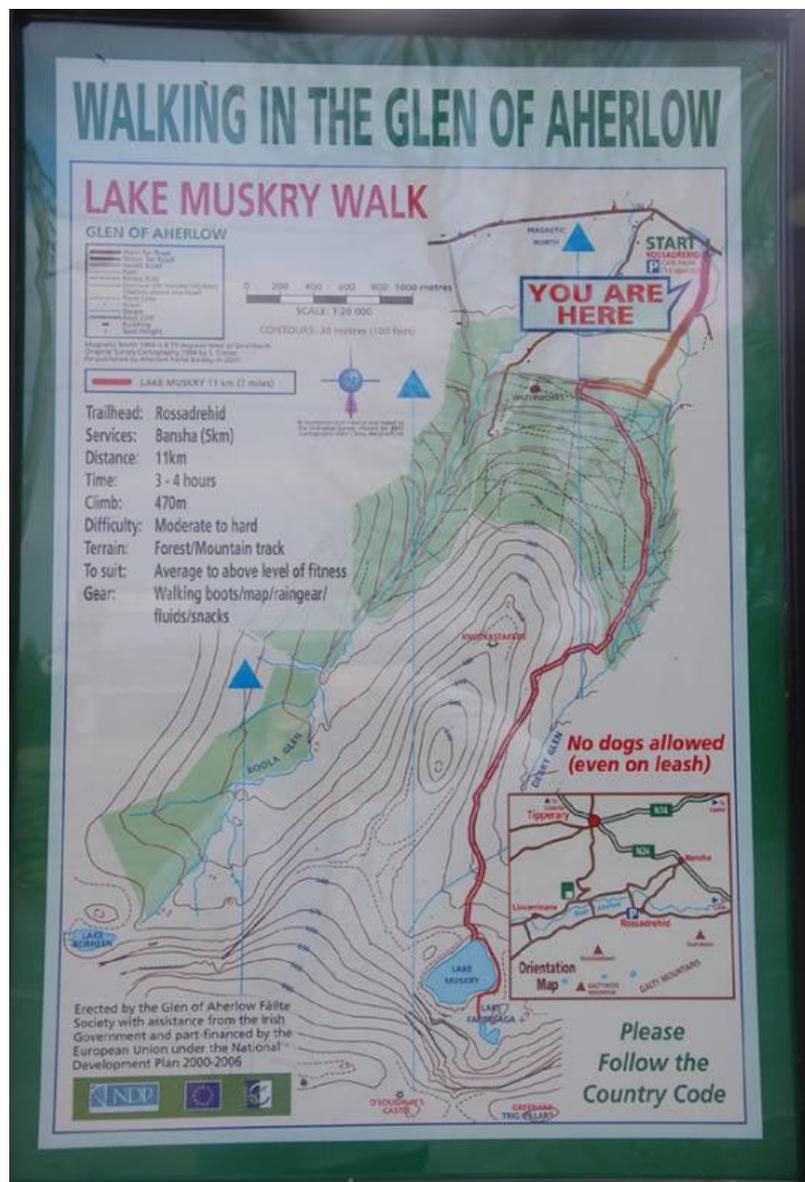
Dog fouling: No visible evidence

No. of dogs: Total: 2 dogs (both on the Uplands section)

1 off lead

1 on lead

Notes:



LOCATION 15: Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin City suburbs

Name of Surveyor: Vivienne Lynch

Date of survey: Sunday, th September, 2016

Time of survey: 11:20 – 12:40

Location: Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin City suburbs

Type of site: Urban park

Designation: None

Signage/Info: One sign at the back of the park entrance at the Dodder River indicating that dogs are allowed, unleashed at certain times of the day, otherwise leashed.

Dog fouling: No visible evidence

No. of dogs: Total: 23 dogs (both on the Uplands section)

5 off lead

Leash in owners' hands

18 on lead

Notes:



LOCATION 16: Keem Bay, Co. Mayo

Surveyor: Sorsha Kennedy

Date of survey: 18th March, 2016

Time of survey: 12:00 – 15:00

Type of site: Popular Beach

Designation: SAC

Signage/Info: No signage for anything

Dog fouling: None

Issue: No

No. of dogs: Total: 10 dogs

4 off lead

6 on lead

Notes:

LOCATION 17: Keel Beach, Achill, Co. Mayo

Surveyor: Sorsha Kennedy

Date of survey: 17th March, 2016

Time of survey: 12:00 – 14:00

Type of site: Popular Beach

Designation: SAC

Signage/Info: None

Dog fouling: Yes

Issue: Yes

No. of dogs: Total: 10 dogs

2 off lead

8 on lead

Notes: ` No signs for anything

Original Leave No Trace Survey Results for Location 4: Ballyannan Woods, Midleton, Co. Cork

Survey: 1

Surveyor: Donald Ike

Date of survey: 1st January, 2016

Time of survey: 14:45 – 16:45

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland

Designation: Rural

Signage/Info: There is signage to say that dogs are permitted on the site, dogs are permitted on a lead and that picking up dog fouling is a requirement.

There is no signage stating that dogs are not permitted in the area or that they are permitted without a lead.

Dog fouling: Evidence: No

Issue: Maybe

No. of dogs: Total: 12 dogs

4 on lead

8 off lead

1 off lead with no apparent owner (ask William if each dog can overlap in category?)

Notes: There was a sign for taking home litter.

Survey: 2

Surveyor: Donald Ike

Date of survey: 14th May, 2016

Time of survey: 13:15 – 15:15

Type of site: Coillte Recreation Woodland

Designation: Rural

Signage/Info: There is signage to say that dogs are permitted on the site, dogs are permitted on a lead and that picking up dog fouling is a requirement.

There is no signage stating that dogs are not permitted in the area or that they are permitted without a lead.

Dog fouling: Evidence: No

Issue: Maybe

No. of dogs: Total: 14 dogs

5 on lead

9 off lead

Notes:

