

# Railway Paths Visitor Charter

Walkers, wheelchair users, cyclists and horse riders are all allowed to use the Railway Paths.

Please take care when other users are around, and be aware of their needs.

Be polite and courteous to other users, a nice wave and a 'thank you' goes a long way to keep people happy.



# Walkers

## Do

- ✓ Listen for cyclists and horse riders who may be approaching you from behind
- ✓ Be prepared to let cyclists or horse riders pass you, step out of the way if you can
- ✓ Take extra care in areas with poor visibility

- ✓ Keep your dogs under close control when cyclists or horse riders are nearby, remember horses may be spooked by loud or sudden noises

## Do not

- ✗ Obstruct the passage-way for other users by taking up the full width of the path

# All Users

## Motorbikes and quad bikes are not allowed.

If one approaches, please step aside.

Do not confront the rider or put yourself in danger.

Call the police on 101 giving your location, time, date and description of vehicle and driver.

## Help us to look after and improve the Railway Paths

### You could:

- pick litter
- report problems
- cut back overhanging vegetation
- improve the routes for wildlife
- give ideas for improvements by becoming part of a local group

For information about countryside volunteering, please get in touch.

- Take your rubbish home
- Leave gates as they are found
- Bag and bin dog mess

## Countryside Service

tel 03000 264 589

[www.durham.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.durham.gov.uk/countryside)

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# Cyclists

## Do

- ✓ Give an audible warning and slow down when overtaking other users
- ✓ Take extra care when approaching children, horses and dogs
- ✓ Take care in areas with poor visibility
- ✓ Limit party size to ten cycles

## Do not

- ✗ Ride too quickly, the paths are not racetracks and should not be used as if they were
- ✗ Brake hard, deliberately skid or do anything else that is likely to damage the surface of the path
- ✗ Ride on the embankments or other rough areas off the surfaced path



# Horse Riders

## Do

- ✓ Come to a walk when passing other users
- ✓ Ride on the surfaced track except where it is unsuitable for horses
- ✓ Dismount before crossing viaducts and bridges
- ✓ Limit party size to five horses
- ✓ Take extra care in areas with poor visibility

- ✓ Aim to end your journey well before dusk

## Do not

- ✗ Gallop at any time on the Railway Paths
- ✗ Jump fences, gates or furniture
- ✗ Allow your horse to foul the path, move off to the side of the route where possible



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