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The Forest Conduct Guide

Rules for Collective Harmony

Venturing out for a forest hike, indulging in a sporting activity, there are so many opportunities to explore: the region, its people, the landscapes, interesting monuments and above all its amazing natural spaces. Enjoying a harmonious commune with nature is a privilege and requires respect for the environment.

- The Walloon forest is full of public footpaths and roads open to the public.** Whether signposted or not **I will only use the paths welcoming walkers and not veer off the beaten track**, going off-piste and traipsing over anything other than visible paths. And I will avoid any routes, rivers or streams which may disturb flora, fauna or wildlife.
- At all times, I will behave courteously and respectfully to other users.** If I ride a bike, a horse or if I go for a run, I will take care to moderate my speed and pass by peacefully and respectfully. To top it off a friendly smile or a thank you will not go amiss and ensure a pleasurable experience for everyone.
- I will respect the forest tranquillity wherever I walk.** I will therefore avoid shouting, playing loud music and enjoy the peace of my surroundings.
- I will always keep my dog on a leash**, or any other pet, to limit the disturbance to wildlife and in order not to disturb others.
- I will also take my rubbish with me** and throw it in the bin, making sure to leave the forest the way I left it.
- I will respect the flora and fauna**, leaving the flowers the way they are, taking only the bare minimum without tearing up the roots or bulbs. **Mushroom foraging or any other forest finds will be subject to the owner's permission and always in a responsible manner according to the rules.** (10 litres maximum per person, per day, no night picking and not during hunting events). Do not forget to check the local license conditions.
- I respect the forbidden / no entry signs and barriers that close a lane, respecting that they are private or protected areas**, whether temporarily or permanently. If ever I have a query or question on one of these signs. I can call the DNF or the local tourist information office.
- I understand that some areas may be closed to pedestrians, especially for hunting reasons. For my safety, **I will respect these closures flagged with red posters.** If ever I have a query or question on one of these signs. I can call the DNF or the local tourist information office.
- If I wish to spend the night in the forest I will head to the bivouac area dedicated to camping.** I will respect that these areas are for rest periods and not for parties. Here, as elsewhere, the peace of the forest must be maintained.

You can find a large selection of walks in the heart of Walloon nature on visitwallonia.be or discover them through our brochures available for download on visitwallonia.be/brochures