

How to enjoy access in Orkney

Houses, Gardens and Farmyards

Peace and privacy in your own house and garden are important to everyone. Farmyards are busy places, with health and safety issues.

Access rights don't include houses, gardens or farmyards so:

use a right of way, path or track if you are near a house

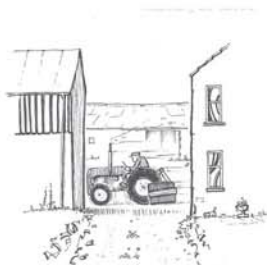
keep a reasonable distance from houses and avoid overlooking them

avoid causing alarm to people especially at night

go around farmyards

if you need to go through a farmyard ask the farmer, he will advise you

You can use public rights of way or core paths that go through farmyards or close to buildings.



Caring for Orkney's Heritage

When you are out in the countryside you can help Orkney's wildlife by:

not disturbing birds and other animals

leaving birds' eggs alone

taking care not to damage or destroy plants or geological features

following local advice for protecting wildlife and plants

taking your litter home with you

When you visit sites with historical or archaeological interest remember:

leave the site as you found it and take nothing away from it

do not camp, light fires or use metal detectors

follow any local guidance on protecting the site



Wild Camping

Access rights include wild camping. This type of camping is lightweight, done in small numbers and only for two or three nights in one place.

If you are camping help local people and farmers by:

not camping in enclosed fields with crops or livestock

keeping away from buildings and historical sites

leaving no litter

causing no pollution

removing all traces of your tent pitch and any open fire

