

## Cleeve Common Kite Boarders'/ Kite Flyers' Code

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Cleeve Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, protected by law owing to its rare flora and unique geological exposures. The Common is privately owned and is managed by Cleeve Common Board of Conservators, established in 1890 and today a registered charity.

The only permitted access for kites on Cleeve Common is at the recreation area. This access is granted by Cleeve Common Board of Conservators ONLY to those who sign up to and adhere to the Code of Conduct. To do this, please email us ([conservators@cleevecommon.org.uk](mailto:conservators@cleevecommon.org.uk)) your name and email address and put in the subject line, "Acceptance of Cleeve Common Kite Boarders'/Kite Flyers' Code". We welcome these kite flyers/ kite boarders to enjoy the Common sensitively for many years to come. Please see the map overleaf to locate the 'recreation area' near the radio masts.

### Kite Boarders'/Kite Flyers' Code

You can help us to conserve Cleeve Common, protecting this fantastic resource today and for future generations. Please note that the code of conduct is advisory and is not enforced by law.

- **When within eyeshot of a horse, please stop moving and either raise kite to Zenith or land safely and try to prevent movement of the kite to avoid distress and danger to horse and rider.**
- **Be mindful of livestock. ALWAYS check around you before launching and give animals the chance to get out of your way. Always securely close the gates behind you.**
- **If grassland is wet, please be cautious to prevent erosion.**
- **Please observe the minimum impact code: leave things as you find them, take only photographs, remove any litter.**
- **Do not fly within 100m of the pylons.**

The following, additional points to adhere to are taken from the British Kite Flying Association's Code of Conduct...

- You must take all reasonable precautions to ensure safety at all times.
- You must make sure you have adequate space to launch, fly and land your kite safely.
- You must wear appropriate protective equipment such as a helmet.
- You should learn to fly small kites before attempting to fly larger and more powerful power kites.
- You should fly with a buddy to take care of each other's safety.
- Kite fliers should act in such a way as to protect others from accident, injury or loss.
- You must supervise any children under your care at all times.
- You should avoid startling livestock and pets, particularly ridden horses.
- You should beware of spectators, pedestrians and young children who might not be aware of the dangers of kites.
- You must never let inexperienced fliers use your equipment except under close supervision and provided that you are certain that they can handle the equipment without risk of injury to themselves or others.
- You must remember that the safety of others is your responsibility.
- You should respect the environment including wildlife and livestock.
- You should respect other users of the flying site and those living nearby.
- You must avoid flying when breeding birds and nestlings may be disturbed.
- You should recycle rubbish and waste whenever possible.
- You should respect the quiet of the countryside.
- You should avoid flying too close to other kites.
- You should be aware that if you cause an accident you may be liable to compensate a third party for their loss.
- You should have insurance that is suitable for the activities you are undertaking.

### Donations

Cleeve Common Board of Conservators is a small charity that receives no core funding to manage the recreation on the Common. **If you use the Common please help us to pay for it** – if you would like to support our work in managing the Common for biodiversity and people, please see our website, under the 'Support' tab: [www.cleevecommon.org.uk](http://www.cleevecommon.org.uk).

Thank you