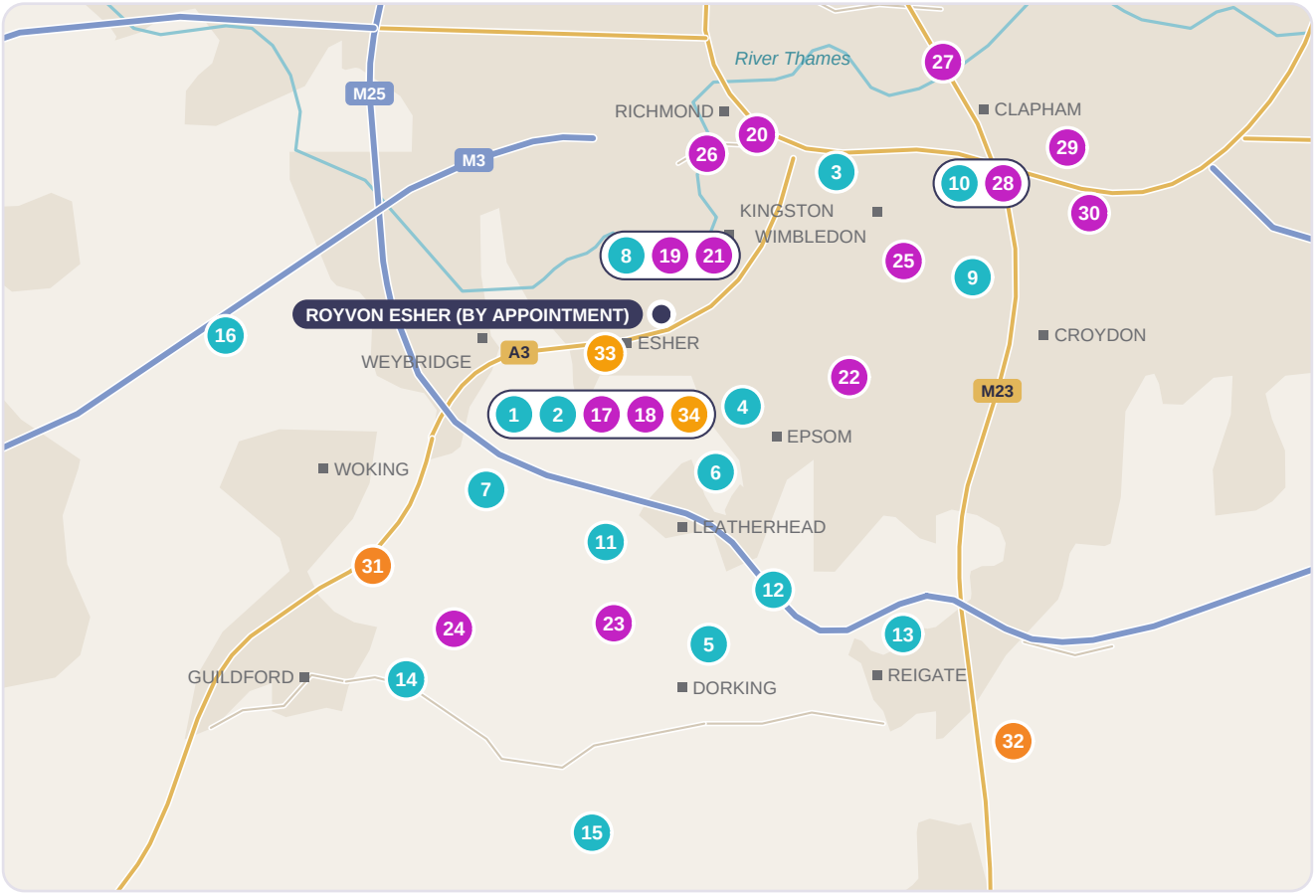
A FREE GUIDE FROM ROYVON · UPDATED OCTOBER 2026

Dog days out in Surrey & South London

Commons, parks, estates, secure dog fields and dog-friendly pubs near Royvon Esher, each with dog rules, an official source and directions. Free for any dog owner to use and share.

Checked against official sources in October 2026. Rules and parking can change, so check signs on arrival.



Commons, heaths & hills **Parks & estates** **Secure dog fields** **Eat & drink** Location overview, not a navigation map: use the directions links for routes.

Commons, heaths & hills

1

Esher Commons & Black Pond Esher · KT10 9JL

Heath, grassland, woodland, marsh and open water across the Esher Commons, with waymarked footpaths and bridleways. An easy access trail from Blackhills car park crosses the heath to Black Pond.

Dog notes: Dogs must be under close control by law and kept from disturbing wildlife, ponds and nesting areas. Yellow-arrow footpaths are walkers only. Clean up after your dog.

Source: Elmbridge Borough Council Directions from Royvon

2

Oxshott Heath Oxshott · KT22 0TA

Heath on the edge of Oxshott, part of the Esher Commons, open on foot at all hours. Elmbridge Council is improving the car park until December 2026; sections stay open throughout, so follow signs on arrival.

Dog notes: Keep dogs under control and on a lead where signposted. Keep to main paths March to September, when ground-nesting birds are breeding.

Source: Elmbridge Borough Council Directions from Royvon

3

Wimbledon Common Wimbledon · SW19 5NR

Large common where dogs can generally be off lead. The Windmill car park has toilets but gets very busy.

Dog notes: Off lead generally allowed. Leads on The Plain 1 March to 31 August and around Queensmere 1 April to 31 August. No dogs in the ponds 1 April to 31 August. Up to 4 dogs per person under the byelaws.

Source: Wimbledon and Putney Commons Directions from Royvon

4

Horton Country Park Epsom · KT19 8PL

400-acre local nature reserve of ancient woodland, hay meadows, hedgerows and ponds. Main car park off Horton Lane, locked half an hour before sunset.

Dog notes: Dogs under close control. Keep dogs out of woodland being cleared in winter, where fires and machinery are in use.

Source: Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Directions from Royvon

5

Box Hill Tadworth, near Dorking · KT20 7LB

National Trust hill with summit car parks and a café, where water bowls are provided.

Dog notes: Well-controlled dogs welcome; leads where livestock graze and around horses. Dogs on a short lead welcome inside the café. Watch for restricted areas 1 March to 31 August (ground-nesting birds).

Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

6

Ashtead Common Ashtead · KT21 2DU

National Nature Reserve with over 2,300 ancient oak pollards. No car park on the Common; use Ashtead station or Stew Ponds off Christchurch Road.

Dog notes: Dogs under effective control at all times, with an ID collar. Dog training and racing are banned under the byelaws.

Source: City of London Directions from Royvon

7

Wisley & Ockham Commons Ockham, by the A3 · KT11 1NR

Heathland commons with Bolder Mere lake and the Chatley Heath Semaphore Tower. Three free car parks; café and toilets at Bolder Mere.

Dog notes: Dogs welcome under effective control. Part of a protected area for heathland birds; high fire risk.

Source: Surrey County Council Directions from Royvon

8

Thames Path at Hampton Court Barge Walk, Hampton Court to Kingston · KT8 9AU

Flat riverside walk on the Barge Walk, running east from Hampton Court Palace towards Kingston Bridge. Paid on-site palace car park.

Dog notes: Keep dogs on a lead along the riverside: the path is shared with walkers and cyclists and runs right beside the water. This stretch is non-tidal, but take care at the river's edge. No dogs in the palace, courtyards or gardens.

Source: Historic Royal Palaces Directions from Royvon

9

Mitcham Common Mitcham · CR4 1HT

182-hectare common with woodland, grassland and ponds, and short walks including a 1.1-mile Seven Islands Pond loop from the Ecology Centre car park on Windmill Road.

Dog notes: Dog walking is an established use of the common. Keep dogs under effective control.

Source: Mitcham Common Conservators Directions from Royvon

10

Tooting Common Tooting / Balham · SW16 1RU

Large common with acid grassland, old oaks, historic avenues and a lake. Directions take you to the Tooting Bec Lido car park.

Dog notes: No dogs in play areas, enclosed sports facilities, the lake or ecology pools. Leads in car parks, café seating areas and where directed. ID tag required; up to 4 dogs per person.

Source: Wandsworth Council Directions from Royvon

11 **Bookham Commons** Great Bookham · KT23 3LT
Ancient commons of grassland, oak woods and ponds, with a 2.5 to 3-mile activity trail and a bird hide. Free parking at Mark Oak Gate and Hundred Pound Bridge.
Dog notes: Well-controlled dogs welcome; leads where cattle graze (The Plains and Bank's Common). No toilets.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

12 **Headley Heath** Headley, near Box Hill · KT18 6NN
Heathland trails of about 2 to 4 miles, including a Second World War history trail. Pay to park (NT members free); there's no phone signal, so set up the parking app first.
Dog notes: Well-controlled dogs welcome. Leads and paths 1 March to 31 August (ground-nesting birds). Short lead around livestock.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

13 **Reigate Hill & Gatton Park** Reigate · RH2 0HX
Chalk escarpment with views across the Weald, and Capability Brown landscape at Gatton Park. A takeaway servery at Wray Lane car park.
Dog notes: Well-controlled dogs welcome; short lead around livestock.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

14 **Newlands Corner** Near Guildford · GU4 8SE
415 acres of chalk downland and woodland, with an accessible 700m trail and a café open daily from 9am. Free car parks.
Dog notes: Dogs under close control and on paths.
Source: Surrey County Council Directions from Royvon

15 **Leith Hill** Near Dorking · RH5 6LU
Woodland and heathland trails at the highest point in Surrey. The tower and Leith Hill Place are closed until spring 2027. Directions take you to Rhododendron Wood car park.
Dog notes: Well-behaved dogs welcome. Leads around livestock and in fenced areas 1 March to 31 July.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

16 **Chobham Common** Chobham · GU24 8TL
Largest inland National Nature Reserve in south-east England, with three self-guided trails. Six free car parks; directions take you to Roundabout car park.
Dog notes: Close control and on paths 1 March to 15 September (ground-nesting birds). Leads around livestock.
Source: Surrey County Council Directions from Royvon

Parks & estates

17 **Claremont Landscape Garden** Esher · KT10 9JG
National Trust garden with a serpentine lake, grass amphitheatre and Belvedere tower. Free car park by the entrance; water bowls by the café and kiosk.
Dog notes: Three pawprints. Short lead all year. Not in the two play areas, Badger's Basecamp or the lake. Dogs on short leads welcome in the Gardener's Bothy café. Entry charge for non-members.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

18 **Painshill** Cobham · KT11 1AG
160-acre landscape garden with a historic route of about 3 miles (around 2 hours). Ticketed; booking ahead is recommended.
Dog notes: Short fixed lead at all times on the designated paths. Not in the Kitchen Garden or at special events. Don't let dogs drink from the lake when blue-green algae is present in summer. Dogs on a short lead welcome in the Tea Room.
Source: Painshill Park Trust Directions from Royvon

19 **Bushy Park** Hampton / Teddington · TW12 2EJ
Over 1,000 acres of Royal Park with deer, ancient woodland and waterways. Free parking at Coleshill Road Gate, the Pheasantry Café and Diana Fountain.
Dog notes: Leads in all areas 1 May to 31 July (deer birthing). Otherwise off lead is usually fine at a safe distance from deer, but leads near deer, ponds and rivers. Short leads in the skylark zones March to September. In the rut (September to November) keep 50m from deer. No dogs in the Woodland Gardens.
Source: The Royal Parks Directions from Royvon

20 **Richmond Park** Richmond · TW10 5HS
2,500 acres of Royal Park with ancient woodland, grassland and herds of red and fallow deer. Seven free car parks.
Dog notes: Leads in all areas 1 May to 31 July. Otherwise off lead is usually fine at a safe distance from deer, but leads near deer and around ponds, including Pen Ponds. Short leads all year in the skylark zones. Keep 50m from deer in the rut. Leads in Isabella Plantation; no dogs in Pembroke Lodge Gardens.
Source: The Royal Parks Directions from Royvon

21 **Home Park, Hampton Court** Hampton Court · KT8 9AU
Deer park and the Long Water beside Hampton Court Palace. Free entry from 7am.
Dog notes: Leads in all areas 1 May to 31 July. Close control all year and at least 50m from deer; stay on mown paths. No dogs in the palace, courtyards or formal gardens.
Source: Historic Royal Palaces Directions from Royvon

22 **Nonsuch Park** Cheam / Ewell · SM3 8AB
Open park around Nonsuch Mansion House, with the Nonsuch Pantry café. Car parks off London Road, Ewell, and Ewell Road, Cheam.
Dog notes: Responsible dog walkers welcome. Leads by the café. No dogs in the Formal Garden.
Source: Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Directions from Royvon

23 **Polesden Lacey** Great Bookham · RH5 6BD
1,600-acre estate with signed dog zones and a dog walker's map. For satnav the Trust advises KT23 4PZ; parking charge for non-members.
Dog notes: Two pawprints. Not in the formal gardens, main café, mansion or bookshop. Welcome in the gift shop and small coffee shop. Off lead on the wider estate if well controlled; leads near livestock.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

24 **Hatchlands Park** East Clandon · GU4 7RT
More than 400 acres of parkland, most of it open to dogs. The postcode can lead to the delivery entrance; the Trust gives what3words ///dinner.shins.phones for the car park.
Dog notes: Close control in designated parkland. Leads around livestock (sheep and cattle graze spring to autumn). Dogs on leads welcome in both cafés. Not in the house, formal gardens or adventure area.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

25 **Morden Hall Park** Morden · SM4 5JD
125 acres of parkland, wetland and meadow along the River Wandle, with the Trust's only garden centre. Pay and display parking, first 1.5 hours free.
Dog notes: Three pawprints. Leads in the Rose Garden, around buildings, in the play area and on the Wetland Boardwalk; short lead near sheep. Dogs can go inside the cafés and garden centre. Signs show off-lead areas.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

26 **Ham House and Garden** Ham, Richmond · TW10 7RS
17th-century house on the Thames with gardens open to dogs all year. Free parking at the council's Ham Street car park, about 400 yards away.
Dog notes: Two pawprints. Short lead at all times. Welcome in the gardens, gift shop and left side of the Orangery Coffee Shop. House is assistance dogs only. No dogs on Petersham meadow while cows graze in summer.
Source: National Trust Directions from Royvon

27 **Battersea Park** Battersea · SW11 4NJ
200-acre Victorian park on the Thames with a riverside promenade, a large lake and a children's zoo.
Dog notes: No dogs in play areas, enclosed sports facilities, any water, the zoo or the Pagoda. Leads in car parks, café seating areas and where directed. ID tag required; up to 4 dogs per person.
Source: Wandsworth Council Directions from Royvon

28 **Streatham Common** Streatham · SW16 5NR
Open common with woodland, grassland and meadows and wide views over south London, with The Rookery, a walled formal garden, inside it. Café and toilets.
Dog notes: Dogs welcome on the common under control. Keep dogs on a lead inside the walled Rookery, and out of signposted dog-free areas such as the Orchard, playground, paddling pool and café.
Source: Friends of Streatham Common Directions from Royvon

29 **Dulwich Park** Dulwich · SE21 7BQ
29-hectare park with a boating lake, the Dulwich Clock café and toilets. Car park at the College Road entrance.
Dog notes: Off lead on the perimeter path. Leads in the central area and on sports pitches. No dogs in the tennis courts, bowling green, pond enclosure or playground.
Source: Southwark Council Directions from Royvon

30 **Crystal Palace Park** Crystal Palace · SE19 2GA
Historic park with the Grade I listed dinosaur sculptures (nearest entrance Penge Gate), Italian Terraces and lakes. Two cafés and pay car parks.
Dog notes: Bromley's dog control order applies (renewed 1 October 2026): dogs under proper control, kept out of exclusion areas such as play spaces, and on a lead where signs say so, including café and seating areas. No more than three dogs per person without a council licence.
Source: Crystal Palace Park Trust Directions from Royvon

Secure dog fields

31 **Off The Lead** Send, off the A3 · GU23 7JP
Five-acre fully fenced field with agility and parkour equipment, paddling pools and private parking.
Dog notes: Private hire, £13 per hour, booked and prepaid online; 50-minute sessions. Your own household's dogs only. Vaccinations and worming up to date. No electric, spray or prong collars.
Source: Off The Lead Directions from Royvon

32 **Secure Dog Walking Field Surrey** South Nutfield, near Redhill · RH1 5PL
Four secure 6-acre fields (Lakeside, Silver Birch, The Oaks and Riverrun) with a lake where dogs can swim.
Dog notes: 6ft fencing. Book online; see the website for prices.
Source: Secure Dog Walking Field Surrey Directions from Royvon

Eat & drink

33 **The Prince of Wales** West End, Esher · KT10 8LA
Pub and restaurant on West End Lane, by the commons, with a large garden and covered pergola.
Dog notes: Welcomes dogs.
Source: The Prince of Wales Directions from Royvon

34 **The Bear, Oxshott** Leatherhead Road, Oxshott · KT22 0JE
Young's country pub on Leatherhead Road at Oxshott Heath, pitched as a stop for you and your dog after a walk. (A separate Young's pub, The Bear on Esher High Street, also welcomes dogs.)
Dog notes: Dog friendly; dogs get water and treats.
Source: The Bear Oxshott (Young's) Directions from Royvon

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