

Dog-friendly Cotswolds 2025

This is our brand new summer guide to the dog-friendly Cotswolds – a picturesque 3-day escape for you and your four-legged companion!

Local Favourites

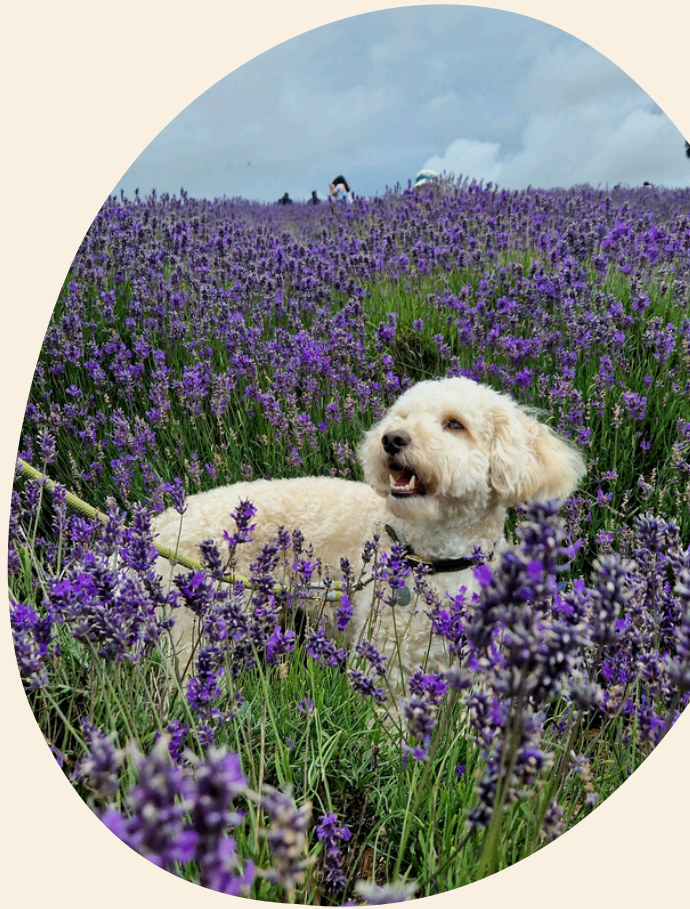
Whether you're new to the area or returning for more countryside charm, we've put together a collection of our personal favourites that we regularly enjoy with our cockapoo, Winnie.

Picture-Perfect Spots

This guide created by **Dogstaycation®** is brimming with cosy dog-friendly places that welcome wagging tails. We also found a dog-friendly zoo where your pup can tag along.

These spots are utterly picturesque, so do be sure to bring along your camera for some truly paw-some photographs of you and your four-legged companion!

So grab the lead, pack some treats, and let's head off on a proper getaway. The Cotswolds awaits – and it's more dog-friendly than ever!



We know how tricky it can be to plan a trip where your dog is truly welcome, not just tolerated.

Everything we've included here is somewhere we've **personally visited and loved!**

Day 1

1. Stay at De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel Lake 6, South Cerney, Gloucestershire, GL7 5FP.

Located within the stunning Cotswold Water Park nature reserve, this dog-friendly hotel blends natural beauty with modern comfort, making it an ideal destination for a dog-friendly staycation.

De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel, built in 2007, is part of the well-known De Vere hotel group. This was our second time staying at a De Vere property, and once again, it was a lovely and memorable experience. A peaceful, relaxing atmosphere for both humans and hounds.

Some rooms overlook the lake and have private balconies or offer access to a communal decking area with chairs.

Dogs are truly welcomed almost everywhere at the hotel, only excluding the main restaurant. Pooches will be treated with their own bowl, bed and a towel, priced from £30 per dog, per stay.



11 minutes by car

2. Explore Cirencester, well-known as the capital of the Cotswolds

Cirencester is affectionately hailed as the Capital of the Cotswolds. This charming market town boasts a rich history dating back to Roman times, when it stood as the second largest settlement in Roman Britain, surpassed only by London.



Dog-friendly pubs in the area:

The Old Boat House at De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel.



Day 2

1. The Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens Bradwell Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4JP.

The park is set in 160 acres of stunning, well-maintained grounds and exhibits over 260 different species of animals including Chapman's zebra, giant anteater, giraffe, Southern white rhino, Asiatic lion, Bactrian camel, giant tortoise, penguin and many other fascinating creatures, like various primates, reptiles and exotic birds.

Cotswold Wildlife Park is the largest privately owned zoological collection in the UK. It was opened in 1970 by John Heyworth, who inherited the manor house and 3,000 acres of surrounding grounds. **Dogstaycation®** spent the whole day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park, and, honestly, it wasn't enough. So be sure to allow at least 4 hours.

Dogs are very welcome almost everywhere (apart from some enclosures with snakes, birds and insects).

Open every day, 10:00 – 18:00 (last admission 16:00). The day ticket is £19 (£17.50 if you book online) for adults, £13.50 (12.50) for children.



7 minutes by car

2. Explore Burford, your storybook entry to the Cotswolds

Nestled in the heart of the Cotswolds, Burford enchants travelers with its charming honey-colored stone cottages and inviting village streets. A perfect blend of history and cozy pubs, it's a peaceful haven where every step feels like walking through a storybook.



Dog-friendly pubs in the area:

The Farmer's Dog (Jeremy Clarkson's pub)
Asthall Barrow Roundabout, Burford OX18 4HJ.

Day 3

1. Cotswold Lavender, the family lavender farm **Hill Barn Farm, Snowhill, Worcestershire, WR12 7JY.**

The story of this family farm started in 1994, when they moved to Hill Barn Farm, on the outskirts of the village of Snowhill. Starting from a few hundred plants, they have grown to almost 70 acres of lavender.

Now everything in the farm revolves around lavender: planting, growing, harvesting, and making new lavender products like lavender gifts, toiletries, soaps and home fragrances.

Dogs are welcome with open paws at Cotswold Lavender.

Open every day until 6th August 2025,
10:00 - 17:00, with some extend hours in July.
Admission fee is £7.75 (adults), £3.50 (children).



2. Hidcote, a well-known Arts and Crafts-inspired garden **Hidcote Bartrim, Gloucestershire, GL55 6LR.**



18 minutes by car

The story of Hidcote is inextricably linked with the name of Lawrence Johnston, an enthusiastic garden designer and a tireless plant hunter. An amalgam of Lawrence's passion for gardening and his mother's fortune meant he never had to work and indulged in his favourite hobby.

Apart from being a passionate gardener, Lawrence co-sponsored or undertook several plant hunting expeditions to Europe, Africa, and China looking for rare and unusual plants to add to his collection. In 1948, Hidcote was transferred to the National Trust.

Dogs are welcome in all areas except for the Manor House and the Old Garden complex.
Open every day, 10:00 - 17:00
Admission fee is £19.00 (adults), £9.50 (children)
or free for the National Trust members.



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- Useful information on local walks, dog-friendly pubs, cafes, and restaurants;
- Fascinating stories about dog-friendly historic houses and castles;
- Expanding list of pet-friendly events and pet-friendly news;
- Unique variety of unusual places like dog-friendly cathedrals, dog-friendly zoos and dog-friendly theatres;
- Helpful guides and tips for travelling with your dog.

We sniff out the best—so you don't have to!

