



The Countryside Code Quiz

True or False?

1. When riding a bike in the countryside you must slow down or stop for horses, people walking and animals.
2. Always shut a gate behind you, even if it was open when you reached it.
3. Always take your rubbish and leftover food home with you.
4. When walking with a dog, it's fine to let it play and chase other animals.
5. There's no need to tell anyone where you've planned to walk. Everywhere is safe.
6. Make sure you read, understand and follow the signs.

Answers

When riding a bike in the countryside you must slow down or stop for horses, people walking and animals.	True	When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room. By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse riders on bridleways.
Always shut a gate behind you, even if it was open when you reached it.	False	A farmer will normally close gates to keep farm animals in, but may sometimes leave them open so the animals can reach food and water. Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.
Always take your rubbish and leftover food home with you.	True	Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals – so take your litter home with you. Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences.
When walking with a dog, it's fine to let it play and chase other animals.	False	It's always good practice (and a legal requirement on 'open access' land) to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals.
There's no need to tell anyone where you've planned to walk. Everywhere is safe.	False	Part of the appeal of the countryside is that you can get away from it all. You may not see anyone for hours, and there are many places without clear mobile phone signals, so let someone else know where you're going and when you expect to return.



<p>Make sure you read, understand and follow the signs.</p>	<p>True</p>	<p>England has about 118,000 miles of public rights of way, providing many opportunities to enjoy the natural environment. Get to know the signs and symbols used in the countryside to show paths and open countryside.</p>
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