

# Walking with Clumbers: Marshals Guide

The success of a Clumber Walk depends to a considerable extent to the management of the walk itself. Landowners will expect walkers participating in an organised walk to comply with certain standards of behaviour and not inconvenience other users of the park or facilities. Marshals play a key role in ensuring the success of our walks.

## At the start of the Walk

The walks are designed to attract Clumber owners who may not have participated in any other Clumber activities. Please make every effort to welcome new people and introduce them to other walkers.

Please help in ensuring that our walkers do not obstruct paths and access to facilities while gathering at the assembly point.



Marshals will be provided with a Hi-Vis vest and a map of the route from the Walk Leader in case the walkers are divided into smaller groups during the walk

On some walks, Walking with Clumber Spaniel cards will be available for you and other members to give to members of the public who express an interest in our breed.

## On the Walk

The Walk Leader will normally lead from the front. One Marshal will be selected to be the backmarker ensuring that no member of the party is left behind and acting as a backstop for Clumbers who have lost their owners and attempt to backtrack. The backmarker should also alert the group if bikes or horses are approaching from behind.

On larger walks, other Marshals will be asked to distribute themselves equidistant along length of the walking party helping to keep the group together and passing on the “shout” when bikes or horses are approaching from ahead of, or behind the group.

At certain points along the route the group will stop to allow everyone to catch up and Marshals will be asked to confirm that all humans and dogs are together. If anyone decides to leave the walk on-route, a Marshal should take their name(s) and inform the leader at the first opportunity (this may be at a rest or catch-up point).

Marshals should also inform the Leader at a catch-up point if they feel that any walker or dog is having difficulties.

## At the end of the Walk

Marshals should hand in any Hi-Vis vests that have been provided and feel free to make suggestions about how future walks could be improved.

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