

# Walkies... 2 miles Clent Hills, Worcestershire

With cool pools, muddy puddles, woods and open grassland, the Clent Hills offer a doggy paradise! No need for leads if your dog behaves itself around other dogs, horses and people. Please remove dog mess and dispose of it responsibly. Bins and water bowls available at Nimmings Wood Car Park.

**Start:** NT Clent Hills car park – grid ref: SO938807 map: – OS Explorer 219  
**Bus:** Regular buses (Kidderminster-Birmingham) take you within 20 minutes walk of the Clent Hills. Alight in Clent village.  
**Train:** Hagley station 2.5 miles  
**Car:** M5 junction 4, then A491  
**Facilities:** Car park, accessible WC cafe, picnic spot and information point.  
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## Look out for...

### Dark Pool and Deep Wood

The area to the left of Deep Wood and Dark Pool (pictured bottom right) has been set aside as an arboretum where more exotic trees such as a monkey puzzle can be found. During springtime, Deep Wood is awash with bluebells. Over the last few years the warden and a wealth of volunteers have been working hard to clear scrub and thin out trees so that more dormant bluebell seeds have a chance to grow.

### The open grassland

The National Trust is committed to restoring dry acid grassland, now a rare habitat throughout the UK. It was once prevalent on Clent when animals grazed the land, keeping down any new plant growth by eating seeds and shoots before they could establish themselves. When the animals were removed, scrub, bracken and trees started to take over and the grassland and wildlife it supported was lost. Through careful management, plants such as Bilberry, Sheep Sorrel and Heath Bedstraw are returning, encouraging birds like Linnets, butterflies such as Small Copper and also solitary bees.



The Four Stones on the summit of Clent Hill may look old and mysterious but they were actually created in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Lord Lyttleton as part of his landscaping project. This folly acted as an eye catcher to impress his guests.

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This photo shows an Edwardian fairground in the Clent Hills; Adams hill was once a tourist 'honey pot' with crowds of people arriving by train. Tourists in the early 1900s enjoyed swing boats, donkey rides and shooting galleries and grass tobogganing.

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In autumn Dark Pool is transformed into a leafy wonderland of bright copper and huey reds. Your dog will love paddling around in here and, in spring, if you continue to the left of the pool you will be treated to a colourful carpet of bright bluebells.

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