



GUIDELINES

FOR RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION

in Cerklje na Gorenjskem

Cerklje na Gorenjskem is home to numerous wild animal species and traditional farms where domestic animals live. Responsible behaviour by visitors helps preserve biodiversity, animal welfare and the quality of our natural environment.

These guidelines are based on the Leave No Trace principles, BirdLife International recommendations and international standards for responsible tourism and animal welfare.

*Observe, admire
and respect -
do not disturb.* ♡



OBSERVE ANIMALS FROM A SAFE DISTANCE

- Observe wild animals from afar and do not approach them.
- Use binoculars or a camera zoom for observation.
- Do not chase, hunt or approach animals for photography.
- If an animal changes its behaviour because of your presence, you are too close.



DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS

Feeding wild animals can:

- change their natural feeding habits,
- increase the risk of disease,
- cause dependence on humans,
- increase the risk of conflicts between animals and people.

Therefore, do not feed wild animals and do not leave food in nature.



RESPECT BREEDING, REPRODUCTION AND MIGRATION PERIODS

Many species are especially sensitive during:

- ✔ nesting
- ✔ reproduction
- ✔ raising young
- ✔ hibernation
- ✔ seasonal migrations

During these periods, stay on marked trails and respect any access restrictions.



REDUCE NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION

A quiet and dark environment is essential for many species. We kindly ask you to:

- respect the silence of nature,
- do not use loudspeakers or play loud music outdoors,
- use flashlights at night only when absolutely necessary,
- avoid illuminating forests, meadows, ponds and other natural areas with strong lights,
- do not use flash when photographing animals.



KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH

Dogs can unintentionally frighten or endanger wildlife, especially during nesting and when raising young.

Therefore, we ask visitors to:

- keep dogs on a leash,
- pick up dog waste,
- respect designated areas and access restrictions.



RESPONSIBLE BIRDWATCHING

When observing birds:

- do not use sound recordings to attract birds,
- do not approach nests,
- do not disturb nesting or resting birds,
- stay on marked trails,
- always prioritise the well-being of birds over a photograph or observation.



RESPECT FARM ANIMALS

Farm animals on tourist farms are part of the daily life and work of local people.

We kindly ask you to:

- pet animals only with the owner's permission,
- do not feed them without the host's consent,
- respect their space for resting and feeding,
- do not use flash when photographing,
- explain to children the importance of a respectful attitude towards animals.



SUPPORT AMPHIBIAN CONSERVATION

Every spring in Cerklje na Gorenjskem, volunteer actions help frogs and other amphibians migrate to their breeding sites in Čejnjevek.

Visitors can join volunteers and help preserve our local biodiversity.

➔ **More information about the amphibian road crossing action.**



TOGETHER, LET'S KEEP NATURE FRIENDLY TO ANIMALS.

By acting responsibly, respecting the peace of nature and caring for animal welfare, we contribute to preserving the rich biodiversity of Cerklje na Gorenjskem and ensure harmonious coexistence between people and animals for future generations.

*Thank you for respecting nature and animals
and for creating a sustainable destination with us.* ♡

