



Bag That Poop!

Nobody wants to see dog waste or (filled poop bags) left on a trail – and most visitors are good about picking it up. Dog feces causes problems even when it's out of sight in the woods. The EPA has identified dog waste as a significant source of pollution because it contains harmful bacteria (including E. coli, and parasites such as giardia, roundworm, and hookworm) that can be washed into our waterways. People and dogs have contracted diseases and parasites from contact with water polluted by dog feces.

How Can You Help?

Always collect your pet's waste in a plastic bag (biodegradable bags are available) and dispose of it properly in a garbage receptacle.

Lincoln Conservation Land Dog Walking Rules

Dogs and other pets must be fully controlled at all times. "Control" is defined by the dog being leashed, or within the owner's sight and hearing at all times and trained to come immediately when called.

- **Dogs must stay on trails.**
- **A maximum of 3 leashed dogs are allowed per person. Visitors with 2 or fewer dogs may unleash their dogs, except where leashes are expressly required.**
- **Dog waste must be picked up and removed from property.**

Leash Always:

- Approaching people, bikes, or horses (unless the other trail user says it's ok not to)
- Parking areas & trailheads
- Flints Pond Cons. Land
- Certain Trails at Mt. Misery
- Agricultural Fields and Pollinator meadows (signed)

Look for LEASH & OFF-LEASH signs



Dogs are not allowed to chase or harass people, wildlife, other dogs, horses, or livestock.



GOOD OWNERS MAKE GOOD DOGS

RESPECTING CONSERVATION
LAND, WILDLIFE, AND
VISITORS

We welcome you and your dog to our conservation land! We understand that your dog is an important part of your life, and we're pleased to provide this opportunity. With your help we can ensure your dog does not negatively affect other visitors, wildlife, ponds and streams, soil, and water quality.

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Other Visitors

While you may love your dog, other visitors may not enjoy dogs or may even fear them. It can be frightening to see an unleashed dog running toward you, even if you like dogs. They might jump on or bark at people and other dogs. In rare cases, uncontrolled dogs have bitten people or attacked other dogs.

How Can You Help?

Always leash your dog when approaching people, bikes, or horses (unless the other trail user says it's ok not to). Otherwise, dogs must be on leash or under effective voice & sight control. This means your dog is always in your sight & comes immediately when called. (Additional Leash requirements can be found on the other side of this brochure.)

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Protecting Wildlife

Dogs, especially when unleashed, can cause serious and potentially life threatening issues for wildlife including:

- Dogs chase, harm, and sometimes kill wildlife.
- They flush birds from nests, which exposes eggs and nestlings to the elements and predators.
- Just having dogs in wildlife areas subtly alter wildlife behavior in harmful ways. For example, many mammals and birds perceive dogs as predators and will avoid areas

How Can You Help?

- Keep your dog on leash in designated leash areas.
- If your dog is off leash, ensure that he/she stays on the trail corridor. This also protects your dog and you against tick bites and tickborne diseases and protects sensitive vegetation from trampling.

Educational Resources

- **The Scoop on Dog Waste:**
www.ecolandscaping.org/03/pests-pest-management/the-scoop-on-dog-waste/

Reducing Erosion To Streams and Ponds

Most dogs love water! If they love it too much, however, they can have a significant negative impact, causing erosion to stream banks and pond shores.



How Can You Help?

- Control your dog's access to streams, wetlands, & ponds.
- Only allow your dog to enter and exit bodies of water at designated access points.
Please note: In Lincoln, only Mt. Misery allows dog swimming (at two marked locations).

See a problem on the Trail?

If you see erosion or a tree down along a trail or other issues, please contact the Conservation Dept. at conservation@lincolntown.org or 781-259-2612.