

GOOD DOG GUIDE

For Pet Guardians



We welcome you and your dog to Kestrel conservation land!

Your dog is an important part of your life, and as a responsible pet guardian, you can protect other visitors, plants, and wildlife.

Please use your best etiquette on the trail—thank you!

Be Kind to Others

- Your dog is great! However, even a friendly dog, unknown and rushing or barking, can be a startling experience for others. Small children and seniors are especially vulnerable and can be traumatized or hurt. Many dogs, especially small ones or puppies, don't like to be jumped on by others.
- Our conservation areas have neighbors and immediate abutters. Unleashed dogs entering their property is an intrusion that can harm children, pets, livestock, or garden plantings.
- **Best etiquette: Keep your dog on leash or under *effective* voice control. This means your dog is always in your sight and comes immediately when called. Ask permission before allowing your dog to greet other visitors or dogs.**

Bag That Poop

- Even when it's out of sight in the woods, dog waste is considered a significant source of pollution because it contains **harmful bacteria** (including *E. coli*) that can be washed into our waterways, including streams that feed water sources.
- **Best etiquette: Pack it in, pack it out! Your dog brings it in; you carry it out in a plastic bag. Please take it with you! Leaving bagged poop in the woods creates an unsanitary mess for someone else to clean up.**

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GOOD DOG GUIDE

For Pets



Woof! We welcome you and your guardian to Kestrel conservation land!

Your time outdoors is an important part of your life—and as an obedient pet, you can protect other pets, people, plants, and wildlife.

Please use your best “pet-iquette” on the trail—GOOD DOG!

Stay Close

- Yesss..! Wildlife sparks an instinct in your brain. However, these woods are home to birds and other small animals. The ground, trees and other plants are where they sleep, eat, and raise their babies. They want to feel safe.
- **Best “pet-iquette”:** Please don’t crush plants or chase wildlife. Stay attached to your guardian, and come right away when called.

Stay Dry

- Oh boy...*water!* However, the stream on this property is special. It is clean, cold, and home to native trout and other animals and plants.
- **Best “pet-iquette”:** If your guardian keeps you from entering the stream, don’t insist. There are many other things to sniff and explore. Maybe your guardian will take you home to splash in the kiddie pool!



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