



Pet policy on Mississippi Valley Conservancy nature preserves.

Dogs are allowed ONLY on the properties listed below:

- La Crosse Blufflands (city-owned properties only) – must be on a 6' leash at all times
- Fish Creek Tract (Town of Bangor) – dogs are also allowed off-leash on this property

Pet excrement must be immediately collected by the pet handler and removed from protected land upon leaving. Pets should not be left unattended in vehicles.

Dogs are NOT allowed at outdoor events organized by Mississippi Valley Conservancy.

Dogs are NOT allowed on any Conservancy nature preserves other than those listed above.

Why are dogs prohibited on other Conservancy properties?

The primary reasons dogs are prohibited on Conservancy-protected hiking trails are:

- Dogs can disturb and frighten ground-nesting birds and other wildlife. The scent left behind by a dog can signal the presence of a predator, disrupting or altering the behavior of wildlife.
- Dogs often bark and disturb the quiet of the wilderness. Unfamiliar sights, sounds, and smells can excite even the calmest, friendliest, and best-trained dogs, causing them to behave unpredictably or bark excessively. This, too, can disrupt or alter the behavior of wildlife.
- Many people, especially children, are frightened by dogs, even small ones.

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