

Many people enjoy walking their dog along trails or taking their dog to a beach. In order to accommodate this use, while respecting the rights of other park users, Ottawa County Parks has the following rules regarding dogs. Refer to the Ottawa County Parks brochure or visit [www.miottawa.org](http://www.miottawa.org) for locations of these parks and Open Space Lands.

**The following rules apply at all times to dogs at all designated parks and the Musketawa Trail.**

- Dogs must be on a 6 foot or shorter leash and under control of their owner at all times (see Open Space Lands for off-leash opportunities).
- Owners must clean up after their dogs as necessary.
- Dogs are not allowed in buildings, shelters, play areas or groomed cross country ski trails.

**For more information, call the county parks office at (616) 738-4810.**

Dogs are **not** allowed any time of the year at:

- **Rosy Mound Natural Area**
- **Mt. Pisgah**
- **Stairs at North Ottawa Dunes**

Dogs are **not** allowed in the following parks from May 1 through September 30. Dogs are allowed in the following parks (including beaches) from October 1 through April 30.

- **Adams Street Landing**
- **Black Lake Boardwalk**
- **Deer Creek Park**
- **North Beach Park**
- **Riverside Park**
- **Spring Grove Park**  
(closed 11/1 - 3/31)
- **Tunnel Park**  
(closed 11/1 - 3/31)

***PLEASE!***

***Be considerate of other trail users and clean up after your pet.***

Dogs are allowed in the following parks on designated trails only (not on beaches or in outdoor picnic areas) from May 1 through September 30. Dogs are allowed in all areas (including beaches) in the following parks except buildings and playgrounds from October 1 through April 30.

- **Connor Bayou**
- **Crockery Creek Natural Area\***
- **Eastmanville Farm**
- **Grand River Park**
- **Grose Park** (closed 11/1 - 3/31)
- **Hager Park**
- **Hemlock Crossing**
- **Kirk Park**
- **Musketawa Trail**
- **North Ottawa Dunes**  
(dogs not allowed on dune stairs)
- **Pigeon Creek Park**  
(dogs not allowed when park is being operated for cross country skiing and sledding)
- **Pine Bend**
- **Riley Trails**
- **Upper Macatawa Natural Area\***

*\* Be aware that archery hunting (by special parks permit only) is allowed at the Crockery Creek Natural Area and the Upper Macatawa Natural Area.*

## OPEN SPACE LANDS

Ottawa County Parks manages the following Open Space Lands. Dogs are allowed year-round on these properties and can be on or off leash. There are no designated trails on many Open Space Lands and hunting is permitted according to the details below.

### Bend Area

- 188 acres in Georgetown Township on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. north of Taylor Street
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Bur Oak Landing (East)

- 116 acres in Polkton Township with parking on the east side of 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. south of Leonard St.
- firearm and archery hunting allowed

### Bur Oak Landing (West)

- 145 acres in Polkton Township with parking at the south end of 90<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Eastmanville Bayou

- 157 acres in Allendale Township on the south side of the Grand River at 68<sup>th</sup> Ave. Call the parks office for access information.
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Fillmore at the Bend

- 68 acres in Georgetown Township with parking on Fillmore St. east of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Hiawatha Forest

- 365 acres in Grand Haven Township with parking on Fillmore St. east of 168<sup>th</sup> Ave
- firearm and archery hunting allowed

### Johnson Street Forest

- 50 acres in Robinson Township with parking on Johnson St. between 120<sup>th</sup> and 128<sup>th</sup> Avenues
- firearm and archery hunting allowed

### Jubb Bayou

- 97 acres in Crockery Township on the Grand River with parking on Oriole Dr. east of 104<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Port Sheldon Natural Area

- 440 acres in Port Sheldon Township with parking on 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Port Sheldon St. and Van Buren St.
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Ripps Bayou

- 161 acres in Polkton Township accessible only by boat from the Grand River.
- archery hunting only, no firearms

### Robinson Forest

- 80 acres in Robinson Township with parking on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. south of Sleeper St.
- firearm and archery hunting allowed

### VanBuren Street Dunes

- 120 acres in Port Sheldon Township with parking on Van Buren St. west of 164<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- firearm and archery hunting allowed

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# Dog Policy for Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission Managed Lands



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