



# RETZER NATURE CENTER

## No Dogs Policy

### Understanding Our No Dogs Policy

#### Why aren't dogs allowed?

Retzer Nature Center is a natural area with delicate ecosystems. Our staff works hard to protect and conserve the plant and animal habitats throughout the nature center grounds. Dogs have the potential to introduce disease, spread invasive species, distract and disturb wildlife, and interfere with scientific research conducted on the land.

Birds and other animals think of dogs as predators (even friendly ones). Animals have keen senses of smell, sight and hearing. The presence of a dog, even on a leash, will change normal wildlife behavior. Visitors will also see more wildlife in natural areas where dogs aren't allowed.

#### Where are dogs allowed?

Leashed dogs are welcome to hike with their owners at all of Waukesha County's other [parks](#) and greenways. There are also [off-leash dog exercise areas](#) located at Menomonee, Minooka, Mukwonago and Nashotah Parks.

Thank you for helping to protect Retzer Nature Center.