



Bag and Bin that Poop!

Nobody wants to encounter dog poop on a trail. Most owners are good about picking it up, but some are not and dog poop is a problem even when it is out-of-sight in the woods. The EPA has identified dog poop as a significant source of pollution. It contains harmful bacteria (including E. coli), and parasites such as giardia, roundworm, and hookworm, that end up in our waters. People and dogs can get diseases and parasites from contact with water polluted by dog feces.

How You Can Help

- Always collect your pet's waste in a plastic bag and dispose of it properly.
- Bags and pet waste bins are available at Dolan Pond, Flowed Meadows, Houghton Garden, Kennard, and Norumbega Conservation parcels.

Off-Leash Dog Areas

Newton has 7 places you can take your dogs for off-leash time!

- Braceland Playground
- Cabot Park
- Claflin Playground
- Hunnewell Park
- McGrath Park
- Newton Center Playground
- Old Cold Spring Park

Residents and dog walkers can purchase medallions from the City Clerk for access.



GOOD OWNERS MAKE GOOD DOGS

Respecting Conservation Land, Wildlife, and Visitors

We welcome you and your dog to Newton's Conservation Land! We understand that your dog is an important part of your life and we are pleased to provide a recreational opportunity for you. With your help we can ensure your dog does not negatively affect other visitors, wildlife, vegetation, ponds and streams, and water quality.

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Respecting Other Visitors

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

How You Can Help

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times.
- Do not allow your dog to approach other people or dogs who appear apprehensive or hesitant.

Educational Resources

- Leashing vs. Not Leashing in Eastern North America: <https://tinyurl.com/DogsandWildlife>

Reducing Damage to Streams and Ponds

Most dogs love going into the water! However, dogs can have a significant negative impact on wetlands, denuding and eroding stream banks and pond shores.



How You Can Help

- Control your dog's access to streams, wetlands, and ponds.
- Only allow your dog to enter and exit bodies of water at designated, stabilized access points.

Educational Resources

- The Impacts of Dogs on Wildlife and Water Quality: <https://tinyurl.com/DogImpactsLitReview>



Protecting Wildlife

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

- Dogs can chase, harm, and sometimes kill wildlife.
- Dogs can flush birds from nests, exposing eggs and nestlings to the elements and predators.

How You Can Help

- Keep your dog on a leash.
- Keep your dog on designated trails. This will also protect you and your dog against tick bites and tickborne diseases and protect sensitive vegetation from trampling.

Educational Resources

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