

# Visit Metro Parks with your best furry friend



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Domestic cats and dogs need to be on a leash except in dog parks, where they must be under the verbal control of the owner. Leashed pets are also allowed along park roadways and in picnic areas. Visit [metroparks.net](http://metroparks.net) for maps and trail locations.

## **Battelle Darby Creek**

Darby Creek Greenway (4.7 miles)  
Wagtail Trail (1.6 miles)  
Edgewood, Lake & Prairie Way trails (2.25 miles)

*Dog swimming areas at Pleasant Valley, US Hwy 62, Orient and at Osprey Lake, 5800 Harrisburg-Georgesville Road, Darbydale*

## **Blacklick Woods**

Blacklick Creek Greenway  
(16 miles total – extends to Pickerington Ponds and Three Creeks)

## **Blendon Woods**

Goldenrod Pet Trail (1.25 miles)

## **Chestnut Ridge**

Milkweed Trail (0.6 miles)

## **Clear Creek**

Creekside Meadows Trail  
- west section (1 mile)

## **Glacier Ridge**

Ironweed Trail (2.8 miles)  
Marsh Hawk Trail (2.2 miles)  
*A 2.5-acre dog park includes a wooded area for dogs to explore*

## **Heritage Trail Park**

Heritage Trail (3.7 miles)  
*Includes a 4-acre dog park (maintained by City of Hilliard)*

## **Highbanks**

Big Meadows Path (1 mile)  
Coyote Run Trail (3.5 miles)  
Eagle View (0.4 miles)  
Multi-use Trail (1.25 miles)  
Oak Coves Path (0.4 miles)  
Scenic River Trail (0.6 miles)  
Sycamore (0.4 miles)

## **Homestead**

Multi-use loop (0.7 miles)

## **Inniswood Metro Gardens**

Chipmunk Chatter Trail (0.6 miles)  
(*Outside the gardens*)

## **Pickerington Ponds**

Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail  
(16 miles total – extends to Blacklick Woods and Three Creeks)

## **Prairie Oaks**

Beaver Lake Trail (0.9 miles)  
Darby Creek Greenway Trail (3.4 miles)  
Lakeview Trails (0.9 miles)  
River Rock Trail (0.7 miles)  
Sycamore Plains Trails (1 mile)  
Osage Opening Trail (0.5 miles)  
Tall Grass Trail (0.7 miles)  
*Darby Bend Lakes also features a dog swimming area and off-leash area*

## **Rocky Fork**

Dog Trail - off-leash (0.3 miles)  
Beech Woodland Trail (1.2 miles)  
Millstone Connector Trail (0.5 miles)  
*Plus 1.8-acre dog park*

## **Scioto Audubon**

Scioto Greenway Trail (2 miles)  
Connector trails and paths  
*Two-acre dog park with separate agility courses for large and for small dogs.*

## **Scioto Grove**

Arrowhead Trail (0.7 miles)  
Connector Trail (0.2 miles)  
Mingo Trail (2.5 miles)  
Multipurpose Trail (2 miles)  
Overlook Trail (1.2 miles)  
REI River Trail (1.8 miles)  
Ridge Top Course (0.3 miles)  
Woodland Course (0.3 miles)

## **Sharon Woods**

Spring Creek Trail (1.8 miles)

## **Slate Run**

Covered Bridge Trail (0.5 miles)  
Lake Trail (0.4 miles)  
Shagbark Trail (0.5 miles)

## **Three Creeks**

Alum Creek Greenway Trail (14.6 miles roundtrip)  
Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail (16 miles total – extends to Blacklick Woods and Pickerington Ponds)  
Evergreen Trail (0.5 miles)  
Loop Trails (short trails around Heron Pond, Turtle Pond, Madison Mills & Sycamore Fields)  
*City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department manages a 4-acre dog park in the Sycamore Fields Area.*

## **Walnut Woods**

Kestrel Trail (1.3 miles)  
Monarch Trail (1.4 miles)  
Buckeye Trail (2 miles)  
Sweetgum Trail (2.6 miles)  
*Buckeye Area features a 3-acre dog park for large dogs (20 pounds and over) plus a 1-acre dog park for small dogs.*

