

Animal Regulations



National Capital Commission
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The National Capital Commission (NCC) manages a number of federal lands in the region, including Gatineau Park, the Greenbelt, urban parks, parkways, recreational pathways and trails. To protect the Capital's important natural resources, and to provide a satisfactory experience for everyone, the NCC has developed regulations for domestic animals on these lands.

Please follow the rules, and help make NCC lands safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Leashed Domestic Animals Allowed

You and your leashed domestic animals are welcome at most NCC sites, including urban parks, recreational pathways, parkway corridor lands, some Gatineau Park trails and most Greenbelt trails.

In these areas, your domestic animal must be under control and restrained with a leash or harness held firmly by a person or tied securely to a fixed structure. The length of the leash or harness cannot exceed two metres.



Off-Leash Domestic Animals Allowed

In off-leash areas, you can let your domestic animal run off the leash. More than 90 hectares of land has been designated for this purpose.

You must have your domestic animal under control at all times. A domestic animal that is under control will follow a voice command or hand signal from the keeper of the animal.



No Domestic Animals Allowed

With the exception of assistance animals, domestic animals are not allowed at the following NCC sites at any time:

- environmentally sensitive areas
- selected Gatineau Park trails (indicated by signage)
- beaches and surrounding areas
- selected Greenbelt trails (indicated by signage)
- the Rideau Canal Skateway
- campgrounds
- food concession areas and outdoor restaurants
- picnic areas
- play structure areas
- cross-country ski trails (from Dec. 1 to Apr. 14) and
- areas where organized events are being held.

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Fines

Persons who contravene the regulations are liable to a fine. Your cooperation will help foster the safety and enjoyment of everyone who uses NCC lands.

Your Clean-up Responsibilities

You are responsible for picking up after your domestic animal. We ask you not to dispose of your animal's waste in the on-site garbage bins, but to take it away with you. As proper environmental practices recommend animal waste be processed at a sewage treatment plant, we suggest you bring it home and flush it.

Your Domestic Animal and Water

Domestic animals are not allowed to:

- drink from, get on or get into fountains (ornamental or drinking);
- be within three metres of the shoreline of a permanent body of water adjacent to NCC land; or
- go into or drink from any permanent body of water surrounded by NCC land.

Information

613-239-5555 • 613-239-5090 (TTY)
202-40 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1C7
nationalcapitalcommission.gc.ca/animals

In Case of Emergency

24-hour emergency number:
613-239-5353

Additional Rules

- You are allowed to have up to two domestic animals per person on NCC land at any one time.
- Do not let your domestic animal damage property.
- Take measures to ensure your domestic animal does not bite, attack, chase, or injure any person or animal. Your domestic animal must be under control at all times.
- Do not leave your domestic animal unattended in a vehicle when the weather is very hot or cold.
- Do not ski, in-line skate or ride a bicycle when you are accompanied by your domestic animal.

Where can you walk your pet in Gatineau Park?

Year-Round

You can walk your pet (on a leash no longer than two metres) on the following Gatineau Park trails:

- Sugarbush Trail (Chelsea)
- Lauriault Trail (Mackenzie King Estate)
- Pioneers Trail (Hull area)

April 15 to November 30

You can walk your pet (on a leash no longer than two metres) on all the marked and officially recognized trails of Gatineau Park, *except* the following:

- Pink Lake Trail
- King Mountain Trail
- Luskville Falls Trail

You must always pick up after your pet. On-site garbage bins are not for animal waste. For ecological reasons, we suggest that you take it home and flush it.

Information

Gatineau Park Visitor Centre

819-827-2020 • 613-239-5090 (TTY)

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