

No Dogs Allowed?

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Dogs are not allowed in any County of Orange owned area or park that is designated as a "Wilderness Area." The idea of designating an area as a wilderness area is done to protect rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species in their own habitats. Dogs leave behind a scent on the trails that can confuse, and possibly put in danger, the wildlife that live in the park. A dog could also get bitten by a rattlesnake, badger, skunk, raccoon, or any other wildlife. Animals that live in the park could be flushed out of nesting sites or burrows by a dog. A dog's quick dig could destroy a wild animal's home in seconds. A dog could also be exposed to ticks, poison oak or other plants that have thorns or burrs. Fox tails are bristly weeds that can easily work their way into a dog's fur, eventually embedding into their skin. For the protection of the dog and the wildlife please adhere to all park rules.