



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 1501:17-5-03 Scenic river lands; domestic animals.

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(A) While on scenic river lands, it is unlawful for any person who is the owner or handler of any animal to fail to keep such animal on a leash in hand or otherwise under direct control and ensure that the animal is within an area where companion animals and pets are permitted.

(1) If the disposition of any companion animal or pet evokes fear or audibly disrupts the permitted activities of other persons, the owner or handler may be directed to remove the animal.

(2) In the event that a companion animal or pet defecates upon scenic river land, the owner or handler must collect the animal's excrement and remove it from the area.

(B) Domestic animals may access scenic river lands outside of designated companion animal and pet areas if the following conditions apply:

(1) The domestic animal is a dog or other trained service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (28 C.F.R. part 35, subpart A, 35.104) utilized for the safety of blind, deaf, mobility or emotionally impaired persons.

(2) The domestic animal is a hunting dog being utilized during lawful hunts in accordance with the rules of this chapter.

(3) The domestic animal is a hunting dog that has crossed onto scenic rivers lands while engaged in the chase of a game animal during a legal hunt, provided that the owner or handler of the hunting dog immediately retrieves the animal and leaves the area in a manner not causing injury or damage to the lands, flora, or fauna. Owners retrieving hunting dogs while carrying a weapon or other hunting device are only permitted to do so with the weapon unloaded and the chamber open while retrieving the animal.

(C) It is unlawful for any person to ride, drive, lead, or keep a saddle horse or other animal used for



locomotion on any scenic river lands except on roadways or driveways provided for motor vehicles.

It is unlawful for any horse or other animal to be hitched to any tree, shrub, or structure in any manner other than an approved hitching post provided in or adjacent to a parking area.

(D) It is unlawful for any person to herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large upon any scenic river land, any animal including but not limited to cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, goats, swine, sheep, or fowl except as provided in paragraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this rule.