



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:17-5-04 Animals prohibited: exceptions.

Effective: September 3, 2018

(A) No person shall bring any animal or pet into any nature preserve or natural area.

(B) Exceptions:

A service animal as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (28 C.F.R. part 35, subpart A, 35.104) used by blind, deaf, mobility or emotionally impaired persons; hunting dogs during lawful hunts on posted area; domestic cats and dogs within the designated parking lots of nature preserves or natural areas; and within Blackhand gorge state nature preserve limited to the paved trail designated as the Blackhand trail (a dedicated state recreational trail).

(C) Any person who is the owner or handler of any pet, except hunting dogs engaged in legal hunting, shall keep said pet on a leash, not to exceed six feet in length from hand to pet, in hand and under control while such pet is within an area where pets are permitted. If the disposition of any pet excites fear or audibly disturbs the quiet enjoyment of other persons, the owner or handler may be directed to remove the pet.

(D) When a pet defecates within a nature preserve or natural area the owner or handler shall collect the pet excrement and remove it from the area.
