WHY NO DOGS?

While this area may seem like a good place to walk a dog, it is not allowed by DCR's Watershed Protection Regulations.

The land surrounding the Wachusett Reservoir protects the drinking water supply for over 3 million people.

Bacteria, viruses, and parasites found in dog waste can survive for a long time when left on the ground- **even after it's picked up.**

During the next rainfall, this waste can get washed into the water supply!

What About Wildlife?

Dogs eat processed food and their waste includes material that is not natural for the environment. Wildlife eat what is already found in nature and return it to the ecosystem through their waste.

Service and medical support animals, when acting within their service capacity, are welcome.



One gram of dog waste has about 23 million fecal bacteria. Harmful bacteria can cause disease and contaminate the drinking water supply.

Thank you for being a good steward and leaving your dog at home! Visit other DCR properties that allow dogs: mass.gov/guides/dogs-in-dcr-parks



