

Finger Lakes Trail Conference (FLTC)  
***Policy for Dogs on the Trails of FLT System***

This policy is intended to provide all users of the FLT System with the opportunity to enjoy their time on the trail without having to deal with potentially unwelcome attention from dogs. Also, because the FLTC is dependent upon the good will of our permitting landowners, this policy was established to insure that dogs do not create a nuisance while on private land. We cannot afford to violate that good will.

The Finger Lakes Trail Conference supports all regulations which apply to dogs on public land managed by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Department of Environmental Conservation and the US Forest Service, as well as other public land managed by counties, cities, towns and villages. All State Parks through which the FLT System passes, except Allegany State Park, require that pets be on a leash of no more than 6 feet when on the trail. In Allegany State Park, and all State Forests, it is required that pets be kept under control and be restrained on a leash when other people approach. If you are hiking with a dog on other public land, you are responsible for knowing the regulations that apply.

On private land, dogs should be kept on a leash at all times when hiking on any trail that is part of the FLT System. FLT maps show parks, state forests, wildlife management areas, etc. All other land should be considered private for the purposes of this policy.

While we will try our best to inform hikers of this policy, it is the responsibility of the dog owner to keep his/her pet under control and to know the regulations and policies that apply to any given situation.

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The Finger Lakes Trail Conference website is: [www.fingerlakestrail.org](http://www.fingerlakestrail.org)

We recommend that you check "Trail Conditions" for notices before hiking any sections of the FLT. We also suggest that you make sure you are aware of the various items of information found under "Plan a Hike."