



ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

WINGFIELD PINES PET POLICY | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY CHANGE THE PET POLICY?

Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) understands that pets are a part of the family and enjoy open spaces as much as any other ALT property visitors. We need visitors to understand that Wingfield Pines is a privately-held conservation area protected to maintain scenic beauty, improve water quality, and encourage biodiversity.

A pet policy enacted in 2017 was not being followed, and several incidences have caused the board to make the decision to move to a No Pet Policy. ALT has also protected the private property to improve the quality of life for surrounding communities by providing a place for passive recreation and education. The effects on the ecology and other visitors, however, were becoming unbalanced.

This is an important habitat for marsh birds, migratory birds, and other sensitive species. Eliminating pets from Wingfield Pines protects habitats for those birds while also preventing disruption to educational programming for children and adults who have varied comfort levels and histories with dogs. Eliminating dogs from the site will also eliminate the dog waste issue as dog waste harbors viruses, bacteria, and parasites that contaminate groundwater.

WHEN DOES IT BEGIN AND FOR HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

The new pet policy went into effect January 12, 2020 and will continue until further notice. There was a notice period that was announced on January 2nd on-site at the conservation area and on the conservation area web page.

WHO ENFORCES THE NEW POLICY?

Implementation of the new policy is a joint effort between ALT staff, Upper St. Clair Police Department, and other ALT conservation area visitors.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE NEW POLICY IS NOT FOLLOWED?

If the policy is not adhered to, violators will be subject to fines.

WHAT IF I SEE SOMEONE BREAK THE RULES?

If you see someone breaking the rules, please call the Upper St. Clair Police Department at (412) 833-1113, or the ALT office at 412-741-2750 to report the problem.

WHERE CAN I TAKE MY DOG?

There are several options very close to Wingfield where you can take your pet. Nearby spaces include:

1. On-leash – Boyce Mayview Park – 400 acres of groomed trails and open space
2. Off-Leash – Fairview Park – South Fayette – an area of the larger park designated for permitted off leash dogs 12 weeks of age or older.