



**DOG-FRIENDLY TRAILS AND PARKS  
and  
LOCAL PET ORDINANCES**

The following lists several of the excellent trails in our community available for walking. Local ordinances apply, and there are often special requirements for pets on the trails. Please remember to always observe local laws, summarized below, and as importantly the wishes of the land owners. Please, ALWAYS pick up after your pet. It is the law in most areas, and is a common courtesy which will help maintain our access to these great spots.

While all information was verified at the time of posting, please check with the proper organization for updates.

Many of the trails listed are generously provided by private land owners and conservation organizations. Please always respect the landowner's rights, and consider a donation of time or treasure to these fine organizations. Thank you, and see you on the trails!

*This interactive document includes clickable [blue and underlined links](#). Online version available at [www.norwichanimal.com](http://www.norwichanimal.com).*



**NORWICH**

**License, Rabies:** All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Licenses are available from the Town Clerk's Office. Proof of rabies vaccine required. Norwich Town Clerk: Tracy Hall, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30, Thur until 5:30. (802) 649-1419 Ext. 103 or 104. Link to [ordinances](#).

**Control:** When off their owner's property, dogs must be leashed or otherwise controlled. Pet waste shall be removed from maintained public property or private property of another.

## NORWICH TRAILS

[Norwich Nature Area Trails](#) --approx. 1 mile loop. "Dogs are allowed, but must be restrained and owners are requested to carry out dog litter." Trail begins in parking lot on East side of the Green.

[Bill Ballard Trail](#): 3-4 mile out-and-back from Norwich Swimming Pool. "Pets are permitted". Trail begins from Norwich Swimming Pool parking lot.

[King Arthur Flour Trail](#): 0.6 mile forest trail connecting Mill Road and Dresden Athletic Fields via King Arthur Flour. Park at either Mill Road, KAF or Dresden Fields.



## HANOVER

License, Rabies: All dogs 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies, per State law. \$6.50 spay/neutered, \$9 otherwise. Bring proof of vaccination and spay/neuter. Hanover Town Clerk: 41 South Main Street, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. (603) 640-3200. Link to [ordinances](#).

Control: Dogs not on the owner's property shall be under control by personal presence and attention. Per town web site, "The Town of Hanover does not have a "leash law" requiring dogs to be on a leash when off their owner's property. Owners should however have control of their animals to prevent them from becoming a nuisance."

## HANOVER TRAILS

[Hanover Conservancy](#) manages 6 properties in and around Hanover NH. Their website states "Dogs under leash or voice control are permitted on all Conservancy properties. Owners should pick up after their pets, especially along trails, and not allow their animals to stray or chase wildlife." See website for property locations.

[Balch Hill](#) Access from Hemlock Road

[Mink Brook](#) Trailhead on Brook Road off Route 10

[Greensboro Ridge](#) Connects with AT. Park at top of Velvet Rocks Drive

[King Bird Sanctuary](#) Access from Hayes Farm Park on Etna Road

[Rinker-Steele Natural Area](#) Parking on East side of Route 10 at bottom of Chieftain Hill

[Slade Brook](#) Trailhead on River Road 0.6 miles from Route 10

[Pine Park Trail](#) 1.7 mile loop, close to downtown Hanover. Park next to the golf course, across from Occom Pond and the DOC Rental House.

The trail map is silent about pets, so please use a leash and keep your dog restrained.

## HARTFORD

License, Rabies: Hartford requires a dog license and proof of rabies vaccination. Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office, \$4 for spayed/neutered; \$8 otherwise. You must show proof of vaccination and spay/neuter.

Hartford Town Clerk: 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction. Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00  
(802) 295-2785. Link to [ordinances](#).

Control: Dogs must be kept on a leash or under the verbal control of the owner. Pet waste shall be removed from public property or private property of another.

## HARTFORD PARK AND TRAILS

[Watson Dog Park](#), Hartford VT: 1 ½ acre off-leash dog park. Location: on route 14 W, 1 mile west of the Hartford Town Hall.

[Hartford Town Forest](#): 423-acre parcel with approximately 4 miles of mixed-use trails  
Details, courtesy of UVTA: 4 miles, packed earth. Most trails evolved from logging roads and as a result are fairly wide. However, there are several narrow single track trails. Parking is 0.8 miles up Reservoir Road from Kings Highway. See also trails in [Hurricane Forrest Wildlife Refuge Park](#).

## LEBANON

License, Rabies: All dogs including puppies after their rabies shot must be licensed. Download [license application](#). Licenses are available from the City Clerk's office, and proof of rabies vaccine is required. \$6.50 if spayed or neutered. \$9 if not.

City Clerk: 51 North Park Street, Lebanon. Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.  
(603) 448-4220. Link to [ordinance](#).

Control: Dogs must be leashed when not on owner's property. Pet waste shall be removed from public property or private property of another.

## LEBANON TRAILS

Lebanon Trails and Recreation Map: This map covers trails on eleven parcels of Lebanon City Conservation Lands. Pick up maps for \$3.00 a piece at Lebanon Recreation & Parks Department, West Lebanon Supply in downtown West Lebanon or Upper Valley Trails Alliance in Norwich.

[Mascoma River Greenway](#), Lebanon NH. Details, from UVTA: 1 mile, easy. Packed earth and gravel. Access to West end is Mascoma Street at High Street, to East end is Mascoma Street at High Street.

[Northern Rail Trail](#), Lebanon NH. Details, from UVTA: 48 Mile, easy. Hardpack and Cinders. A nearly flat trail beginning at Lebanon, New Hampshire, in the Mascoma River Valley, passing through historic villages and by scenic lakes, streams and hills along the old railroad bed of the Boston & Maine Railroad Northern Line. Easiest access is from Lebanon City Parking Lot near CCBA.

[The Upper Valley Trails Alliance](#) (UVTA) lists Walking, Hiking and Biking Trails open to dogs. Their web site has searchable maps to these locations and may more!

