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Services

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More hiking info

Here's a post I wrote in 2020 that provides more detailed info about everything in this brochure, and that points to additional resources:

<https://365milechallenge.org/2020/07/20/tips-for-hiking-safely-with-your-dogs/>

Who's behind Your Best Behavior, LLC?

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Hiking Safely with Dogs



Important Skills



Before you take your dog hiking, you may want to work on your dog's skills to ensure they are well-mannered and trail-ready.

- Sit and down stays when passing people and dogs, and when you need to relieve yourself!
- Focus on you, especially around wildlife
- A "get behind" behavior for when you spot a snake/danger up ahead
- Recall, especially if you are going to let your dog run off-leash (please note that a friendly dog that encroaches on others' space is an ill-mannered dog!)
- Carrying a pack is generally a skill that needs to be built and conditioned



What to Consider

There is a LOT to consider when you take your dog hiking with you! Here are a few things to think about:

- Dogs allowed or not
- Your dog's recall (to leash or not to leash?) and rules of the trail
- Tick preventive (100% essential in PA)
- Heartworm preventive
- Leptospirosis vaccine
- Temperature and humidity
- Your dog's age, health, and conditioning

What to Take

Following are some of the essentials you should have with you when hiking with your dog(s).

- Poop bags
- Water and bowl
- Treats/dog food
- Rabies certificate/tag
- Collar with ID tag
- Brush and/or comb
- Orange vest/bandana (Nov-Dec)
- First aid kit w/Benadryl, tweezers
- Flash light
- Pepper/bear spray

