

NCT hikers should note that dogs are not allowed on the Doughboys Nature Trail portion of the NCT within Copper Falls State Park (the segment of yellow and black line in between the stars on the map). The alternative route (blue line) is currently closed because of a washed out bridge. This bridge is slated to be replaced soon.

Hikers visiting the Park with a dog should call ahead to find out the latest info on where you can hike with a dog. The park can be reached at (715) 274-5123.



Rules on pets on the NCT can vary within the same land management unit and can also vary significantly in between adjacent land management units. Leave No Trace's first principle is Plan Ahead and Prepare and this is especially important when hiking with a pet. Knowing what the rules are for the specific area you intend to hike on can save you from running afoul of the rules and can prevent you from having a bad experience.



