

Why are dogs not allowed at Oakland Bay County Park???

Oakland Bay County Park is a refuge for native wildlife. Restrictions on domestic animals are intended to prevent stress and molestation of wildlife, to protect pets from wildlife that may attack or harm them, and to provide an enjoyable experience for all visitors.

On trails where dogs are common, there is a decreased likelihood for park visitors to view wildlife, because herbivores and prey animals tend to stay away from areas with dogs. Many people come to Oakland Bay Historical Park to see native wildlife, so their enjoyment would be directly diminished.

Additionally, dogs engage in scent marking, which may negatively affect wildlife patterns. Domestic animals can also spread diseases to other wildlife through feces and other bodily fluids.

These safeguards protect both pets and wildlife from disease and each other.

Thank you for your understanding:

Mason County Parks and Trails Department

Capitol Land Trust