



Jester Park is pet-friendly! Visitors are welcome to take their dogs with them while exploring the park trails and grounds, as long as they follow the BARK Ranger rules.

B

Bag your pet's waste. Bag dispensers and trash bins can be found along the walking trails.

A

Always use a leash. Keeping your dog on a leash helps protect them and others.

R

Respect wildlife. Remember that squirrels and birds like to be left alone!

K

Know where you can go. While pets are welcome outside, only service animals are allowed inside the nature center.

HOW TO BECOME A *Bark Ranger*

1

SELECT YOUR ACTIVITY

From long walks to snapping the pawfect picture, find an activity in this brochure to help you explore the outdoors.

2

FILL YOUR ACTIVITY BOXES

with notes and memories as you complete each activity.

3

COMPLETE AT LEAST THREE ACTIVITIES

to receive a Bark Ranger sticker at the Jester Park Nature Center.

4

SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES

Tag the Jester Park Nature Center on Facebook or use the hashtag #JPNCBarkRanger we'd love to see your adventures!



Scan here for more information on
Jester Park and to view a park map.



Find your inner zen - with a paws-and-reflect meditation somewhere in Jester Park.



Stuck at home? Try a big stretch! - Stretching is good for you and your dog. Roll out the mats and teach them how to do downward dog like a pro.



Pawsitive photo op - Take a photo of your dog enjoying the park responsibly, tag the Jester Park Nature Center on Facebook or use the #JPNCBarkRanger hashtag!



Scavenger Hunt (complete and return to the Nature Center for Bark Ranger Sticker)



Sniff out the best trail at Jester Park - Take in all the natural beauty (and smells!) on an early morning or late evening hike.



Nose to the ground for this one - Explore Jester Park with a sniffari. The rules are simple: pups set the pace, choose the direction, and sniff as long as they want!

- Hike the Discovery Pond Accessible Trail and answer the following questions:
- Name an animal found on one of the prairie habitat signs.
 - What percent of Iowa’s native prairie remains?
 - Name an animal found on one of the woodland habitat signs
 - What is the highest level of a forest is called?
 - Name an animal found on one of the wetland signs
 - What percentage of Iowa’s wetlands have been drained or destroyed?

 BENCH	 BUSH	 DOG
 FLOWER	 LEAVES	 PICNIC TABLE
 POND	 STICK	 TRASHCAN

HUMANS, CAN YOUR DOG SNIFF OUT THE ITEMS ABOVE?

TRACK YOUR COMPLETED ACTIVITIES BELOW:

1

Date:

Time:

2

Date:

Time:

3

Date:

Time:



Water - Hydrants are located at each park shelter and campground restrooms mid-April through mid-October. Water is available year-round at the Nature Center and Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center. See park website for specific hours.



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