

# Prairie Moraine County Park Partners

Dane County Parks, Ice Age Trail Alliance, and Prairie Moraine Friends, Inc. are the three primary partners of Prairie Moraine County Park, one of the most visited parks in the county.

## Dane County Parks



Dane County Parks is dedicated to making your experience enjoyable and takes an active role to **enhance and preserve** the county's finest natural resources, including **160 acres of rolling terrain** at Prairie Moraine County Park. The northern half of the park features the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, and the southern half is

fenced for the county's largest off-leash dog exercise area.

Learn more: **(608) 224-3730**, [danecountyparks.com](http://danecountyparks.com)



(Scenic overlook of the Upper Sugar River Valley and Driftless Area. Photo by Samantha Haas)

## Prairie Moraine Friends, Inc.



Prairie Moraine Friends, Inc. assists county staff to **restore and conserve** the natural and historical resources in and around Prairie Moraine County Park. The volunteer group supports conservation, education, and recreation activities for a variety of user groups, primarily those that provide a **healthy and safe environment for canine exercise**.

Learn more: [prairiemorainefriends.org](http://prairiemorainefriends.org)



(People and dogs enjoy the off-leash portion of the dog park. Photo by Samantha Haas)

## Ice Age Trail Alliance

The Ice Age Trail Alliance works cooperatively with other local entities to **create, support, and protect** the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The thousand-mile footpath traces glacial formations across the state, including **nearly a mile of the Ice Age Trail** that winds through restored prairie and oak savanna at Prairie Moraine County Park.



Learn more: **(800) 227-0046** or **(608) 798-4453**, [iceagetrail.org](http://iceagetrail.org)



(Area students volunteer to help the Ice Age Trail Alliance with prairie planting. Photo by Dave Lonsdorf)

[www.prairiemorainefriends.org](http://www.prairiemorainefriends.org)

## Dog Park Rules

Dane County's largest off-leash dog exercise area was created in 1995 on the southeastern end of Prairie Moraine County Park. The northern half of the park features the Ice Age National Scenic Trail corridor, where dogs must be on a leash.

- Dog owners are legally and financially liable for injuries or damages caused by their dog(s). Wis. Stat. Ann. 174.02 (1).
- All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated. Dogs are required to wear a visible, municipal license, and I.D. tag. Wis. Stat. Ann. 95.21 (2).
- A Daily or Annual Park Dog Permit is required. D.C. Ord.53.02 (2)
- Aggressive dogs are prohibited from the park. Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed from the park immediately.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up and placed in the proper receptacle by the owner/handler. This is essential to the ongoing success of the dog park.
- The owner/handler must be in control of his/her dog(s) at all times. The dog must be within view and under voice control of the owner/handler.
- Female dogs in season (heat) are not allowed in a dog park.
- Dogs must be leashed with a 6-foot static lease when entering and leaving off-leash area. The owner/handler must have a leash in his/her possession at all times.

A full list of dog park rules and recommendations can be viewed at the main entrance kiosk and online at [danecountyparks.com](http://danecountyparks.com).



(Pups say hello on a snow-covered trail at the park. Photo by Samantha Haas)

## Get Involved!

Do you want to make a difference? Volunteers make Prairie Moraine County Park a better place. You can help people and dogs safely recreate, as well as native prairies, trees, bluebirds, and bees thrive.

The three primary park partners offer a variety of volunteer opportunities, including removing invasive species, monitoring bluebirds, and cleaning the trails you enjoy.

Consider becoming a **Trail Ambassador**, signing up as a **registered volunteer**, and **donating** funds to Prairie Moraine County Park. Learn more by contacting the Dane County Parks volunteer coordinator at **(608) 224-3601**.



(Volunteer Dan Dudovick trims plants to make room for a pollinator prairie garden with Benny, his Golden Retriever companion. Photo by Samantha Haas)

## New Website

To learn more about the history of the park, upcoming projects, and how to get involved, visit the new website for Prairie Moraine Friends: [prairiemorainefriends.org](http://prairiemorainefriends.org)

## Did You Know?

Verona is an Ice Age Trail Community!

The city and town of Verona was officially designated as the state's seventh Ice Age Trail Community in 2017.



The 6.4-mile Verona Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail connects three Dane County Parks: Ice Age Junction Area, Badger Prairie County Park, and Prairie Moraine County Park.

This segment is maintained by volunteer members of the Dane County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. The chapter welcomes help during trail improvement days dedicated to maintaining trail segments.



(The Dane County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance holds a National Trails Day Hike-A-Thon that goes through Prairie Moraine County Park the first Saturday of June. Photo by Dave Lonsdorf)