



B.A.R.K. Ranger



To become a Curecanti B.A.R.K. Ranger, learn the B.A.R.K. Code and complete at least *two* activities listed below:

The B.A.R.K. Code:

B = Bag your pet's waste.

A = Always leash your pet.

R = Respect wildlife.

K = Know where you can go.

1 *Hike a trail.* All trails in Curecanti National Recreation Area are dog friendly! Dogs must always be on a leash. You are hiking through wildlife habitat.

2 *Get in the water.* Blue Mesa has 96 miles (154 km) of shoreline to enjoy! Play in the reservoir, go fishing, swimming, paddleboarding, canoeing, or boating. Both you and your pet should wear personal flotation devices (PFDs)!

3 *Take a photo of your pet* visiting Curecanti and following the B.A.R.K. Code. Tag your photo @CurecantiNPS and #BARKranger on social media. Your photo could be featured on the park's Facebook page!

Think About Safety

Ask a ranger about which sites are open to dogs and what safety precautions should be taken. Be aware of potential seasonal toxic algae hazards before recreating in park waters.

Following all safety guidelines and encouraging good dog behavior not only protects you and your dog, it helps protect the wildlife and natural resources in our park.

Once you've completed these steps, return to the Elk Creek Visitor Center during business hours to be sworn in as a Curecanti B.A.R.K. Ranger.

After the ranger has signed your B.A.R.K. Ranger wallet card, you can cut it out and carry it with you. You're now part of a community of other B.A.R.K. Rangers all over the nation!

I, _____, and my pet companion, promise to respect the B.A.R.K. Ranger Code when visiting National Park Service sites.

Park Ranger

Date

***Thank you
for becoming
a Curecanti
B.A.R.K.
Ranger!***

