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<-- Sign at the Geddes road entrance temporarily covered for a video shoot.

The Arb

Ann Arbor's Nichols Arboretum, or "[The Arb](#)" as it's called locally is a great public park. You can read all about it here at their web site: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/>

There are a lot of people that use this park, especially on nice days. Define nice: even if it is snowing you bet there will be many people out sledding, skiing and walking. People go there all the time. It's closed when it's dark.

The Leash Law

The leash law is enforced in the park. All of the park personnel are very nice, but if they see your dog off leash they will politely tell you to put him on a leash, even if you and your dog (plus the park person) are the only people in there.

I see many people walking their dogs on and off leash and have never had any trouble with either kind. If you are trying to leash train your dog be prepared to have lots of people coming up to your dog to pet her. I've also seen people that are deathly afraid of dogs cringe as I walk by with my leashed puppy. So try to be cognizant of them and keep your dog away from them.

If you want to exercise your dog, the Arb might not be the best choice for a walk. But if a leashed walk in a nice park with lots of friendly people is your kind of fun then the Arb is a perfect place to go.

The Map of Nichols Arboretum

Map of [Nichols Arboretum](#) showing four entrances. A fine place to take your dog on a leash. There are four entrances.

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