THE TOP 10 Pet-Friendly Stops

1. Indiana Dunes State Park
At Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton. Although pets are not permitted on the lifeguarded section of the beach, they are allowed (on leashes) on the rest of the beach and on the many great hiking trails.

2. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
At the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in the Chesterton area, pets on leashes are allowed on the beaches east of Indiana Dunes State Park and on all trails except Glenwood Dune, Great Marsh and Pinhook Bog. Stop by the Visitor Center to learn more.

3. Taltree Arboretum & Gardens
Taltree Arboretum & Gardens in Valparaiso lets its employees bring pets to work, and they welcome pets on their trails.

4. Woodland Park
Woodland Park in Portage features fun for the family and a dog park.

5. Canine Country Club
Stop by Canine Country Club in Valparaiso during office hours and purchase a day pass so your dog can have a country club experience – in other words, run around.

6. Coco’s Canine Cabana
Visit Coco’s Canine Cabana in Valparaiso or Chesterton for doggie daycare, a dog park, boarding, grooming, a bakery and a boutique.

7. Chesterton’s European Market
Humans and their pets love to walk around Chesterton’s European Market and look for pet treats, farm produce, local honey, jewelry, art and more. Open Saturdays from May to October.

8. Chesterton Feed & Garden
is a great place for people to get gardening ideas and for pets, which are welcome, to find the food and supplies they need.

9. Bark in the Park
Attend Bark in the Park each July in Chesterton and run or walk with your dog in a race, enter contests, visit booths and more.

10. Accommodations
Stay at a pet-friendly hotel like Holiday Inn Express in Portage or stay in a B&B that welcomes your four-legged friend, like Inn at Aberdeen in Valparaiso.