

Service Animals in State Parks

California State Parks promotes and supports equal access for park visitors of all abilities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines "service animal" as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to that person's disability.

28 Code of Federal Regulations §35.136

- Service animals must be under physical control (ie. leashed, harnessed or tethered) unless doing so would put the human handler in physical danger.
- Service animals are not solely for comfort, emotional support, crime deterrence, therapy, wellbeing or companionship.
- A public entity may ask if the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.
- Misrepresenting a dog as a service animal is fraud, punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

California Penal Code Section 365.7

DOGS AFFECT WILDLIFE

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), more than 70 million dogs belong to human companions in the United States.

Dogs are often considered family members and are welcome only in designated areas. Dogs in certain wild and natural areas can significantly disrupt healthy ecosystems.¹

In the presence of domestic dogs, many wild animals are at a disadvantage. Instead of feeding and breeding, they are stressed and fleeing.²

Minimizing effects of dogs in certain wilderness areas "will not only facilitate recovery and maintenance of wildlife populations globally but also has the potential to reduce economic losses."³

Equestrians on trail are put in potential danger as horses may become spooked by passing dogs.

Spending time with your dog in approved recreational areas is good for your family as well as the environment. Thank you!

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Dogs & Wildlife

San Mateo Coast & Northern Santa Cruz Coast



A Guide to On-leash and Off-leash Dog Recreational Areas in San Mateo Coast and Northern Santa Cruz Coast

Dogs are NOT allowed in Rancho Del Oso or Año Nuevo State Park.



DOGS ALLOWED ON LEASH

Leashed dogs allowed at the following Santa Cruz area parks. (Dogs must be on six-foot maximum leash at all times and may not be left unattended.) Many parks do not have specific street addresses. Visit parks.ca.gov or call (831) 335-6318 for more information.

GREYHOUND ROCK COUNTY BEACH

Dogs on leash are welcome at this beautiful ocean cove location. Scenic vistas can be enjoyed from picnic tables near the large parking lot and the beach can be accessed by taking the paved pedestrian path.

Directions from Waddell Beach (1.5 miles)
Head south on Highway One (1.5 miles)
Right to Greyhound Rock Parking lot

BUTANO STATE PARK

Dogs on leash are welcome on Butano Fire Road and Olmo Fire Road as well as the campground. Enjoy towering redwoods, calming creek crossings and epic views of wild natural valleys and distant mountain peaks. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and humans must clean up after their canine companions.

Directions from Waddell Beach (11.5 miles)
Head north on Highway One (7 miles)
Right on Gazos Creek Road (2 miles)
Left on Cloverdale (1.5 miles)
Right into Butano State Park (1 mile)

PIGEON POINT LIGHT STN SHP

Dogs allowed on the beach north of the lightstation. Dogs are NOT allowed on historical grounds near lighthouse and hostel. 210 Pigeon Pt. Rd.

BEAN HOLLOW STATE BEACH

This beach features fishing, picnicking and beachcombing. Bean Hollow is located three miles south of Pescadero on Hwy 1.

BIG BASIN REDWOODS SP

Dogs are allowed only on paved roads within the developed campgrounds and picnic areas, not on park trails and dirt service roads.

ITS BEACH

Dogs are allowed on the first beach up the coast from the lighthouse on West Cliff Dr.

POGONIP CITY PARK

Dogs are allowed only on designated trails. 333 Gold Club Dr., below UC Santa Cruz.

FOREST OF NISENE MARKS SP

Dogs are allowed only in the picnic areas and on Aptos Creek Road to Porter Picnic Area.

SEABRIGHT BEACH

Dogs are allowed on the north side of the yacht harbor in Santa Cruz.

TWIN LAKES STATE BEACH

Dogs are allowed on the east side of the yacht harbor at 7th Avenue in Santa Cruz.

NEW BRIGHTON STATE BEACH

In Capitola, Park Avenue exit off Highway 1. Turn left on McGregor, right into park.

SEACLIFF AND RIO DEL MAR SB

In Aptos, take the State Park Drive exit off Highway 1.

MANRESA STATE BEACH

Take the San Andreas Road exit off Highway 1 and follow San Andreas road to the beach.



DOGS ALLOWED OFF LEASH

Unleashed dogs are allowed only from sunrise to sunset in clearly marked areas—unless otherwise noted—in the city and county parks listed below. Each dog must be under voice control at all times.

MITCHELL'S COVE BEACH

Dogs allowed off leash before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. West Cliff Drive and Almar Ave.

UNIVERSITY TERRACE PARK

Dogs are allowed at the second entrance at Nobel Drive and Meder Street.

OCEAN VIEW PARK

102 Ocean View Avenue

GRANT STREET PARK

180 Grant Street

FREDERICK STREET PARK

168 Frederick Street

DELAVEAGA PARK

Dogs allowed on service road into lower DeLaveaga Park. Market Street past Gruenwald Court.

PACHECO DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

Pacheco Avenue and Prospect Heights

Dogs not allowed at the following:

CAPITOLA CITY BEACH, COWELL BEACH, FALL CREEK, LAUREL PARK, MAIN BEACH, NATURAL BRIDGES STATE BEACH, NORTH COAST BEACHES (THREE AND FOUR MILE BEACHES, LAGUNA BEACH, PANTHER BEACH, BONNY DOON BEACH), QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH, SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL WHARF, SAN LORENZO RIVER CITY PARK, SCOTT CREEK BEACH, UCSC CAMPUS, WILDER RANCH STATE PARK.