

Dogs and Castle Rock

Dogs ARE NOT allowed at Castle Rock State Park.

Dogs ARE allowed on leash in the following:

SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS

1. Sanborn Skyline County Park- Directly across Skyline Blvd (HWY 35) from Castle Rock State Park.

MID PENINSULA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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| 1. Coal Creek OSP | All Trails |
| 2. Foothills OSP | All Trails |
| 3. Fremont Older OSP | All Trails |
| 4. Long Ridge OSP | Designated Trails |
| 5. Pulgas Ridge OSP | All Trails & Marked Off Leash Area |
| 6. St. Josephs Hill OSP | All Trails |
| 7. Sierra Azul OSP | Kennedy-Limekiln Area only |
| 8. Thornewood OSP | All Trails |
| 9. Windy Hill OSP | Designated Trails |

Remember:

To a dog owner, their dog is an important member of their family, much like a child. They have brought it with them to enjoy the outdoors with them, and may feel defensive when they are told they cannot have their companion on them with them on the trails. Approach dog owners with empathy and courtesy and make sure to explain why we cannot have dogs on the trails.

Dogs are a domesticated form of a predator that lives on almost every continent. Canine predators shed dander constantly that smells strongly to animals. They also urinate and defecate to mark their territory.

While many owners are good about cleaning up their dog's refuse, there really is no way of cleaning up dander and urine. The smells left behind by dander and urine can cause a great upset in the native animal community.

Other predators can sense dogs as an impending threat. It scares them and also causes them to change their behaviors in preparation for this new predator. Unfortunately for many species of birds and mammals it can mean abandoning or killing their offspring. This has a potentially vast and far reaching consequences if domestic canines come through an area too frequently; it can devastate a population. Since everything in an ecosystem relies on everything else in a community, if one link of the food chain suffers, the rest will as well.