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Visiting Parks with Your Dog

California State Parks has many wonderful places for you and your dog to enjoy. We understand the benefits of visiting a state park with your dog - exercise is good for the body and spirit for both you and your furry companion. In general, dogs are permitted in most state parks but must be on a leash not exceeding six feet in length at all times. **It's always a good idea to call ahead to see if dogs are allowed in the state park you wish to visit.** However, please pay special attention to the following when taking your pet to a state park:

- During the day, keep your dog on a leash that is no longer than six feet in length. If you leave your dog in a vehicle, remember that it may get too hot, even with the windows open.
- Please do not take your dog (unless it is a service animal) into buildings or trails, unless it's designated.
- For sanitary reasons, dogs are not permitted on most beaches, except as listed below. Always check with a park ranger for any rules specific to the park you are visiting.
- Please keep your dog calm and quiet. Vicious or unusually noisy dogs will not be allowed in the park.
- At night, please keep your dog in your tent or vehicle to prevent conflicts between your dog and other dogs or passing campers.
- Please understand that Park Superintendents have the discretion to further restrict areas open to pets (i.e., trails, buildings, etc.).
- A rabies certificate or dog license may be required to bring a dog into a State Park.

Please remember that violations of these rules may lead to a costly citation. Remember too that you are financially responsible for injuries or damage caused by your dog. To ensure everyone's visit to California State Parks is pleasant, please do not leave your pet unattended, and remember to clean up after them.

Dogs on State Beaches

Angeles District 818-880-0350

Dogs are permitted at Thornhill Broome Beach (at Pt. Mugu) and in one marked area of Leo Carillo State Beach.

North Bay Area District (707) 865-2391

Channel Coast District 805-585-1850

Dogs are not permitted on Channel Coast District State Beaches. City of Ventura has some areas (Seaside Wilderness Beach, Harbor Cove, Promenade park and Marina Park Beach) where leashed dogs are allowed.

Monterey District 831-649-2836

Leashed dogs ARE allowed on Monterey State Beach from Wharf #2 to Seaside SB, Asilomar SB, Garrapata beach at Garrapata State Park, Carmel River SB, and paved or developed areas of Monterey District state beaches and parks. Dogs are NOT allowed on Zmudowski SB, Moss Landing SB, Marina SB, Salinas River SB, Seaside SB, Andrew Molera SP, and Point Lobos State Reserve, because these areas are nesting sites for the federally listed threatened Western Snowy Plover.

North Coast Redwoods District 707-445-6547

Dogs are permitted at Gold Bluffs Beach ONLY (in designated areas).

Orange Coast District 949-492-0802

Dogs are allowed on beach bike paths only. Some city beaches and unincorporated county areas allow dogs – check with them for rules.

Oceano Dunes 805-473-7230

Dogs are permitted on beach, but must be leashed.

Russian River/Mendocino Coast 707-865-2391

Dogs are permitted except on coastal trails and at Goat Rock.

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San Diego Coast District

Dogs are not permitted within this park district.

(*Exception is **San Onofre State Beach** which is under Orange Coast District administration.)

San Luis Obispo Coast District 805-927-2074 (Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30 pm)

Dogs are not permitted on beach or trails, except at campsites at Montana de Oro and San Simeon State Park campgrounds.

Santa Cruz District 831-429-2850

Leashed dogs are permitted at Rio del Mar and Seacliff State Beach.

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