

If all dog owners act responsibly—follow rules, carry removal bags and pick up after your dogs—parks and beaches can remain open to dogs.

Agency contacts are included so that you can check on the most up-to-date information.

Dog access rights may be revoked at any time by these government agencies for non-compliance with the rules.



For more information on Santa Cruz State Parks, go to [ThatsMyPark.org](http://ThatsMyPark.org)



For more information on Santa Cruz County Parks, go to [SCParks.com](http://SCParks.com)



For more information on Santa Cruz City Parks, go to [CityOfSantaCruz.com](http://CityOfSantaCruz.com)



For more information on City of Watsonville Parks, go to [WatsonvilleRec.com](http://WatsonvilleRec.com)

Thank you for being a responsible dog owner and for following the rules and regulations in our parks.



# Where Can I Take MY DOG?

A Guide to On-Leash and Off-Leash Dog Recreational Areas in Santa Cruz County





## DOGS ALLOWED ON LEASH

*You may bring your dog on a leash to most City and County Parks in Santa Cruz County. Some open spaces and State Parks also allow dogs on leash in designated areas. Each dog must be on a six-foot-maximum leash at all times and cannot be left unattended.*

**ARANA GULCH:** Dogs are allowed only on all trails except for the Marsh Vista Trail, Santa Cruz.

**BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park is closed due to fire damage at this time. Dogs are allowed only on paved roads within the developed campgrounds and picnic areas, but not on park trails and dirt service roads. No dogs are allowed in Rancho Del Oso or on Waddell Beach.

**HENRY COWELL REDWOODS STATE PARK:** Dogs are allowed on the park entrance road adjacent to Highway 9 and in the picnic area on the day-use side. They are also allowed on the Meadow Trail, Graham Hill Trail, and the 3.3-mile Pipeline Road that runs through the middle of the park. Dogs and owners may use the paved roads in the campground adjacent to Graham Hill Road. Dogs may not be taken on any other trails, including all of the Fall Creek unit. Day Use: 101 North Big Trees Park Road, Felton. Campground: 2591 Graham Hill Road, Scotts Valley.

**ITS BEACH:** Dogs are allowed on the first beach up the coast from the lighthouse on West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz.

**LIGHTHOUSE FIELD & LIGHTHOUSE POINT:** Leashed dogs are allowed on grass next to the Lighthouse and across the street on West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz.

**MANRESA STATE BEACH:** Take the San Andreas Road exit off Highway 1 and follow San Andreas Road to the beach.

**NEW BRIGHTON STATE BEACH:** In Capitola, take the Park Avenue exit off Highway 1. Turn left on McGregor and right into the park.

**THE FOREST OF NISENE MARKS STATE PARK:** Leashed dogs are allowed only in the picnic areas and on Aptos Creek Road up to the Porter Picnic Area. Aptos Creek Road past Soquel Drive, Aptos.

**PALM BEACH STATE PARK:** Leashed dogs are allowed only on the beach between the Pajaro Dunes condos and the Pajaro Dunes houses, but not up coast or down coast from the residences. Go past Manresa State Beach on San Andreas Road and continue past Sunset State Beach. Turn right on Beach Road toward the ocean, Watsonville.

**POGONIP:** Dogs are allowed only on designated trails. 333 Golf Club Drive, below UC Santa Cruz.

**SANTA CRUZ RIVERWALK:** Dogs are allowed along the designated riverwalk path.

**SEABRIGHT STATE BEACH:** Dogs are allowed on the west side of the yacht harbor in Santa Cruz.

**SEACLIFF & RIO DEL MAR STATE BEACHES:** In Aptos, take the State Park Beach Drive exit off Highway 1.

**TWIN LAKES STATE BEACH:** Dogs are allowed on the east side of the yacht harbor in Santa Cruz.



## 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.*

**BRANCIFORTE DOG PARK:** 200 N. Branciforte Drive, Santa Cruz.

**CHANTICLEER AVENUE PARK:** 1975 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz.

**DELAVEAGA PARK:** Dogs are allowed off leash on the lower portion of the Enchanted Trail from Branciforte Drive to the sand pit. 855 Branciforte Drive, Santa Cruz.

**FRANICH PARK:** 795 Mista Montana Drive, Watsonville.

**FREDERICK STREET DOG PARK:** 168 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz.

**GRANT DOG PARK:** 180 Grant Street, Santa Cruz.

**MIMI DE MARTA DOG PARK:** 130 Broadway, Santa Cruz.

**MITCHELL'S COVE BEACH:** Dogs are allowed off leash before 10 am and after 4 pm. The beach is located at the intersection of West Cliff Drive and Almar Avenue, Santa Cruz.

**OCEAN VIEW PARK:** Dogs allowed off leash in designated area. 102 Ocean View Avenue, Santa Cruz.

**OZZIE & JOSH'S DOG PARK:** McGregor Drive, Capitola.

**PACHECO DOG PARK:** Pacheco Avenue and Prospect Heights, Santa Cruz.

**PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK:** 757 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

**POLO GROUNDS COUNTY PARK:** 2255 Huntington Drive, Aptos.

**RAMSAY PARK (Opening 2023):** 1301 Main Street, Watsonville.

**SKYPARK PARK:** 361 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley

**UNIVERSITY TERRACE DOG PARK:** Nobel Drive and Meder Street, Santa Cruz



## DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED

*at the following places:*

**CAPITOLA CITY BEACH**

**CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK**

**COWELL BEACH**

**DELAVEAGA GOLF COURSE**

**FALL CREEK UNIT OF HENRY COWELL STATE PARK**

**LAUREL PARK**

**NATURAL BRIDGES STATE BEACH**

**NORTH COAST BEACHES**

(Three and Four Mile Beaches, Laguna Beach, Panther Beach, Bonny Doon Beach, Shark Fin)

**QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH**

**RANCHO DEL OSO**

**SAN LORENZO RIVER**

**SAN LORENZO PARK**

**SANTA CRUZ MAIN BEACH**

**SANTA CRUZ WHARF**

**MOORE CREEK**

**SCOTT CREEK BEACH**

**SUNSET STATE BEACH**

**UC SANTA CRUZ CAMPUS**

**WADDELL STATE BEACH**

**WILDER RANCH STATE PARK**