

Dogs at Play in Santa Cruz County

We encourage responsible behavior within the limits of the various city, county and state ordinances. Please be aware that dog access rights may be revoked at any time by these government entities should there be non-compliance with these rules. It's up to the dog owner to keep these beaches and parks open to our dogs. And remember, pick up after your animals! Dog owners must carry baggies to remove their dog's feces at ALL times.

Parks and Recreation Department, Santa Cruz Ordinance No. 93-07, Chapter 8.14

DOGS are allowed ON LEASH in the following parks:

You may bring your leashed dog to the following Santa Cruz are parks within the picnic/campground areas and beaches. Each dog must be on a six-foot-maximum leash at all times and cannot be left unattended. Many parks do not have specific street addresses or have more than one entrance.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Boulder Creek: 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, Davenport.

Forest of Nisene Marks State Park, Aptos: Leashed dogs are allowed only in the picnic areas and on Aptos Creek Road up to the Porter Picnic area.

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Felton: 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 Rd. Dogs may not be taken on any other trails, including all of the Fall Creek Unit. Dogs are allowed next door at Roaring Camp Railroads and are allowed to ride on the trains.

Its Beach, Santa Cruz - Dogs are allowed on the first beach up coast from the Lighthouse on West Cliff Drive.

Jade Street Park, Capitola: 4400 Jade Street.

Lighthouse Field Interior, Santa Cruz - Leashed dogs are allowed across the street from the Lighthouse on West Cliff Dr.

Manresa State Beach, Watsonville: Take the San Andreas Road exit off Highway 1 and follow San Andreas Road to the beach. (Please note: Dogs are only allowed on Manresa State Beach up coast of the Uplands campground.)

New Brighton State Beach, Capitola: Take the Park Avenue exit off of Highway 1. Head toward the ocean. Turn left on McGregor Drive and right into the park.

Palm State Beach, Watsonville: Leashed dogs are allowed only on the beach between the Pajaro Dunes condos and 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.

Pogonip City Park, Santa Cruz: Dogs are allowed only on designated trails. 333 Golf Club Dr., below UC Santa Cruz.

Seabright State Beach, Santa Cruz: Dogs are allowed on the north side of the Santa Cruz Harbor at 7th Avenue.

Seacliff and Rio Del Mar State Beaches, Aptos: Take the State Park Drive exit off of Highway 1.

Twin Lakes State Beach, Santa Cruz: Dogs are allowed on the East side of Santa Cruz Harbor.

DOGS are allowed OFF LEASH in the following parks:

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

Delaveaga Park, Santa Cruz: Service road into Lower DeLaVeaga Park. Designated off-leash times are sunrise to sunset. Take Market Street past Gruenwald Court.

Franich Park, Watsonville, 795 Vista Montana Dr.

Frederick Street Park, Santa Cruz: The off-leash area is clearly marked by signs and a split rail fence. Off-leash times are sunrise to sunset. The area is located at 168 Frederick Street (Frederick at Broadway).

Grant Street Park, Santa Cruz: The off-leash area is clearly marked with signs. Off-leash times are sunrise to sunset. The area is located at 180 Grant Street.

Mitchell's Cove Beach, Santa Cruz: Dogs are allowed off-leash before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. The beach is located near West Cliff Drive and Almar Avenue.

Ocean View Park, Santa Cruz: The off-leash area is clearly marked with signs. Off-leash times are sunrise to sunset. The area is located at 102 Ocean View Avenue.

Pacheco Dog Off-Leash Area, Santa Cruz: This area is completely fenced and the off-leash times are sunrise to sunset. The area is located at Pacheco Avenue and Prospect Heights.

Pinto Lake County Park, Watsonville: The dog park is located at 757 Green Valley Rd.

Polo Grounds County Park, Aptos: The dog park is located at 2255 Huntington Dr.



Sky Park Dog Park, Scotts Valley: 361 Kings Village Road.

University Terrace Park, Santa Cruz: This area is fenced and off-leash times are sunrise to sunset. The designated off-leash area is located at the second entrance at Nobel Drive and Meder Street.

Dog owners must be in full control of their dogs at all times. Control must be immediate. Dog owners are financially responsible for any damage caused by their dog to public property. SCMC 8.14.200.2 Dog owners must clean up all of their dog's defecation and must carry dog defecation removal devices at all times. SCMC 8.14.215

DOGS are NOT ALLOWED at the following locations:

Capitola City Beach
Cowell Beach
Fall Creek State Park
Laurel Park
Main Beach
Natural Bridges State Beach
North Coast Beaches: Three and Four Mile, Scott Creek, Laguna, Panther and Bonny Doon Beaches
Quail Hollow Ranch
Ranch Del Oso State Park
Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf
San Lorenzo City Park
San Lorenzo River
Sunset State Beach
UC Santa Cruz Campus
Wilder Ranch State Park

For more information please contact:

Santa Cruz City Parks, 831.420.6207

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/index.aspx?page=934>

Santa Cruz County Parks, 831.454.7901 www.scparks.com

Santa Cruz State Parks, 831.429. www.thatsmypark.org

PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER!