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Assateague Island  
National Seashore

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## Assateague Island National Seashore

## Pet Policy

Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times in the Maryland portion of the National Seashore. Please manage your pets! The hot sand and sun can be harder on your pet than it is on you. Unattended and unrestrained animals can disturb and harm island wildlife and other park visitors.

Pets are completely prohibited in the following areas:

- all backcountry campsites
- nature trails
- lifeguard-protected beach
- north of the State Park to the Ocean City inlet
- the entire Virginia portion of Assateague Island\*

\*Pets are prohibited in the entire Virginia portion of Assateague Island, even in your car. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages nearly all of the land area on the Virginia portion of Assateague Island as a National Wildlife Refuge.