



Pets in Olympic National Park

Olympic National Park was established to preserve an amazing variety of landscapes, plants and wildlife and to provide a place for people to enjoy wilderness. How do pets fit in with this mandate?

- 🐾 Pets can harass or harm wild animals by making noise, chasing them or catching them.
- 🐾 Pets can intimidate and disturb other visitors by making noise or scaring wildlife away.
- 🐾 Pets can damage the ground and plants by digging or rolling.
- 🐾 Pets can attract predators such as cougars or coyotes looking for easy meals.

To help everyone enjoy the park and for the safety of you, your pet and park wildlife, the following regulations apply in Olympic National Park. Rules differ on neighboring national forest and state land.

- ◆ Pets must be leashed (up to 6 feet) in parking lots; picnic areas; on roads; from Rialto Beach parking lot to Ellen Creek (1/2 mile north); beaches between the Hoh and Quinault Reservations; Peabody Creek Trail; and the Spruce Railroad Trail.
- ◆ **Pets are not permitted on any paved or dirt trails, in public buildings, on interpretive walks, in the wilderness, on boats in rivers or on any beaches other than those listed above.** (Certified guide animals are permitted.)
- ◆ Pets are welcome in campgrounds. Owner's must keep them quiet and on a leash or in a kennel at all times.
- ◆ Do not leave pets unattended or tied in a way that will damage vegetation or buildings.
- ◆ Pet excrement must be immediately collected and disposed of in the nearest trash can.

