



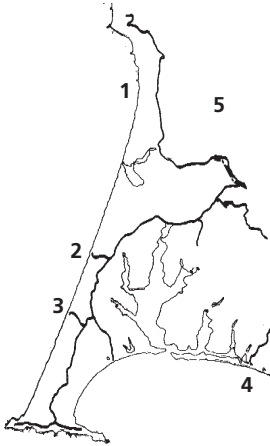
Dogs and Pets



Dogs and pets at Point Reyes

Dogs are wonderful animals that give comfort and companionship, but their presence can be disruptive to native wildlife, which national parks were established, in part, to protect. At Point Reyes National Seashore, pets are permitted at the Bear Valley Picnic Area, in most parking lots, and on parts of Kehoe, North, South, and Limantour beaches. Park regulations, common courtesy, and good judgment all require that you take special care when bringing your pet to this natural area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Visiting With Your Dog



Dogs are permitted on the following ocean-facing beaches throughout the year:

1. Kehoe Beach - north of the Kehoe Beach trail
2. North Beach - left/south of the parking lot
3. South Beach - right/north to North Beach parking lot and left/south for about 1 mile
4. Limantour Beach - left/southeast of the parking lot to the rocky promontories south of Coast Camp
5. National Seashore beaches on the west side of Tomales Bay from the northern boundary of Tomales Bay State Park to Elk Fence North Beach. (Boat-in access only; hiking with dogs to these beaches is prohibited.)

When in these areas, dogs must always be on a leash

no longer than 6 feet (variable-length leashes are discouraged). Persons with dogs are required to clean up and remove dog waste.

Pets are not permitted in visitor centers or other public buildings, nor on park trails. Restrictions on where pets may be taken exist to protect the animals and plants that live at Point Reyes, as well as the dogs and pet owners themselves. For maps and more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/pore/planyourvisit/pets.htm>

A list of locations where pets are permitted within other public lands in Marin County may be found on the reverse side of this sheet.

Protect Our Wilderness & Wildlife

Point Reyes National Seashore wilderness zones were created and are managed to preserve and protect the wildlife in these areas.

The presence of dogs can readily disrupt the native ecosystem. Dogs can chase, scare, and transmit diseases or parasites to wild animals, such as deer, nesting birds and marine mammals. Dogs leave behind a “predator” scent typical of all wild canines, like wolves and coyotes. This scent can linger in the

area for long periods of time and can disrupt or alter the behavior of the native wildlife, and discourage wildlife from inhabiting areas they would normally occupy. Digging disrupts native plants.

Your cooperation is necessary if the park is to maintain the natural conditions that make this one of the nation’s unique wild areas. Thank you for helping protect the resources of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Service Dogs

ADA-defined service dogs are allowed on trails and in public buildings. If you have a service dog,

you may wish to inquire at a park visitor center for information before setting out.

Safety First!

The safety of our canine friends is at risk in park wilderness areas. Running through sharp brush and confronting park wildlife may result in snags, bites or severe lacerations.

Ticks, which are abundant on deer and brush, readily infest dogs. Not only are ticks bothersome

to pets, they also threaten owners with the risk of Lyme Disease.

People have developed rashes and blisters after petting dogs that have come in contact with the park's abundant poison oak.

Areas Open to Dogs in Marin County

Other Parks and Agencies in Marin:

Where permitted, dogs must be restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length, and must be under the direct and immediate control of a responsible person, unless otherwise noted. Persons with dogs on these public lands are required to clean up and remove dog waste. Please obey all signs. Regulations are subject to change. Please check with the appropriate agency for specific and current pet regulations.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Dogs are allowed on the following trails in Golden Gate National Recreation Area, adjacent to Point Reyes:

- Bolinas Ridge Trail
- Cross Marin Trail
- Jewel Trail
- McCurdy Trail
- Randall Trail

Additional trails and beaches in the Marin Headlands are open to dogs. For maps and more information, call 415-331-1540 or visit <https://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/index.htm>

California State Parks

- Samuel P. Taylor State Park - 415-488-9897
- Tomales Bay State Park - 415-669-1140
- Mount Tamalpais State Park - 415-388-2070
- China Camp State Park - 415-456-0766

Dogs are allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas, and on developed roads only. They are not allowed on fire roads, trails, beaches or in natural areas.

For more information, call one of the numbers listed above or visit <https://www.parks.ca.gov/>

Mount Tamalpais Watershed

This Marin Municipal Water District land holds nearly 130 miles of trails and protection roads, all of which allow access to pets on leash. Dogs are not permitted to enter the water.

For maps and information, call 415-945-1455 or visit <http://www.marinwater.org/>

Marin County Open Space District

The Marin County Open Space District manages over 15,000 acres in 34 open space preserves. On maintained and designated fire protection roads, dogs may be off leash as long as the walker carries one ≤6-foot leash per dog, and is prepared to leash the dog(s) if necessary. Commercial dog walkers require a special permit from the District, and may only walk dogs on certain pre-approved fire roads. All dogs must remain under immediate control of the walker when off leash, and must not be allowed to wander off the fire road. Expandable or variable length leashes are not permitted.

For more information on Open Space District Domestic Animal Regulations, please call 415-499-6387 or visit <https://www.marinopenspace.org/>

Marin County Parks

Dogs and other domestic animals are not allowed on lands managed by the Marin County Parks Department, except in areas designated otherwise. No dogs are allowed at McNear's Beach, Paradise Beach, or Stafford Lake County Parks. McInnis Park is a County park that offers dog privileges; dogs on leash are allowed in specific signed areas.

For Marin County Parks Domestic Animal Regulations, please call 415-499-6387 or visit <https://www.marincountyparks.org/>

Animal Care

Lost Animal Recording

For Dogs	415-883-4621 x 377
For Cats	415-883-4621 x 378
For all other animals	415-883-4621 x 379

Kennels are available throughout the area.

Emergency Animal Care

Marin Humane Society	
171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato	415-883-4621
24-Hour Emergency Animal Care	
Pet Emergency and Specialty Ctr.	415-456-7372