

Dogs on the Northern Beaches

Information for dog owners



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We love our furry friends on the Northern Beaches, but it's important to remember that being a responsible dog owner comes with obligations.

- **Leash up before you step out -**

When taking your dog for a walk, place them on-leash before leaving home.

- **Under control** - Ensure they are under your effective control. This means being attentive to your dog's behaviour and actions, and making sure they don't cause disturbance to others, including other animals.

- **Clean up** - Remember to always clean up after your dog and dispose of any dog waste in a bin. While some of our public spaces provide dog waste litter bags, it's a good idea to always take some bags on your walks. This keeps the waste from getting into our waterways, transmitting parasites and diseases (or ending up on other people's shoes!) Rangers can issue on the spot fines if you don't pick up your dog's waste.

Where can't my dog go?

Your dog is welcome to visit most public spaces with you on-leash. There are some places where dogs are not allowed even with a leash on so please look check the signage at the location. Some of these places include:

- NSW national parks and reserves e.g. Ku-ring-gai Chase and Garigal National Parks
- Picnic areas and lake at Manly Dam (Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park) and bushland areas. Dogs are permitted on-leash on Manly Dam bushland trails
- Synthetic sportsfields e.g. Cromer and Forestville War Memorial Playing Fields
- Most wildlife protection areas (WPAs). Dogs are permitted on-leash at some WPAs
- Most ocean and harbour beach areas
- Within 10 metres of children's play areas and other public places as indicated in the [Companion Animals Act](#).

Not everyone is comfortable around dogs and our public spaces should be safe and comfortable for everyone. Always ensure your dog's behaviour does not disrupt the enjoyment of those around you.

Dog off-leash areas

The Northern Beaches has 29 dog off-leash areas. These range from the shared use of sportsgrounds, to fully fenced dog parks and foreshore reserves. Some have shade and seating, waste bags and bins. We recommend you and your dog test out a number of off-leash dog parks to see what suits you both best.

Off-leash areas are great places for your dog to play, run, socialise, practice training and enjoy the outdoors. Many dogs and owners have made new friends at dog off-leash area. Even in off-leash areas, owners must maintain control over their dogs.

If your dog likes to get wet or have a swim, there are a number of places where they can take a dip including:

- Sandy Bay, Clontarf Rowland Reserve, Bayview
- Curl Curl Lagoon, North Curl Curl
- Lagoon Park, Manly
- Progress Park, Narrabeen

Dogs are not permitted on any other beaches or rockpools even if they're on a leash.

All other parks require you to keep your dog on-leash.

Fines will be issued for non-compliance.

Off-leash dog parks

Adams Street Reserve (John Fisher Park)
Curl Curl
Allambie Heights Oval
Avalon Beach Reserve
Beacon Hill Reserve
Beverley Job Park, Narrabeen
Clontarf Reserve
Currie Road, Forestville
Dearin Reserve, Newport
Deep Creek Reserve, North Narrabeen
Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve, Curl Curl
Forestville War Memorial Playing Fields (Field 3 and Purple Poppy Dog Park)
Frenchs Forest Showground
Griffith Park, Collaroy
Hinkler Park, North Manly
Hitchcock Park, Avalon
Lagoon Park, Manly
LM Graham Reserve, Fairlight
Mackerel Beach
Manly Cemetery, Fairlight
McCarrs Creek Reserve, Church Point
North Harbour Reserve, Balgowlah
Progress Park, North Narrabeen
Rowland Reserve, Bayview
Sandy Bay, Clontarf
Seaforth Oval
South Mona Vale Headland (Robert Dunn Reserve)
Tania Park, Balgowlah Heights
Terrey Hills Oval (Karl Brown Oval)
Truman Reserve, Cromer
See Council's website for address details.

Dog off-leash area rules and etiquette

Being a responsible dog owner means you are responsible for your dog's behaviour at all times, and you remain in control at all times. When visiting an off-leash area, please be mindful that your dog should not cause a nuisance, be aggressive towards other dogs or people or disrupt others enjoyment of the area.

Please consider the following for enjoyment and safety of others:

- Dogs are to be leashed when entering and exiting an off-leash area
- Dogs should be supervised at all times and be under your effective control. That means your dog should remain close to you, within your sight at all times and returns to you when you call it
- Biting, fighting and other aggressive behaviour is not welcome
- Clean up after your dog and dispose of waste in a bin. You'll find free waste bags at most areas but it's a good idea to also carry your own. Fill in any holes your dog digs up

- Dogs should be well socialised and able to respond to basic commands such as 'come', 'sit', 'stay' and 'drop it'. Understand your dog's demeanour and how they interact with other dogs
- Dogs should be up to date with vaccinations and worming, and must be registered with Council
- A maximum of 4 dogs per person
- Leave the park if your dog acts inappropriately
- Be considerate of other park users
- Control excessive barking.

Please be aware that not all dogs are suited to or enjoy off-leash areas and interacting with other dogs in this environment. Be aware of canine body language and if your dog is showing signs that it is feeling uncomfortable or overwhelmed, please put them on-leash, leave the off-leash area and take your dog for a walk instead.



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