

Good Trails for Dogs in Oregon State Parks

Leashed dogs are allowed on trails at most state parks, but here are a few places that are especially well-suited to a hike with your buddy. Don't forget to bring waste disposal bags as well as water for both you and your dog.

Elijah Bristow State Park: Offers pet-friendly trails ranging from .1 miles to 5 miles and has an expansive grass off-leash area divided into upper and lower portions. The upper portion is fully fenced and offers waste bags, play tunnels, picnic tables, and potable water; the lower portion is partially fenced and surrounded by dense underbrush with picnic tables, shade, and creek access.

Goose Lake State Park: The Pine Creek Trail is a short (.9-mile) loop around the campground with water available. There is also a small unfenced off-leash area in the park.

Jasper State Recreation Site: Has 2.5 miles of trails with a level, packed-rock surface and access to the Willamette River. Dogs can splash in the river as long as they remain on a leash.

LaPine State Park: Pets are permitted on all 13 miles of the dirt trails. The trail nearest the campground is the 3.5-mile Deschutes Loop, which follows the river.

North Santiam State Recreation Area: Has a network of long and short loop trails, the longest of which is a 1.3-mile walk around the park with river and forest scenery. The Anderson Loop is a half-mile trail under towering trees; the River Loop trail is approximately .3 miles long with a paved surface.

Silver Falls State Park: Pets are not allowed on the Canyon, Maple Ridge, or Winter Trails, but are permitted on the Rim Trail and 22-plus miles of other trails elsewhere in the park.

Stub Stewart State Park: Has more than 30 miles of multi-use trails that allow dogs. The 21-mile Banks-Vernonia State Trail and 2.6-mile Hare's Canyon Trail are two relatively flat trails. For a shorter hike, try the 1-mile Boomscooter Trail, which starts at the Hilltop Day-use Area. Add the .6-mile Skidder Row loop through 90-year-old Douglas-firs for views of the Oregon Coast Range.

The Cove Palisades State Park: Many short, pet-friendly trails connect the campground to the Upper Deschutes and Lower Deschutes day-use areas. Keep your dog close and watch for rattlesnakes.

Keeping Your Pet Safe

For your pet's sake, don't leave them unattended and always provide them with fresh water. During the summer, the air inside a closed vehicle can become extremely hot—even deadly. Be sure to open a window partway if you leave your pet inside a car, camper, or trailer.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Does my pet need to be on a leash?

Your pet needs to be *physically restrained*, meaning you must be holding them, holding onto their collar, or have them on a leash no longer than six feet. The exceptions are if your pet is in an off-leash area (see map to right); inside your vehicle, tent, or pet-friendly yurt or cabin; or on the beach (see below). In these cases, they must be under voice control and within sight.

Why does my pet have to be on a leash?

Leashing your pet prevents them from tangling with wild animals or other people's pets, getting lost, ransacking campground garbage, damaging plant life, or being hit by a car. It also avoids a citation!

Can my pet run free on the beach?

Generally, yes. Pets are welcome on most ocean beaches, and usually don't have to be leashed, although they must be under direct control (within sight and responsive to commands). You should have a leash ready in case you're asked to restrain your pet by a park employee.

Pets are not permitted on some beaches or at certain times of the year to protect wildlife. Follow posted rules and check www.oregonstateparks.org for updates on restricted beach areas before you go.

What are my responsibilities?

You're responsible for picking up after your pet and making sure they're calm during quiet hours (10 p.m.-7 a.m.). In general, you're responsible for your pet's behavior, including any noises or aggression. Remember that you're liable—not the park—if your pet injures someone, so don't tie them up where they might react defensively to a child or other unsuspecting visitor while you're away from your site.

What should I bring with me?

A leash, food and water, and waste disposal bags. We also strongly recommend putting a collar and identification tag on your pet so you can be contacted if they get loose and someone finds them.

Are pets allowed inside park buildings?

Unless otherwise specified, no. We make exceptions for service animals (see below), and pets are of course welcome in pet-friendly yurts and cabins.

What are the rules for service animals?

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a service animal is defined as a dog that is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. (Providing emotional support or deterring crime are not considered qualifying tasks.) Except under special conditions, service animals must also be restrained while in state parks (see info to left).



Pet-Friendly Facilities



Pets are welcome in nearly all state parks as long as they're physically restrained (see FAQ to the left). Certain parks also permit pets on trails, at tent sites, or in yurts and cabins. Other parks have designated off-leash exercise areas. For more information, call the State Parks Information line at 1-800-551-6949.

Up to two pets (cats and/or dogs only) are allowed in each pet-friendly yurt or cabin. Call Reservations Northwest (RNW) at 1-800-452-5687 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday - Friday to make reservations; online reservations are not available for pet-friendly facilities. For up-to-date camping rates, call RNW or check www.oregonstateparks.org.

