

# OFF LEASH DOG AREAS



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The City of Gold Coast has a large number of dog off leash areas for our pet owners to enjoy, including six designated off leash areas covering almost five kilometres of pristine beaches, making the Gold Coast an even better place to own a dog. These areas are located at:

- Palm Beach
- Tallebudgera Beach
- The Spit
- Biggera Waters foreshore  
(restricted times between 5am – 8am and 4pm – 7pm)
- Labrador foreshore
- Paradise Point foreshore.

These shared areas are for the enjoyment of everyone, so please be considerate of those who use the area with you and your dog.

Being a responsible dog owner means preventing them being a danger or nuisance to our community. All pet owners must comply with State Legislation and Council Local Laws.

Visit [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/dogparks](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/dogparks) to find an off leash area near you.



### WALK YOUR DOG ON A LEASH

Unless you are in a designated off leash area, and to maximise public safety, all dogs in a public place must be kept on a leash at all times. It's the law. Dog attacks often occur when dogs are not on a leash or under effective control. On-the-spot fines apply for those who don't do the right thing.

## Know your signs

All off leash areas in the City are signed. Without these signs, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

Off leash areas can be fenced, partially fenced or unfenced with provision for seating, drinking water, dog waste bins, shelter or shady areas, and agility equipment. Small dog designated areas are also available at some parks. It's important to check designated signs once you arrive at an off leash area to make sure you are within the boundaries.



A dog exercise area is a signed part of a park, reserve, foreshore or beach where dogs may be exercised off leash, though under effective control.

A dog prohibited area is the signed part of a park, reserve, foreshore or beach where dogs are not permitted at any time, whether on a leash or not.

While you can walk your dog on leash on most Gold Coast beaches, some areas are prohibited to dogs. Know where you can take your dog, look out for these signs, and follow these rules:



Designated area where dogs are allowed to exercise off leash under effective control.



Dogs must be on leash, including on the foreshore to the low watermark, unless otherwise signed.



Designates an area where no dogs are allowed, including all children's playgrounds.



No dogs are allowed within 200 metres of a flagged bathing area.



Conservation areas and hiking trails may seem like the perfect place to give your dog the freedom to run. However, allowing dogs in environmentally sensitive areas can increase the chance of an attack on wildlife and leave a scent that attracts pest animals. To help protect our native wildlife, don't let your dogs in to these areas.

## Off leash area rules

When using an off leash area, there are still rules which apply to keep it safe for everyone.

- The person responsible for the dog must be physically able to control them.
- Your dog must return to you when called and remain in your immediate vicinity.
- Dogs showing signs of aggression or anti-social behaviour must immediately be leashed and removed.
- Your dog must wear a collar with its registration tag attached at all times.
- Ensure your dog does not chase or harm wildlife.
- Dog waste must be disposed appropriately.
- Supervise children at all times.

Council investigates all reported dog attacks, whether in an off leash area or not, and penalties apply for non-compliance with State and Local Laws.



## **Benefits of regular exercise in off leash areas**

A daily walk with your dog has many benefits and can expose them to new experiences which are important in their behavioural development.

These benefits can include:

- decreased loneliness and a strengthened bond with your pet
- a great meeting place for different people and communities
- reduced conflict between dogs and other park users and activities
- reduced stress-related habits at home for dogs, such as digging, excessive barking or aggression
- physical and mental stimulation for your dogs
- improved pet all round health and well-being.

Remember a 'walked' dog is happier, healthier and more social. They are great walking companions and natural personal trainers – so get out and get active with your pet today.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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