



Off-leash areas

The City of Sydney manages over 45 off-leash areas. Some off-leash areas are subject to time restrictions or only apply to certain sections of a park. It's important to read the signs located near the main park entrances. If you cannot find a sign displaying the conditions of an off-leash area, please contact the City of Sydney on **9265 9333**.

You are required to have effective control of your dog when it is off the leash. Your dog should respond to your commands and should not disturb or threaten other people or animals.

The City runs free dog workshops for dogs aged 5 months and over. You can get more information or book a place on the City's website www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Off-leash areas

- Alexandria Park
- Beaconsfield Park
- Beare Park
- Bicentennial Park (west of the canal)
- Canal Reserve
- Charles Kernan Reserve
- Cook + Phillip Park
- Crown Park
- Eddie Ward Park
- Edmund Resch Reserve
- Embarkation Park
- Federal Park
- Fig Lane Park
- Foreshore Walk (from Pope Paul Reserve to Ferry Road)
- Frog Hollow
- Gibba Park
- Gibbons Street Reserve
- Green Bans Park
- Green Park
- Harmony Park
- Harry Noble Reserve
- Hollis Park
- Hugo Street Reserve
- Isabella Hills Rest Area
- J.V. McMahon Reserve
- James Hilder Reserve
- Joynton Park
- Lawrence Hargrave Reserve
- Macleay Reserve
- Mary Ann Street Park
- Metcalfe Park
- Munn Reserve
- Observatory Hill Park
- Perry Park
- Prince Alfred Park
- Redfern Park
- Rushcutters Bay Park
- Solander Park
- Southern Cross Drive Reserve
- Sydney Park
- Tarakan Reserve
- Victoria Park
- Waterfront Park
- Waterloo Park (Mount Carmel)
- Wentworth Park (north of greyhound track)



Dogs in public places

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Get the facts on dogs in public places

Dogs are a big part of peoples' lives and it's important to remember your responsibilities as a pet owner so everyone can enjoy our parks and open spaces.

Keep your dog on a leash

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998, dogs must be kept on a leash in all public places. This means when you are outside your home, including on the footpath, your dog must be on a leash – except in designated off-leash parks.

Keeping your dog on a leash helps keep your dog safe from **running onto the road** or being **separated from you**. It also reduces the chance of your dog **causing a nuisance or harm to other people or animals**.

You can be fined for having your dog off the leash in a public place. You can also be fined in an off-leash area if you cannot effectively control your dog and it is disturbing or threatening other people or animals. The City runs free dog obedience courses for residents. You can get more information on the City's website www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Always pick up after your pet

When in public, you are legally required to pick up your dog's faeces and properly dispose of it. This applies in all areas, including off-leash areas. The City of Sydney provides waste collection bags in all our off-leash parks and in other



popular dog-walking parks; however, dog owners should always be prepared and carry waste collection bags.

Dogs are prohibited in some public places

The Companion Animals Act 1998 lists areas where dogs are prohibited, and dogs must be kept clear of these places at all times. Prohibited places include:

- **Children's play areas**
- **Food preparation areas**
- **Signposted recreation areas such as sporting fields**
- **Schools**
- **Childcare centres**

You can view the Companion Animals Act 1998 at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

The City of Sydney encourages biodiversity and bush regeneration. Dog owners must keep their pets away from bush regeneration and biodiversity areas, such as low bush areas at Prince Alfred Park and along Glebe Foreshore, and Sydney Park wetlands. These areas provide habitat for insects, reptiles, small birds and waterbirds.

Dogs in outdoor dining areas

Dogs are allowed in outdoor dining areas. However, the owner of a café can state dogs are not allowed in the outdoor dining area, and this should be respected. Dogs must be on a leash unless the outdoor dining area is located in a designated off-leash park, such as the kiosk in Sydney Park.

When you take your dog to an outdoor café, it's important to be responsible and respectful of other diners. Your dog should not disturb other diners. You should be able to effectively control your dog and it should not be placed on any chairs or tables or make contact with any utensils used for human food consumption.

For more information about dogs in outdoor dining areas, contact the City's Companion Animals Liaison Officer on **9265 9333** or view the Companion Animals Act 1998 at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

