

DOG-FRIENDLY BEACHES

APOLLO BAY, SKENES CREEK & MARENGO

Seasonal Restrictions: Dogs are **prohibited** in the following areas from **24 Dec to 30 April** between **9am & 7pm**. Outside these times, dogs are permitted under effective voice control, or on a leash:

- **Apollo Bay Beach** – From the harbour to opposite Marriners Lookout Road (harbour inclusive). Note: Dogs are not permitted at Marriners Lookout.
- **Skenes Creek** – The entire beach area, described as the sand area between the rocky outcrops at both ends of the beach.
- **Marengo Beach** – From the carpark at the campground (Marengo Holiday Park) to the carpark opposite Ocean Park Drive.

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- **Johanna Beach** – 38km west of Apollo Bay. Dogs must be on a lead at all times. Long stretch of surf beach with a river at the east end.
- **Kennett River** – The beach area between the revegetation fence and Surf Lifesaving Club.
- **Wye River** – The beach area between the Foreshore Camping Ground and the toilet block.

HOODED PLOVERS

Dogs should not be off lead on beaches where Hooded Plovers are known to nest - these areas are fenced & clearly signed, typically from September to March.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Dogs are permitted in cars travelling along the Great Ocean Road or on other bitumen roads, which pass through National Parks. Do not leave your pets in a hot car.

Assistance dogs for disabled visitors are permitted in the park where visitor access is allowed. Refer to "Dogs in the Otways" Park Notes for more details.



APOLLO BAY TOWNSHIP

Apollo Bay Foreshore & Shopping Precinct:

Dogs must be on a leash and attended by their owner at all times between Nelson Street and opposite the Visitor Information Centre.

Apollo Bay to Marengo:

Follow the gravel footpath west alongside Great Ocean Road for 3.2km (approx. 40 mins walk one-way).

Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek:

Follow the path east through sand dunes starting behind the Visitor Information Centre and continuing to Skenes Creek for approx. 6km.

OTWAY RANGES | WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

Dogs are **permitted on leashes** on the following walks:

- **Beauchamp Falls** – Start: Beauchamp Reserve, Distance: 1.5kms, Time: 1hr return, Grade: Moderate - Difficult
- **Stevenson Falls** – Start: Stevenson Falls Reserve, Distance: 1.5km, Time: 20 min / 1hr return, Grade: Easy
- **Lake Elizabeth Walk & Campground** – camping and walking track via Kaanglang Rd, Forrest. Facilities: toilets & picnic tables
- **Dandos Campground** – Via Lardner Track, near Gellibrand River. Bring your own firewood. Facilities: toilets, picnic tables & fireplaces.
- **Great Ocean Walk** – From Marengo to GONP boundary near Three Creeks Crossing (there are signs to indicate this point on the walk).
- **Old Beechy Rail Trail** – 48km walking &/or cycling trail from Colac to Beech Forest. Please ask at the Visitor Centre for specific brochure.

GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

Dogs are **not permitted** in the Great Otway National Park, with the exception of:

- **Johanna Beach** - campground and western section between Johanna River and western bluff.
- **Lake Elizabeth** - camping and walking track via Kaanglang Rd, Forrest. Facilities: toilets & picnic tables.
- **Cape Otway Light Station** - carpark only.

COLAC & HINTERLAND

Dogs are **permitted on leash** at the following locations:

- **Colac Botanical Gardens** – Pick your own walk from an interlinking loop of paths through these beautiful gardens, beginning at any entry point. Grade: Easy.
- **Lake Colac Walk** – 2km walk along the edge of the lake, where you can then connect to the walk to Colac Visitor Information Centre. Grade: Easy.
- **Lake Colac to Colac Visitor Information Centre** – A scenic 15 minute walk following the path alongside Barongarook creek. Grade: Easy.
- **Tiger Rail Trail** – Take a walk along the new trail beginning in Forrest. 8km return walk. Grade: Easy.
- **West Barwon Reservoir** – Take any number of walks beginning at the car park: Fern Walk, River Walk and Reservoir Wall Loop. Duration: 20 mins approx. Grade: Easy - Moderate. (See the Otways Walks & Waterfalls Guide for more information).
- **Forrest Heritage Walk** – 2km loop lined with plaques and information rich with history. Duration: 1hr. Grade: Moderate. (See the Otways Walks & Waterfalls Guide for more information).
- **Birregurra Heritage Walk** – 1.5hr walk from the public car-park through the township full of beautiful historic buildings. Grade: Easy. (See the Otways Walks & Waterfalls Guide for more information).

PET GROOMERS

Shantelle | Ph: 0406 406 745

Servicing Apollo Bay & surrounds on Tuesdays. Other days by arrangement.

Pet Stock Colac | 65 Bromfield St, Colac | Ph: (03) 5231 2010

Murray Street Vet Clinic & Hospital | 330 Murray St, Colac

Ph: (03) 5231 3375

Helen's Mobile Dog Washing & Clipping Service | Colac

Ph: 0400 661 169

'Do for Dogs' in Irrewarra | Ph: 0417 167 960

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VETS

Murray Street Vet Clinic & Hospital

330 Murray St, Colac / 31 Cawood St, Apollo Bay

Ph: (03) 5231 3375 (Colac)

Ph: (03) 5237 7971 (Apollo Bay)

Based in Colac. Holds consultations in Apollo Bay on Thursdays, 3pm – 6pm.

Rhodes Veterinarian Clinic

74 Gellibrand St, Colac

Ph: (03) 5232 2111

Based in Colac. Offer mobile consultations in Apollo Bay on Tuesdays ie will come to your place of residence.

Colac Veterinary Clinic

38 Skenes St, Colac

Ph: (03) 5231792

After Hours Service available through the Colac Vet Clinic phone number 24 hours a day. Winchelsea Branch also.

KENNELS & CATTERIES

Apollo Bay Pet Minding

Montrose Ave, Apollo Bay

Ph: 0427 377 119

www.facebook.com/ApolloBayPet

Minding Hillview Farm Cattery (5*)

4570 Princes Hwy, Birregurra, VIC 3242

Ph: (03) 5236 2115 or 0417 056 115

Open 7 days, 8am-10am & 4pm-6pm

Woodleigh Boarding Kennels

85 Old Lorne Road, Deans Marsh

Ph: (03) 5236 3341

The Dog House Pet Resort (5*)

575 Ghazeerpore Road, Mt Duneed

Ph: (03) 5264 5026



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RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

It is important to be a responsible dog owner. Remember, whenever your dog is out in public, whether on a leash or running free, it must be under your effective control. When off leash this includes keeping your dog in sight, training it to respond to voice commands and ensuring it does not threaten other people or animals. Always carry a leash and a container to pick up after your dog. Remember, it is not just about your responsibility to other people (particularly children and the elderly) but also about looking after your dogs, birds and other wildlife.

PLAYGROUNDS

For the safety and comfort of children, dogs are not allowed in public playgrounds.

BIN IT OR SWIM IN IT!

Along with other rubbish, dog droppings generally end up being washed into the sea. So carry several bags or containers, pick up after your dog and dispose of the droppings in a rubbish bin. Help keep our beaches clean.

OTHER CONTROLS

Making sure your dog is registered and microchipped ensures it can be easily identified and returned to you if it does stray. Dog owners face a fine for:

- Not registering their dog
- Walking their dogs in prohibited areas
- Dogs wandering at large
- Not having their dog on a leash when it should be
- Failing to pick up after their dog