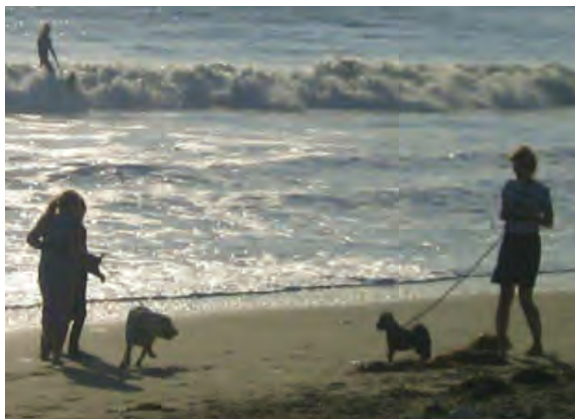


PAWSITIVE BEACH TIPS

- **Bring fresh water** and provide shade for your dog to avoid heat stroke on hot hot days. Drinking sea water can make your dog sick.
- **Rinse off salt water** that irritates your dog's skin and paws. Remove tar with cooking oil, not solvents. Sunblock can prevent sunburn on noses and pink skin.
- **Very hot sand and asphalt can burn paw pads.** If your dog is reluctant to walk test the ground with your bare feet or hands.
- **Bring treats** for training and rewards.
- **Pick up after your dog** by bringing biodegradable bags and dispose afterward in a designated trash receptacle. Leaving feces on the beach is illegal litter, pollutes the ocean and causes health hazards to the public.
- **Keep your dog on a leash** and under your control at all times. It's good for your dog as well as the birds! It helps prevent your dog from getting in fights with other dogs. Not all dogs are well trained! It helps keep them away from "stuff" that might make them sick.
- **Bring your cell phone in case of emergency** and call 911 so your call will get to the right dispatch for that beach.



VENTURA COUNTY BEACHES

LEASHED OK	NO PETS
Point Mugu State Park	
Thornehill Broome Beach	
Sycamore Cove Beach	
Ormond Beach	
Port Hueneme Beach (Sand)	
Silver Strand Beach	
Channel Islands Harbor Beach	
Hollywood Beach (See note below)	
Mandalay State Beach	
McGrath State Beach	
Harbor Cove & Surfer's Knoll	
Marina Park	
San Buenaventura State Beach	
Promenade Park	
Surfer's Point	
Emma Wood State Beach	
Solimar Beach	
Faria Beach County Park	
Rincon Parkway North	
Hobson County Park	
Oil Piers Beach	
Mussel Shoals Beach	
La Conchita Beach	

NOTE: Dogs on leash OK sunrise to 9am and 5pm to sunset.

DOGS ON THE BEACH VENTURA COUNTY



Ventura County beaches are important habitat to a variety of shorebirds. We share the county's beautiful beaches with wildlife that depend upon it for their survival. Many are also part of the California State Parks which, in general do not permit dogs on the beach, whether on leash or not. (Dogs are permitted on leash within camp grounds and picnic areas that are within the state parks.

This brochure provides helpful information for dog owners visiting Ventura County's shoreline and is sponsored by:



SHARING THE SHORE

Our beaches are a thin ribbon of habitat that shorebirds need to rest and feed during their long distance migrations. As our population increases, places crucial for shorebird survival are decreasing. You as a dog owner can help.

Throughout the year, many different shorebirds can be found on the beaches of Ventura County. The little birds that run up and down in groups frantically digging for sand crabs on our beaches are sanderlings. They migrate to Ventura County beaches from the Arctic where they nest and breed. Whimbrel, long-billed curlew, marbled godwit, red knots, and black-necked stilts are also seen, mostly as they migrate between nesting and wintering grounds.



Western snowy plovers and California least terns, by contrast, breed locally on certain beaches in Ventura County. Both are federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act and it is illegal to disturb them (even unintentionally as dogs often do). Snowy plovers nest at McGrath State Beach, Mandalay State Beach, Hollywood Beach, and Ormond Beach. Least terns nest at McGrath, Hollywood and Ormond. Both nest on dry sand above the surf line from March through August. The nests are depressions in the sand. Both birds and their eggs are well camouflaged and easily stepped on. We also find American avocets nesting on our beaches.

Nesting birds see you and your dog as predators. Dogs, especially off-leash dogs, can kill or disturb nesting plovers, terns or avocets and their chicks. Simple rope barricades are put up at most of these beaches in early March to protect the nesting areas from disturbance. Signs including some made by students in the Share the Shore Art Project are hung on the ropes to help identify the area.

Of course, dogs can't read; so it is up to you to keep your dog off the beach!

We can be aware and share the shore with four simple actions:

- Walk around birds instead of through flocks
- Keep pets on leash so they do not chase birds
- Respect closed areas set aside for endangered or nesting species
- Stay away from birds that look sick or injured or are unable to get away from humans.



HELPFUL INFO

If you see an injured bird,
call Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network:

805.681.1080

For injured birds of prey,
call The Ojai Raptor Center:

805.681.1080

If you find an injured sea mammal,
call the C.I. Marine & Wildlife Institute:

805.567.1505

California State Parks:
www.parks.ca.gov

Ventura Audubon Society:
www.VenturaAudubon.org

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For more information email us at:
admin@venturaaudubon.org

Or to find out how to help, go to:
www.venturaaudubon.org

DOG PARKS

FORTUNATELY, there are inland parks where dogs are permitted to run free. These include:

CALABASAS

Bark Park - 4232 Las Virgenes Road

5am to 9pm daily • Separate Gated Children's Play Area Doggie Drinking Fountain, Pooper Scoopers

OAK PARK

Oak Canyon Dog Park - 5600 Hollytree Drive

7 am to dusk, daily (closed 7am to 10am Fri)
Separate small and large dog fenced play area.

SIMI VALLEY

Simi Dog Park - 2151 Lost Canyons Drive

Daily 7am - dusk, daily (closed Thurs 7 am to 10 am)
Separate small and large dog fenced play area.

THOUSAND OAKS

Conejo Creek Dog Park - 1350 E Avenida De Las Flores

7:00am - 8:30pm, daily • Separate small and large dog fenced play area.
Dog water fountain.

Estella Park - 300 Erbes Road

Monday - Friday: 4pm-Dusk Saturday - Sunday: Dawn-2pm & 4pm-Dusk

Walnut Grove Park - 400 Windtree Avenue

Kimber Park - 3295 Bear Creek Road

CAMARILLO

Mission Oaks Park - 5501 Mission Oaks Blvd

Monday - Friday: 4pm-Dusk; Saturday - Sunday: Dawn-2pm & 4pm-Dusk

Camarillo Grove Park - 6968 E. Camarillo Springs Road

7am to dusk • Many shaded areas. Dog water fountain.

Springville Dog Park - 801 Via Zamora

7 am - dusk daily (closed Fri until 10:00 am) • Large fenced area
and a smaller fenced area for shy dogs. Dog water fountain.

OXNARD

College Park - 3250 South Rose Avenue

7 am to dusk daily • Small and large dog separate fenced play area
Agility Coin-operated wash station. Fun equipment for dogs.
Lots of benches for humans.

Campus Park - 5th and H Streets

Dawn to dusk, daily.

VENTURA

Arroyo Verde Park - Foothill and Day Road

6 to 9 am, Tuesday - Sunday

Camino Real Park - Dean Dr and Varsity St

Dawn to dusk, daily • Drinking fountains for the dogs and their people.
Benches Doggie-doo bags

OJAI

Mitchell Edelson Dog Park - Inside Soule Park

Opens 7:30 am daily Closes: Varies depending on season.
Separate small and large dog fenced play area.