DOGS *in* Crystal Cove State Park

Where Can I Walk My Dog in the Park?

Dogs **ARE ONLY WELCOME** on the 3-mile paved multi-use bluff trail on the coastal side of Pacific Coast Highway, in parking lots, on the ramps, or on any paved surfaces, and must be kept on a leash at all times.

Dogs are **NOT PERMITTED** on any of the backcountry hiking trails, on the beach, or at the Beachcomber Café.

Dogs are prohibited from backcountry trails and the beaches for the following reasons:

TO PROTECT PARK RESOURCES

Dogs are predators by nature, and their presence or lingering scent will disturb and frighten wildlife nearby.

Dogs can transmit diseases and other parasites to native animals.

Dogs that run loose or become lost often harass or kill park wildlife.

TO PREVENT PROBLEMS FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

Dogs in wild areas can be bitten by rattlesnakes or other wildlife. Dogs frequently pick up ticks and are sometimes injured by toxic or thorny plants. If your dog comes in contact with poison oak, it can easily transfer the irritating oil to your skin. An unleashed dog can suffer painful or fatal falls. Park regulations, common courtesy and good judgment all require that you take special care when bringing your dog to a natural area.

FOR THE SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS

Some people are intimidated by dogs, even friendly ones. Dogs reduce the amount of wildlife that hikers are likely to see.

Also, dog waste along trails and on the beach is a major nuisance to encounter and may contaminate the local water supply.

Please pick up after your pet.