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Your dog must be kept on a leash at all times while in this park. Leashed dogs are allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas, parking lots, and other specifically designated areas—provided that you control and clean up after your pet.

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- **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 parasites to native animals, including foxes, coyotes, and deer. Dogs that run loose or become lost often harass or kill park wildlife.

- **For the safety and enjoyment of all other visitors:**

Some people are intimidated by dogs, even by friendly ones. Dogs reduce the amount of wildlife that hikers are likely to see. Dog waste along trails is a nuisance to encounter and may contaminate local water supplies.

- **To prevent problems for both you and your dog:**

Dogs in wild areas can be bitten by snakes, raccoons, or other wildlife they may startle. 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 sometimes fatal falls. Occasionally a dog is victim to some larger predator, such as a bear or a mountain lion.



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