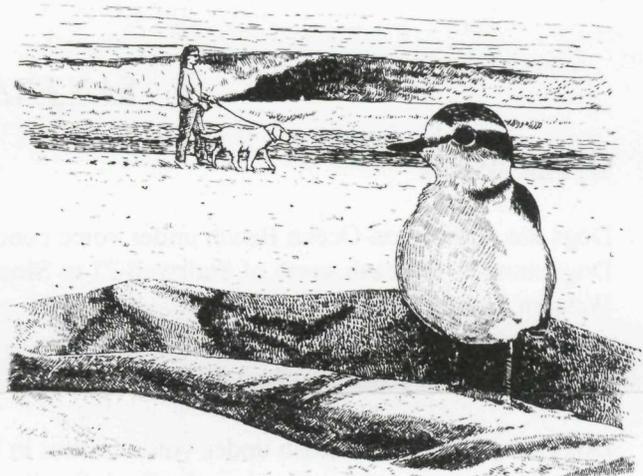


## ENJOYING THE PARK WITH YOUR DOG



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### DOING YOUR PART

There are many opportunities to enjoy Golden Gate National Recreation Area with your dog. It is important to remember that national parks contain resources that can be seriously damaged by dogs that are not properly controlled. Rules pertaining to dogs are designed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for you and your dog, as well as other visitors, while also protecting park resources.

Your cooperation is necessary if this is to remain one of the premier national park sites in the country. Please be mindful of restrictions on off-leash dog use and observe the rules of common courtesy and dog etiquette. **You may be cited and fined for a violation of these rules. (36 CFR Part 2)**

#### Leash Length

In areas requiring leashes, dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet.



#### Dog etiquette

Always pick up your dog's litter. It is unhealthy, contaminates the environment, and affects the territorial behavior of some wild animals. It is inconsiderate to leave your dog's litter in public areas.

Many children (and adults) are frightened by dogs. Hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians may also be disturbed, and even endangered, by dogs that are not effectively controlled. Please show respect for others by closely managing your dog. Barking and aggressive dogs are not appreciated in any park area.

#### Service dogs

A service dog is one that assists someone who has a vision or hearing impairment. If you have a service dog, please inquire at one of the park visitor centers for assistance in planning a hike.

#### What is "Voice Control"?

In some areas, dogs are permitted off-leash under "voice control." This means the dog must respond immediately and obediently to single commands. In a voice-control area, a dog owner must ...

- be familiar with the boundary of the voice-control area
- carry a leash at all times
- leash the dog immediately if it displays aggressive behavior toward any person or other animal or is not responding to commands
- assure the dog does not dig holes, chase wildlife, destroy vegetation, or enter any fenced or closed areas, or disturb other visitors.

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## **WHERE CAN I TAKE MY DOG OFF LEASH?**

You can allow your dog off leash under voice control in these areas. In most other areas of the Park, your dog must be on leash. In some areas, pets are prohibited entirely to protect sensitive resources.

### **SAN FRANCISCO**

#### **Ocean Beach**

Dogs are allowed on Ocean Beach under voice control from Stairwell 1 south to Stairwell 21. Dogs must be on leash south of Stairwell 21 to Sloat Boulevard in order to protect the endangered Western Snowy Plover.

#### **Fort Funston and Burton Beach**

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control in much of Fort Funston and on Phillip Burton Beach. However, dogs must be on leash in the Bank Swallow habitat area.

#### **Baker Beach**

Dogs are permitted, under voice control, on Baker Beach north of Lobos Creek. Dogs must be on leash south of Lobos Creek and in parking lots and picnic areas.

#### **Crissy Field and Beach**

Dogs may be off leash under voice control on Crissy Field east of the West Gate of the Golden Gate Promenade, and north of New Mason Street. Dogs must be on leash west of the West Gate of the Golden Gate Promenade and south of New Mason Street throughout the area. Dog owners must keep their dogs out of fenced dune areas.

#### **West Pacific Avenue**

Dogs may be off leash under voice control along the corridor adjoining West Pacific Avenue from the Broadway Street entrance to the 14th Avenue gate. Dogs must be on leash in the forest and fields east of Lovers Lane and north of the Ecology Trail.

### **MARIN COUNTY**

#### **Rodeo Beach**

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control on Rodeo Beach from the shoreline to the crest of the dune. Dogs must be leashed from the crest of the dunes inland to Rodeo Lagoon and in the parking lots and picnic areas.

#### **Oakwood Valley**

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control on, and immediately adjacent to, the Oakwood Valley Trail north of the small cattle pond. Dogs are not allowed off leash south of the pond, and may not enter the pond.

#### **Muir Beach**

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control on Muir Beach from the shoreline to the crest of the dunes. Dogs must be leashed from the crest of the dunes inland to Big Lagoon and in parking lots and picnic areas.

**Remember, people, dogs, and wildlife can enjoy this park together if you follow these rules. Please do your part.**



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*Western Snowy Plover*