



Your pets are welcome to explore Dinosaur National Monument as long as you follow these regulations and safety tips.

Many people consider their pets members of the family and travel with them on vacation. Unfortunately, pets and wild areas can sometimes result in a dangerous mix. Pets have been attacked by wildlife, harassed and killed wildlife, bitten or disturbed other visitors, and fought with other pets.

Please Keep Your Pet Leashed

All pets must be on a maximum 6-foot leash or physically restrained at all times. Pets may not be left unattended or tied to an object.

Where Pets Can Go in Dinosaur National Monument

You may walk leashed pets within 100 feet of developed areas such as roads, parking lots, campgrounds, day-use areas & river launches. Pets are allowed on the following trails along the Harpers Corner Road (Colorado side): Cold Desert, Plug Hat Butte, Echo Park Overlook, and Iron Springs Bench Overlook. In Utah, leashed pets are allowed on the River Trail.



With proper planning, your pet will have a great visit.

No Pets Inside Visitor Centers or the Quarry Exhibit Hall

Pets are not allowed on the shuttle or in any buildings. Please make your visit to these buildings brief or take turns with family members to stay outside with your pet. If visiting the Quarry Exhibit Hall in summer, tell a ranger you are traveling with a pet and you can drive your own vehicle.

Never Leave Pets in an Enclosed Vehicle

Do not leave pets inside a closed vehicle for even short periods of time, especially in the summer. On even a mildly warm day, the temperature in a parked car can rise to 120°F or more in a matter of minutes - even with the car windows partially open. Pets can quickly overheat and die.

Dispose of Pet Waste

All solid pet waste must be promptly collected and thrown away as trash. Garbage cans are located near the visitor centers, at day-use areas and in campgrounds.

Trained Service Animals

Service animals that qualify under American with Disability Act guidelines are allowed to go wherever the person they serve goes, including buildings and trails.

Final Reminders

Pets are not permitted on trails other than those open for pets, in the backcountry, or on river trips. The responsible party for pets running-at-large will be charged for kennel or boarding costs in addition to veterinarian, transportation, and possibly other fees and fines. Dinosaur is a desert environment. Remember to carry plenty of water for you and your pet.
