



PETS *in the* PARK

While pets are allowed in the park, their activities are restricted. They must be on a leash at all times and can not be more than 100 feet from a road, picnic area, or campground; they are prohibited from trails, and they must never be left unattended—not even in a vehicle.

REGULATIONS

36CFR 2.15 (b)(2) Pets must be restrained on a leash that does not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise be physically confined at all times.

36CFR 1.5 (f) Pets are prohibited on trails and beyond 100 feet from roads and campgrounds.

36CFR 2.15 (b)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

RATIONALE

LEASHED DOGS Even leashed dogs have the potential for substantial negative effects on wildlife. Dogs are members of the family, Canidae, that includes wolves, coyotes, and foxes. Along with the family Felidae (lions, bobcats), Canidae species are first order predators and as such exert stress upon prey species. Prey animals are acutely aware of the presence of hunting canids. They become more alert and often take escape measures—running, freezing, burrowing, climbing, flying, or hiding—when they sense hunting canids nearby.

DOGS AND PEOPLE—Some people do not like to encounter a dog, even a leashed dog (P. T. Corkery, San Francisco Examiner, March 28, 2003). Some non-dog owners are made uncomfortable, even frightened, when a strange dog comes close, barks, or shows aggression. Since dog owners consider close contact with their dog to be a pleasant experience, they may think that everyone enjoys this too and not be sensitive to the experience of other park visitors. (Chester, 2003).

DOG FECES Dog feces has a high nitrogen content and can negatively affect soils, watersheds, and plants; it is unsightly and negatively affects the experience of park visitors. Yet, dog owners frequently ignore requirements to "scoop up" after their pets.

DISEASE AND PARASITE

TRANSMISSION BY DOGS

Dogs can transmit a number of pathogens to humans and wildlife via feces, through blood-sucking insects, or directly to other species. Toxocaria can cause blindness in children. Parvovirus affects other canines, and was the source for wolf-pup mortality in Glacier National Park in the early 1990s. Muscle cysts (*Sarcocystis* spp.) affects ungulates such as deer and bighorn sheep. Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that affects the kidneys and urinary tract of most mammal species. Parasites, such as ticks, keds, tapeworms, and fleas are well-known problems in dogs that can be passed to other animals, including humans.

STUDIES SHOW:

R. A. McArthur et al. (1982 – see C. Sime 1999) conducted human disturbance trials in which a person approached a group of bighorn sheep: alone from a road, from the road accompanied by a leashed dog, and from a ridge away from the road. The strongest reaction (milling, fleeing) occurred when the sheep saw a human with a leashed dog. There was no evidence of habituation in repeated trials. McArthur et al. (1982)

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Tom Chester "Effects of Dogs on Wildlife, 2003.

Pet Friendly CRAGS

CLIFFS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE ROAD



CLIFF	AREA OF PARK
Roadside Rock	Lost Horse
Poetry Rock	Lost Horse
Milepost	Real Hidden Valley
Tower 1—East Face	Real Hidden Valley
Tower 2—East Face	Real Hidden Valley
Tower 3	Real Hidden Valley
Intersection Rock—North Face	Hidden Valley
Intersection Rock - South Face	Hidden Valley
Old Woman—East Face	Hidden Valley
Chimney Rock—East face	Hidden Valley
Echo Cove Rocks	Echo Rocks
Ryan Campground	Ryan CG
Manure Pile	Ryan CG
Grotto Rock	Sheep's Pass
Cavern Rock	Sheep's Pass
Castle Rock—North Face	Belle CG
Castle Rock—South Face	Belle CG
Bovine Dome	White Tank CG
Stirrup Towers—West Side	Stirrup Tank
Hodgepodge Rock—North Face	Indian Cove
Hodgepodge Rock—Southwest Face	Indian Cove
Group Camp 8 Wall	Indian Cove
Africa Face	Indian Cove
Clump Canyon—Northeast Face	Indian Cove
Clump Canyon—Southwest Face	Indian Cove
Center Crag	Indian Cove
Billboard Buttress	Indian Cove
Bilbo Buttress	Indian Cove
Short Wall	Indian Cove
Chipped Wall	Indian Cove
End Loop Area	Indian Cove

