

DESIGNATED OFF LEASH AREAS

Please check City and County websites for updated information

Locations in red type are closest to the Refuge!

Coronado - Beach	North end of Coronado Municipal Beach
Del Mar - Beach	Highway 101 at Border Ave and Camino Del Mar; across from racetrack. Off-leash season: September-June
Encinitas - Orpheus Park	482 Orpheus Ave Hours: 6-7:30 am, 4-6 pm Mon/Wed/Fri
Encinitas - Rancho Coastal Humane	389 Requeza St. - Open to public for licensed, spayed or neutered dogs 10 am - 5 pm 7 days a week
Encinitas - Viewpoint Park	Cornish Dr & East D St -Hours: 6-7:30 am, 4-6 pm Mon/Wed/Fri
El Cajon – Wells Park	1153 E. Madison Ave. - Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m
La Mesa - Harry Griffen Park	9550 Mildred Street, La Mesa (adjacent to Grossmont High School)
Poway - Poway Dog Park	Poway Community Park 13094 Bowron Rd. Until 9:30 pm
San Diego - Cape Hart Park	Soledad Mountain Road near Felspar Street
San Diego - Fiesta Island	Sea World Dr. to Fiesta Island Rd.
San Diego - Grape Street and 28th St.	Restricted hrs: 7:30-10 am, 4-9 pm (Mon-Fri)
San Diego - Morley Field	Jacaranda Place near the tennis courts
San Diego - Nate's Point	El Prado and North Balboa
San Diego - Ocean Beach	Voltaire St. and Point Loma Blvd.
San Diego - Dusty Rhodes Park	Sunset Cliffs & Nimitz Blvds. - Leash-free only in designated fenced area

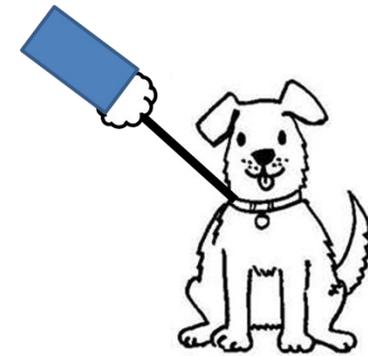


San Diego

National Wildlife Refuge

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Keeping wildlife and your dog safe while on the Refuge



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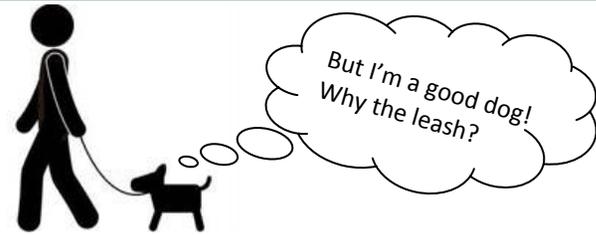
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<http://www.fws.gov/sandiegorefuges/Dtday.htm>

THE REFUGE IS NOT A LEASH-FREE AREA

All dogs must be maintained on a hand-held leash not to exceed 6 feet at all times and places.



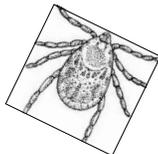
For Dogs and Their Owners

Rattlesnakes are common most of the year here and off-leash dogs are more likely to be bitten. Injuries, expensive veterinary visits and death can result. If your dog is bitten, you will likely need to carry it back to your vehicle. If you are not near an entrance, this could be a very difficult and dangerous situation for you and your dog. Snakes are protected animals on the Refuge; please don't harm them.



Poison oak grows throughout the Refuge. Dogs can pass through the plants and not be affected but can transmit the highly irritating oils to the skin of family members who may then require medical attention.

Ticks and fleas abound in natural spaces. Your dog can be exposed, and in turn expose family members to bites, as well as illnesses such as Lyme disease.



For Other Trail Users

It's **good manners** to have your dog on a leash so it won't scare or harm other people or other dogs. Not everyone likes or is comfortable being approached by loose dogs. Dogs off leash are under less control than dogs on a leash and may behave in unexpected ways.

Fights between dogs are more preventable when dogs are on leash and much harder when off leash. Injuries to dogs are painful to the dogs and upsetting to people, not to mention expensive to treat, the source of bad feelings between neighbors, and potentially serious legal consequences.

Off-leash dogs can cause **dangerous confrontations** with other legal users of the Refuge including hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists.



Dog waste is smelly, messy, and detracts from a pleasant hiking experience. Dog waste also diminishes water quality from the Sweetwater River all the way to the bay. When your dog is on leash, you know when and where it poops, so you can clean it up! Always pick up after your dog.

For Wildlife

At **National Wildlife Refuges** and many other conserved areas in San Diego, **the needs of the wildlife come first**. Dogs off leash pursue and have been observed to injure and kill native animals.

Even when dogs 'only chase' wild animals, it forces the animals away from areas upon which they may depend for food, water, shelter, and breeding and diminishes the habitat overall.

Dogs 'mark' the areas they pass through. The smell of dogs can deter wildlife from using those areas. When this marking is confined to trails, disruption to wildlife is minimized. When dogs roam through the habitat, the affected area is expanded.

IT'S THE LAW!

San Diego County Code: If you walk or otherwise bring a dog to public or other private property (where dogs are permitted), you must restrain the dog by a hand held leash (not longer than 6 feet in length) (SDCC Sections 62.669[a], 62.601 [d], and 62.601[y]).

US Fish and Wildlife Service Code of Federal Regulations, 50 CFR 26.21(b): No unconfined domestic animals, including but not limited to dogs, hogs, cats, horses, sheep, and cattle, shall be permitted to enter upon any national wildlife refuge or to roam at large upon such an area.

