

1. ALASKA AND PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION (ALASKA, IDAHO, OREGON, WASHINGTON)

This area has some of the most beautiful scenery our country has to offer, and some locations may be a good option for a summer trip, since temperatures tend to not get quite as oppressive as some of the other regions. However, there are a few locations listed that do get very hot, and this is also an area of the country that can be affected by wildfires, so keep that in mind. Please, ALWAYS double check things like this before traveling, and make sure it is safe to be out and about with your pup.

ALASKA:

***Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Denali National Park: Dogs can be walked on the park road, in parking lots, or on campground roads. Dogs are not allowed on park trails, with only two exceptions. They are allowed on the Roadside Hiking Trail and the Roadside Bike Trail. Dogs are not allowed on any of the tour buses.

***Kenai National Wildlife Refuge: take note this is NOT Kenai Fjords National Park. The national park and the refuge are two separate locations. The wildlife refuge does allow leashed dogs, and they can walk trails in the park except for the hiking and ski trails in the Refuge Headquarters area.

***Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Site: Dogs allowed in developed areas, and remain within 100 feet of roads, parking areas, and campgrounds.

***Mendenhall Glacier: Located within the Tongass National Forest, where trails are dog friendly.

***Sitka National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Wrangell St. Elias National Park: Dogs are allowed on trails and in the backcountry. NPS website mentions trapping and snaring is common in this area, so please keep a close eye on your dog so they do not get caught up in these.

A couple of notes about Alaska: It is an extremely beautiful place, one that a lot of us have on our bucket list. It is also a very wild place, and while visiting is within the realm of possibility, there are some considerations and things to take note of when planning a trip there with your dog. Sometimes boundaries between the national parks, wildlife refuges, reserves, and private property can become confusing. You may be in route to a national park, but passing through private land to get there. Please be respectful of whatever rules are in place for where you are. When in doubt, it is best to err on the side of caution and not

take your dog somewhere you are unsure about. Many small towns in Alaska will have free range or off leash dogs. Locals are allowed to let their dogs roam in many cases, but this does not apply to visitors and their dogs. Please keep your dogs leashed and under control. Verify which buildings, trails, etc. allow dogs and stick to those. Alaska does have large predators and other animals that could be dangerous to dogs. This is grizzly country! Moose are abundant and can be quite aggressive towards dogs, and black bear and wolves are around as well. Not a place you want your dog slipping its collar and getting lost! There are also a lot of critters like pika, ground squirrels, and marmots that may trigger a dog that likes to chase small animals. If you do visit with your pup, please be extra careful about keeping them contained and safe. Terrain is another consideration. There are a lot of rocks and ice on some of the trails, both of which can be very sharp and easily cut your pups paws. Booties may be a good investment if you're planning on doing extensive hiking. Above all, we want our dogs (and cats!) to be safe, happy, and have a great time exploring with us, and it's our responsibility to do our research and do what is best for them.

IDAHO:

***City of Rocks National Reserve: Pets are allowed on all trails, and in campsites as well. The website takes care to mention not to allow your dog to dig, especially in staging/climbing areas, so take note of that. This park can get up to 100 degrees in summer, so be prepared! Know your dogs' limits and always have plenty of water.

***Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed on trails at the park.

OREGON:

***Crater Lake National Park: Dogs can be walked in Mazama and Lost Creek campgrounds, all picnic areas, parking areas and paved walkways, Lady of the Woods Trail, Godfrey Glen, Annie Spur Trail, Grayback Drive, and the Pacific Crest Trail.

*****Fort Clatsop (Lewis and Clark National Historical Park): Dogs allowed on trails and fort area in the park.

***John Day Fossil Beds National Monument: Pets are allowed on trails and in developed areas. This park can exceed 110 degrees in the summer, so another one where you should monitor your dog closely, don't hike longer than is safe, and carry plenty of water.

***Newberry National Volcanic Monument: Pets are allowed in picnic areas, campgrounds, parking areas, and most of the trails. They are not allowed in Lava River Cave, and we recommend not taking them on the Big Obsidian Flow trail because of the extremely sharp rock found there.

***Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area: Pets are allowed on all trails and walkways except for those near the lighthouse, and they are not allowed in the Cobble Beach Tide Pools.

WASHINGTON:

***Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve: Dogs allowed on all trails and beaches, but be aware of where you are and pay attention to signs, as privately owned land is interspersed with the Reserve land. They do have a 10 acre off leash area within the park.

***Fort Vancouver National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed on all trails. They are NOT allowed inside of the reconstructed fort.

***Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument: Dogs allowed on some trails at the park. They have a map on their website showing the areas you can and cannot take your dog.

***North Cascades National Park: Pets allowed on the Pacific Crest Trail, within 50 feet of roads, on paved and dirt roads, drive in campgrounds, and picnic areas. They are also allowed within the Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas and the surrounding national forest lands.

***Olympic National Park: Dogs are allowed on the Peabody Creek Trail, Rialto Beach parking lot to Ellen Creek, beaches between the Hoh and Quinault Reservations, Madison Falls Trail, Spruce Railroad Trail, and the July Creek Loop Trail. They are also allowed in drive in campgrounds, picnic areas, along with paved and dirt roads. The park makes mention of avoiding tidal rocks because the sharp stones, barnacles, and mussels can cause cuts on paws and lead to infection.

***San Juan Island National Historical Park: Pets allowed in parking lots, picnic areas, roads, and trails. There are over 20 miles of trails in this park, including ones with beaches, wooded areas, and interpretive trails.

***Washington State Parks: Dogs are allowed in all areas, except swim beaches. The main Washington State Park website has a page saying they all participate in the Bark Ranger program. Specific parks reported by members as participating include Cama Beach, Dosewallips, Fort Flagler, Jarrell Cove, Kanaskat-Palmer, Kitsap Memorial, Larabee, Penrose Point, Riverside, and Willapa Hills.

***Whitman Mission National Historical Site: Dogs allowed on park grounds.