

Planning a trip with your Bark Ranger and wanting to maximize your time and pick up as much swag as possible? This document will help! We broke up the country by region, listing the sites within each that participate in the program. *****Please note: this list is VERY fluid, and changes often. Your BEST source for which parks participate is the map we have in our featured section, as that will be the most up to date.***** Another tip: please use the search feature at the top of the page if you want to find more details about and see how others have experienced some of these parks. Just type the name of the park you're interested in visiting in the search bar, and odds are someone else will have visited and posted about it, and you can learn a lot this way! I included a bit about each park, but due to the sheer number of parks, an extensive detailed look at every one would be a bit much. Now, on to the fun part of the post!

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 the 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.

2. MIDWEST REGION (ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, OHIO, WISCONSIN)

This region has beaches, woods, prairies, and several city type parks, so no matter what you like, you'll find it here! A lot of these states get EXTREMELY hot and humid in summer, so that may not be the best time for a visit if you're wanting to do a lot of outdoor activities. Being from the Midwest, I can attest to this! Please be careful if you do choose to visit in the summer. Know your dogs limits, and carry plenty of water. Ticks are another consideration for many parks in the area. Be extra vigilant checking them after walks.

INDIANA:

***Fox Island County Park: Dogs allowed on all trails. This park also has a small dog beach, and this is the only area they are allowed off leash.

***Indiana Dunes National Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails except Pinhook Bog Trail and the equestrian portion of the Glenwood Dunes Trail system. Dogs are allowed on all beaches, the exception being the lifeguarded swimming area of West beach between the Friday of Memorial Day and the Monday of Labor Day. They are not allowed in the nature play areas (located within the Dunewood Campground and on the east side of the Douglas Center parking lot).

***Indiana Dunes State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails. They are not allowed on the designated swimming beach, but can be on the beach to the east of the pavilion and lifeguard station.

***Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Ouabache State Park: Pets are allowed on all trails. They are not allowed on the swimming beach.

***Turkey Run State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

IOWA:

***Effigy Mounds National Monument: Dogs allowed on the grounds and trails.

***Herbert Hoover National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on the grounds and trails.

***Jackson County Conservation: There are several parks included in the Jackson County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Jester Park Nature Center: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Mahaska County Environmental Learning Center: You have options here! You can visit Caldwell Park, Cedar Bluffs State Preserve, Eddyville Dunes Sand Prairie, Quercus Wilderness Area, or White Oak Conservation Area. Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Nahant Marsh Education Center: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Winneshiek County Conservation: There are several parks included in the Winneshiek County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

KANSAS:

***Fort Scott National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on park grounds.

MICHIGAN:

***Chelsea, MI Chamber of Commerce: Several dog friendly trails in the town. Check their website for specifics.

***Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed on all trails and open units.

***Marquette County Parks: There are several parks included in the Marquette County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore: Dogs allowed on roads, parking lots, and picnic areas. They are also allowed at the Sand Point Beaches, Munising Falls Trail, Miners Falls Trail, Miners Castle (paved trails and overlook platforms), Miners Beach, Au Sable access road to the light station, Lake Superior Overlook and Beach, Sable Falls Trail and Beach, Twelvemile Beach and Hurricane River drive in campgrounds, and the Lake Superior beaches directly in front of the campground and day use areas.

***Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: Dogs are allowed on most hiking trails and sections of the beaches. The dates and times some trails and beaches are open to pets is varied, depending on the habits of the piping plover, a federally protected species of bird. During their breeding and nesting times, sections of the beaches they use will be closed to pets. There is a map on the NPS pet page for this park that is marked what is open at

specific times. Please check this page before visiting the park. PLEASE NOTE: THE BARK RANGER PROGRAM HERE IS ONLY FOR VOLUNTEERS, NOT THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Listed for those that live close or may be in the area for extended amounts of time and have the time to volunteer, but we want to make sure there is no expectations of a tag, certificate, etc. for park visitors.

MINNESOTA:

***Grand Portage National Monument: Dogs allowed on Grand Portage and Mount Rose trails, as well as in the Ojibwe Village and walking paths outside of the stockade.

***Itasca State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Pipestone National Monument: Pets are allowed on all trails.

***Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: Dogs are allowed on all trails. This park includes parts of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

MISSOURI:

***Gateway Arch National Park: Dogs are allowed on park grounds, but not inside of the Arch.

***George Washington Carver National Monument: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Ozark National Scenic Riverways: Dogs are allowed on all trails except for designated horse trails. Dogs are allowed to swim in the rivers, but are prohibited from swimming in springs and spring branches. They are also not allowed to enter caves.

***Ulysses S. Grant National Historical Site: Dogs are allowed on park grounds.

***Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Dogs are allowed on all trails. Be cautious of the creek as it contains run off from a waste plant nearby.

NEBRASKA:

***Agate Fossil Beds National Monument: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Lewis and Clark National Trail: This is not a park, and there are no trails at this location, but you are able to buy tags in the Visitor Center. If you are interested in doing something along the national trail with your dog, there are options in several different states. Check the NPS website for all these locations.

OHIO:

***Alum Creek Lake State Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails. There is an off leash dog beach at this location as well.

***Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument: Dogs allowed on grounds and all trails.

***Cuyahoga Valley National Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails except the East Rim Mountain Bike Trails, and they are not allowed at Virginia Kendall Hills during sledding activities. Cuyahoga does not have an official program, but they do have a Bark Ranger tag that is sold at the Boston Mill Store (not the Visitor Center, the store is a short distance from the VC).

***Delaware Lake Army Corps of Engineers: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Greene County Parks and Trails: Dogs allowed on all trails. Several also offer off leash dog areas. Visit Greene County Parks website for details.

***Hopewell Culture National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails. Dogs (and people!) are prohibited from climbing on the mounds.

***James A. Garfield National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on the grounds.

***Muskingum Area Army Corps of Engineers: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs are allowed on all trails. There may be occasional partial trail closures for bird nesting sites.

***William Howard Taft National Historical Site: Dogs allowed on grounds and all trails.

WISCONSIN:

***Apostle Islands National Lakeshore: Dogs allowed on trails, beaches, and campgrounds. Park website takes care to mention keeping control of your dog around the piping plovers. This is an extremely endangered bird, and if chased or disturbed, will often abandon their nests.

***Necedah National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed on all trails most of the year, however, there are seasonal closures for nesting birds. Please check before visiting for these closures.

***Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: Dogs are allowed on all trails. This park includes parts of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The only Visitor Center we are aware of at this time that has the tags is in La Crosse, WI, but please see the parks

website for specific locations in all of the above-mentioned states.

3. SOUTHEAST REGION (ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, KENTUCKY, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE)

We have a lot of members living in this area, and a few really popular parks. I feel like a broken record, but keep in mind these states get EXTREMELY hot and humid in summer, so that may not be the best time for a visit if you're wanting to do a lot of outdoor activities. Please be careful if you do choose to visit in the summer. Know your dogs limits and carry plenty of water. Ticks are another consideration for many parks in this area. Be extra vigilant checking them after walks.

ALABAMA:

***Blue Springs State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Cathedral Caverns State Park: Dogs allowed on trails, but not inside the cave.

***Chewacla State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Little River Canyon National Preserve: Dogs allowed on all trails and inside the Canyon Visitor Center.

***Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Natchez Trace Parkway: Pets allowed on all trails and viewpoints. Make note there is a maximum of two pets per site in campgrounds.

***Russell Cave National Monument: Dogs allowed on all trails.

FLORIDA:

***Biscayne National Park: Dogs are allowed on the grounds at Convoy Point and at Elliott Key. Dogs are not allowed at Boca Chita Key (including on boats docked in the harbor) or The Dante Fascell Visitor Center.

***Desoto National Memorial: Dogs allowed on trails and beaches.

***Gulf Islands National Seashore: Dogs are not allowed on any park beaches on the bay or gulf side, or in water less than five feet deep. They are not allowed in any forts, pavilions, fishing/ferry piers, or on top of any sea walls, forts, or batteries. They are allowed on trails, multi use paths, and on the park roads.

***Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves: There are seven preserves within this park system. Double check each one's specific dog rules as they can vary. Closures during turtle and bird nesting are common.

***Martin County Parks: There are several parks included in the Martin County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Recreation Area: Dogs are allowed on the trails at the Visitor Center. They are not allowed on any beaches.

***Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve: Dogs are allowed on all trails and grounds.

GEORGIA:

***Amicalola Falls State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Andersonville National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds and all trails. They can go inside of the Cemetery, but have to remain on the paved pathways.

***Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area: Dogs allowed on all trails. There are several nearby off leash dog parks, check the parks page for names and locations.

***Florence Marina State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Fort Frederica National Monument: Dogs are allowed on trails and grounds.

***Fort King George State Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Fort Pulaski National Monument: Dogs are allowed within the fort and on hiking trails.

***Jimmy Carter National Historic Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on park grounds.

***Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs allowed in your vehicle on the Swamp Island Drive and designated trails. These include Canal Diggers Trail, Cane Pole Trail, Chesser Island Homestead Trail, Deerstand Trail, and Upland Discovery Trail. They are NOT allowed on the Chesser Island Boardwalk, Riddleys Island Boardwalk, on private boats, on water trails, or on campground platforms. Be aware there are gators and venomous snakes in this area. Watch your dog closely to avoid interactions!

***Providence Canyon State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails. Make sure your dog doesn't get too close to the canyon edges since they can be unstable and could collapse. Stay on trails and behind fences.

KENTUCKY:

***Camp Nelson National Monument: Dogs allowed on all trails and park grounds.

***Carter Caves State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails, but not on the cave tours.

***Mammoth Cave National Park: Dogs allowed on all trails in the park. They are not allowed in the cave. Park does have onsite kennels for those who would like to utilize that.

***Mill Springs National Battlefield: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds in the park. They are not allowed in the adjacent National Cemetery.

***Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails and park grounds. Dogs are also allowed in the museum (a separate building from the Visitor Center).

MISSISSIPPI:

***Gulf Islands National Seashore: Dogs are not allowed on any park beaches of the barrier islands and in water less than five feet deep. They are not allowed in any forts, pavilions, fishing/ferry piers, or on top of any sea walls, forts, or batteries. They are allowed on trails, multi use paths, and on the park roads.

***Natchez Trace Parkway: Pets allowed on all trails and viewpoints. Make note there is a maximum of two pets per site in campgrounds.

***Vicksburg National Military Park: Dogs allowed on park grounds.

NORTH CAROLINA:

***Blue Ridge National Parkway: Dogs allowed on all trails along the parkway.

***Cabarrus County Parks: There are several parks included in the Cabarrus County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Cape Hatteras National Seashore: Dogs are not allowed on designated swim beaches, but are allowed in all other areas.

***Cape Lookout National Seashore: Dogs allowed on trails and beaches, except for designated swim areas. Be aware of seasonal resource closures.

***Carl Sandburg Home National Historical Site: Dogs are allowed on grounds and trails.

***Cliffs of the Neuse State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails, but not in the lake or on swim beaches.

***Fayetteville-Cumberland County Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Fort Raleigh National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed on grounds and trails.

***Goose Creek State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and beaches, except for designated swim areas.

***Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Dogs are only allowed on two trails...the Gatlinburg Trail (on the Tennessee side of the park) and the Oconaluftee River Trail (on the North Carolina side of the park). Dogs are allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas, and along roads. If visiting the park, please look into the nearby national forests for additional hiking opportunities with your dog.

***Guilford Courthouse National Military Park: Dogs allowed on grounds and battlefield.

***Moore's Creek National Battlefield: Dogs allowed on grounds and trails.

***Pilot Mountain State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Wright Brother's National Memorial: Dogs are allowed on grounds and trails.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

***Charles Towne Landing State Park: Dogs allowed on grounds and walking paths.

***Chester State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Congaree National Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails (including the boardwalk).

***Cowpens National Battlefield: Pets are allowed on all trails and roads.

***Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on Liberty Square grounds and walking paths at the Fort Sumter Visitor Center, and on walking paths, trails and grounds on the exterior of Fort Moultrie. Dogs are not allowed inside either fort, or on the boat tours.

***Hunting Island State Park: Dogs allowed on trails, but not on the pier, inside the lighthouse, or on the tip of North Beach past the posted markers due to shorebird nesting sites.

***Kings Mountain National Military Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Ninety Six National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds and trails.

***Reconstruction Era National Historical Park: Dogs are allowed at the at the Naval Heritage Park (except during the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings), Fort Frederick Heritage Park, and in downtown Beaufort and the Capers Creek Trail.

TENNESSEE:

***Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area: Dogs are allowed on all trails. Please do a bit of research on the trails you plan on hiking, as some of them have ladders and rock ledges that may not be safe or doable for dogs. Please check with a ranger or other staff if there are any questions.

***Fort Donelson National Battlefield: Dogs are allowed on grounds and trails.

***Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Dogs are only allowed on two trails...the Gatlinburg Trail (on the Tennessee side of the park) and the Oconaluftee River Trail (on the North Carolina side of the park). Dogs are allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas, and along roads. If visiting the park, please look into the nearby national forests for additional hiking opportunities with your dog.

***Natchez Trace Parkway: Pets allowed on all trails and viewpoints. Make note there is a maximum of two pets per site in campgrounds.

***Obed National Wild and Scenic River: Dogs are allowed on all trails.

***Shiloh National Military Park: Dogs are not allowed in the cemetery, but are allowed on all other grounds and trails.

***Stones River National Battlefield: Dogs are allowed on all trails.

***Tennessee State Parks: Several of the TN state parks now participate in the Bark Ranger program. We have members verifying that Bicentennial Capitol Mall, Big Ridge, Bledsoe Creek, Burgess Falls, Cedars of Lebanon, Cordell Hull, Cumberland Mountains, Cumberland Trail, Cummins Falls, David Crockett, Edgar Evins, Fiery Gizzard, Fort Loudon, Fort Pillow, Harrison Bay, Head of the Crow, Henry Horton, Hiwassee/Ocoee River, Long Hunter, Meeman Shelby Forest, Montgomery Bell, Natchez Trace, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Norris Dam, Panther Creek, Pickwick Landing, Pinson Mounds, Red Clay, Roan Mountain, Rock Island, Savage Gulf, Scott's Gulf, Standing Stone, Sycamore Shoals, Tims Ford, T.O. Fuller, and Warrior's Path participate. Dogs are allowed on all trails in the parks, but prohibited from designated swim beaches and pools.

4. ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming)

This area has a bit of everything, from stunning mountain peaks to desert landscapes. Wooded areas, lakes, otherworldly rock formations, and waterfalls can all be found here. High elevation areas within this region can make great summer trips, as temperatures tend to be cooler with very low humidity. Some of desert areas do get very hot, so as always, do some research on weather patterns when planning a trip. While not quite as wild as Alaska, when it comes to the lower 48, some of the wildest spaces are in these states. Montana and Wyoming do have grizzly bears, so be aware of that and check with officials in the area about recent bear activity before setting out on trails. Be aware some of the places listed are very remote, and don't always have great cell service. One more thing to note, some of the parks in this region with the largest draws for humans (Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Rocky Mountain, Glacier, Zion, Arches, etc.) are not always the most dog friendly, for various safety and conservation of habitat/resource reasons. If visiting one of these big parks is on your itinerary, check into national forests or state parks nearby, as they are usually more dog friendly. That way, your dog can get out and enjoy some hiking and adventure with you and not be stuck in the car the whole trip!

COLORADO:

***Bear Creek Lake Park: Dogs allowed on trails, but are prohibited from sand area of the beach.

***Curecanti National Recreation Area: Dogs are allowed on all trails. Unless in route to or from a boat, they are not allowed at marinas or docks.

***Eldorado Canyon State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Golden Gate Canyon State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Great Sand Dunes National Park: Dogs are allowed in the Preserve (attached to the National Park) and main use areas. They are not allowed in the backcountry beyond the first ridge of dunes, off the Dunes Overlook Trail, north of Castle Creek Picnic Area (except along Medano Pass Primitive Road), north of the Point of No Return (including Sand Ramp Trail), or any backcountry campsites within the national park. The parks website has a map on their pet page showing where dogs are and are not allowed, check it out if planning a visit. Take into account the temperature when visiting, the sand can get extremely hot in summer (up to 150 degrees!) and burn their paws. Pet boots may be a good idea for this area, as there also cactus spines to be wary of in the grasslands around the dunes.

***Lory State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails.

MONTANA:

***Lone Pine State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Missouri Headwaters State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

NORTH DAKOTA:

***Fort Union Trading Post National Historical Site: Dogs are allowed on all trails and grounds. This is one of the few parks that DOES allow dogs in park structures, with the exception of the Bourgeois House Visitor Center. They can explore the other fort buildings and the Trade House alongside of you.

***Knife River National Historical Site: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Theodore Roosevelt National Park: Dogs can be walked along roads, road shoulders, sidewalks, parking areas, and in campgrounds and picnic areas. Be aware there is very little shade at this park, so walks should be kept short in summer heat. The park website suggests campgrounds and picnic areas for exploring in summertime.

SOUTH DAKOTA:

***Jewel Cave National Monument: Dogs allowed at the picnic area and on paved roads and parking areas.

***Mount Rushmore National Memorial: Dogs are permitted in parking garages, outside of the developed monument area, and the pet exercise area. They can go to the main entrance area, but they cannot walk up to the monument itself. This is clearly marked at the entrance. They can be walked on the sidewalks and grassy areas in between the parking garages. There is a trail across from the monument, the Blackberry Trail, where pets are allowed. The Mt. Rushmore NPS park site has a map of the areas dogs are allowed.

Wind Cave National Park: Dogs are allowed on the Prairie Vista and Elk Mountain Campground trails, grassy areas near the Visitor Center, and at the campground.

UTAH:

***Antelope Island State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Bryce Canyon National Park: Dogs only allowed on paved surfaces. This includes campgrounds, parking lots, paved roads, paved viewpoint areas (they are NOT allowed at the Piracy Point viewpoint, as it is not paved), on the Rim Trail between Sunset Point and Sunrise Point, on the paved Shared Use Path between the park entrance and Inspiration Point. They are also not allowed on shuttle buses. This is a desert area and can become very hot, so take caution if visiting in summer.

***Capitol Reef National Park: Dogs are allowed on the trail from the Visitor Center to the Fruita Campground, on the Fremont River Trail from the campground to the south end of Hattie's Field, in unfenced and/or unlocked orchards, the Chestnut and Doc Inglesby picnic areas, campgrounds, within 50 feet of the center line of roads open to public vehicle travel, and parking areas open to public vehicle travel. This is a desert area and can become very hot, so take caution if visiting in summer.

***Cedar Breaks National Monument: Dogs allowed on paved areas, including parking lots, paved overlooks, and the Sunset Trail. This is a desert area and can become very hot, so take caution if visiting in summer.

***Dead Horse Point State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Goblin Valley State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Kodachrome Basin State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Zion National Park: Dogs are allowed along public roads, developed campgrounds and picnic areas, and the grounds of the Zion Lodge. The only trail dogs are allowed is the Pa'rus Trail, which begins at the Visitor Center. Please be aware: The Virgin River which flows through the park very often has potentially deadly cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins present. The park's website has current conditions that you can check during the time of your visit, but as they can be present at any time, it is best to keep your dogs out of the water. Remember, just because you don't see an algae mat does not mean the bacteria and toxins are not present. Dogs can easily ingest enough of this to be fatal, and it can happen quickly. Please be safe and avoid letting them swim here.

WYOMING:

***Devil's Tower National Monument: Dogs allowed in parking areas and along roadways, including the Belle Fourche campground road and the road to the Joyner Ridge Trailhead. They can be in the Belle Fourche campground and the picnic area near there. They are not allowed on any trails at the monument.

***Fort Laramie National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on trails and grounds.

***Guernsey State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Shell Falls Interpretive Site: Dogs allowed on trails around interpretive site.

***Yellowstone National Park: Dogs allowed in developed areas only, and must stay less than 100 feet from roads, parking areas, and campgrounds. They are not allowed on any trails, boardwalks, or thermal areas. Take extreme caution and keep a very close watch on your dog here, as there are many dangers, including large predators, large mammals who see

dogs as threats, and thermal pools that are hot enough to scald or even take the life of your dog if they were to enter them.

5. NORTH ATLANTIC REGION (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

Those of you who love history, this is the region for you! Most of the sites mentioned here are national historical sites, parks, or memorials. Keep in mind, most of these are in more urban settings, so no long hikes at these places. Some become very crowded, and/or have a lot of loud noise associated with them, so know your dog and what they are comfortable with before visiting. One exception is Acadia National Park in Maine, one of the most dog friendly national parks we have. There are plenty of hikes here for those searching for that kind of experience. As always, double check weather conditions before visiting, as some locations can be hot in summer. Ticks can also be of concern here, so check dogs carefully after hiking.

CONNECTICUT:

***Cheshire Parks and Rec: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Weir Farm National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

MAINE:

***Acadia National Park: Dogs are allowed on most trails. They are also allowed in the Blackwoods, Seawall, and Schoodic Woods campgrounds. They are allowed on Isle au Haut, but only for day hiking, no overnight visits. Dogs (and humans!) are not allowed to swim in lakes in the park, as the water is used for public water supply. Sand Beach does not allow dogs between June 15-September 8, and Echo Lake does not allow dogs from May 15-September 15. They are not permitted to go in the Wild Gardens of Acadia or the Duck Harbor Campground. While most trails do allow dogs, they are prohibited from the following: Precipice, Beehive, Ladder Trail to Door Mountain, Beech Cliffs Trail, Perpendicular Trail, and the Jordan Cliffs Trail between Penobscot East Trail and the carriage road. The park also takes care to mention it is not recommended for pets to be on the following trails: Acadia Mountain, Flying Mountain, Giant Slide, the west face of Cadillac Mountain, the Bubble and Jordan Ponds Path between the carriage road and Featherbed Pond, Norembeaga Goat Trail, Bubbles-Pemetic Trail, Penobscot Mountain (Spring Trail), Upper Beachcroft Trail, and the Upper Gorge Trail. These may not be suitable for dogs as they contain ladders or rungs dogs will be unable to traverse, or extremely rough and steep terrain they will have trouble navigating. But, with over 100 miles of trails and 45 miles of carriage that are safe for dogs, you shouldn't have any trouble finding places to

explore that are safe for both you and your pet! Ticks are prevalent in this park, so be extra cautious and check your dog carefully after hiking.

***Saint Croix Island International Historical Site: Dogs allowed in all outdoor areas and trails.

MASSACHUSETTS:

***Boston National Historical Park: Dogs welcome on the grounds, but cannot go inside any of the buildings or on board the USS Cassin Young. The website also takes care to mention not to let your dogs dig or urinate on any of the memorials.

***Cape Cod National Seashore: Dogs are only allowed on the Doane Trail, Pilgrim Spring Trail, and Head of the Meadow Bicycle Trail, and all fire roads. They are allowed on the Province Lands and Nauset bike trails between November 1-April 30. They are allowed in freshwater ponds between October 16-May 14. They are allowed on beaches with the following exceptions: During the summer, they are not allowed on lifeguard protected beaches. They are allowed to pass through to pet friendly areas, but not allowed to swim/linger. There are annual closures to protect nesting seabirds. These are in effect every April 1-October 15. These locations are the Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, Nauset Marsh in Eastham, Jeremy Point in Wellfleet, Hatches Harbor in Provincetown, and Herring Cove in Provincetown. These areas are well marked, and please pay extra attention when in the area. There may be intermittent closures in other areas, so always read signs and make sure to respect these guidelines. These can change daily, and if there is any question, please check with a ranger or other employee.

***Longfellow House Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed on the grounds, but they cannot enter the formal garden or the house.

***Lowell National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds and trails.

***Minute Man National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds.

***Salem Maritime National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds.

***Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds.

***Springfield Amory National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

***Saint Gaudens National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds and on all trails. They cannot enter the atrium with the reflecting pool.

NEW YORK:

***Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed in developed areas, all trails, and in some of the gardens.

***Fort Stanwix National Monument: Dogs allowed on all trails and park roadways. Be aware the park does have historic weapon demonstrations, and the loud noise from these may scare some pets.

***Hamilton Grange National Memorial: Dogs allowed on grounds and all trails. They are not allowed on interpretive walks.

***Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed in developed areas, trails, and some of the gardens.

***John Brown Farm State Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds and all trails.

***Martin Van Buren National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on grounds and all trails except the Kinderhook Dutch Farming Heritage Trail.

***Minna Anthony Common Nature Center: Dogs allowed on all trails and inside nature center.

***New York State Parks: Several of the NY state parks now participate in the Bark Ranger program. We have members verifying that Grafton Lakes, Higley Flow, Peebles Island, Point au Roche, Robert G. Wehle, Southwick Beach, Taconic, Thacher, and Wellesley Island State Parks participate. Check each individual park for specific rules for dogs before visiting.

***Saratoga National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds and trails.

***Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site: Dogs allowed in developed areas, on the waterfront, in the gardens, and on trails.

RHODE ISLAND:

*** Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds.

***Roger Williams National Memorial: Dogs allowed on grounds.

VERMONT:

***Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds and on trails. They are not allowed to swim in the Pogue, and take care not to let dogs walk through the gardens. Rules for trails vary in the winter due to activities such as cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Please double check which trails are open if visiting winter. Multi-use trails are always open to walkers with dogs.

6. MID ATLANTIC REGION (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington D.C.)

This is another region that has a lot of historical sites, so if that's your thing, you'll enjoy it. There are also some great state parks, along with New River Gorge National Park that have a ton of dog friendly trails, so if hiking and being in that environment is more in line with your interests, there's something for you too! This is also a wonderful area to visit to see some stunning fall color, so that may be a great time for a trip, and bonus, you avoid the heat and humidity of summer! Ticks can be prevalent, so always check your dog carefully after hikes.

DELAWARE:

***First State National Historical Park: Dogs are allowed in the Brandywine Valley Unit and the outdoor areas at New Castle and The Dover Green. They are not allowed at any other site within the park.

MARYLAND:

***Assateague Islands National Seashore: Dogs are not allowed on nature trails, backcountry campsites, lifeguard protected beaches, portions of Assateague Island State Park, or north of the state park to the Ocean City inlet. They are not allowed on any portion of the Virginia area of Assateague Island, even in cars.

***Cedarville State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails. Hunting is allowed in this park, so it is suggested wearing bright orange if visiting during any hunting season.

***Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails with the exception of Billy Goat Trail Section A and the boardwalk to Great Falls.

***Deep Creek Lake State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails, but not the swimming beach between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

***Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine: Dogs are not allowed in the Historic Zone Star Fort, or any buildings.

***Fort Washington Park: Dogs allowed on all grounds, including inside of the fortifications.

***Frederick County Parks and Recreation: Dogs are not allowed on or within 50 feet of athletic complexes or fields, playgrounds, or swimming pool areas.

***Greenbelt Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Harford County Department of Parks and Rec: There are several parks included in the Harford County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad: Dogs are not allowed in the Fort Hill Cemetery.

***Howard County Parks and Rec: There are several parks included in the Howard County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Monocacy National Battlefield: Dogs allowed on grounds of the park.

***Patuxent Research Refuge: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Sandy Point State Park: Dogs allowed on trails, but not on the beach during the summer.

***Sang Run State Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails and areas in the park.

NEW JERSEY:

***Bass River State Forest: Dogs allowed on all trails. Dogs are allowed to swim outside of the designated swimming beach areas.

***Batsto State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Gateway National Recreation Area: Dogs are allowed on multi use paths, sidewalks, and paved roads unless otherwise notated, and also on bay side beaches at Plum Island and Horseshoe Cove year round. Dogs are not allowed on ocean side beaches at Jacob Riis Park, Fort Tilden, or Breezy Point Tip. Between March 15 and September 15, they are not allowed on the bay side of Breezy Point Tip or ocean side beaches at Sandy Hook. They are not allowed in any campgrounds, or on the swimming beach at Staten Island's Great Kills Park between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

***Middlesex County Parks: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Paterson Great Falls National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails.

PENNSYLVANIA:

***Alleghany Portage Railroad National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Chester County Parks: There are several parks included in the Chester County Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

***Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area: Dogs are not allowed in the Raymondskill Falls Recreation Site, Dingmans Falls Recreation Site, Smithfield Beach and

Milford Beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day (they are allowed if accessing a water vessel or when accessing the McDade Trailhead), George W. Childs Park, or Valley View Group Campsites. Take note hunting is allowed in the park, so be aware if visiting during hunting seasons, and have appropriate gear to keep your pet safe.

***Eisenhower National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all grounds, but cannot enter any of the cattle pastures.

***Friendship Hill National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on trails and grounds.

***Independence National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on grounds.

***John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs are allowed on all trails, but are prohibited from entering any body of water.

***Johnstown Flood National Memorial: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Kings Gap Environmental Education Center: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Pennsylvania State Parks: Several of the PA state parks now participate in the Bark Ranger program. We have members verifying that French Creek, Little Buffalo, Marsh Creek, Promised Land, and Raccoon Creek State Parks participate. Check each individual park for specific rules for dogs before visiting.

***Valley Forge National Historic Park: Dogs are not allowed on the Grand Parade Trails between April 1 and September 15 to protect nesting wildlife.

***West Vincent Township Parks: There are several parks included in the West Vincent Township Park system. Please check their website for specific rules for which park you plan to visit.

VIRGINIA:

***Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Booker T. Washington National Monument: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Fort Monroe National Monument: Dogs are not allowed on beaches between May 15 and September 15.

***Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails and grounds except for the Fredericksburg National Cemetery.

***George Washington Birthplace National Monument: Dogs are allowed on the Potomac River Beach, picnic areas, and hiking trails in the park. They are prohibited from the Memorial Area and the Washington Family Burial Ground.

***Great Falls Park: Dogs are allowed on all park trails, parking lots, falls overlooks, and picnic areas. They are not allowed to enter the river from anywhere on park grounds.

***Patrick Henry's Red Hill: Dogs allowed on grounds, but not inside any historical buildings or museum.

***Petersburg National Battlefield: Dogs are not allowed in the Poplar Grove National Cemetery, nor are they allowed to climb the earthworks or fort walls.

***Prince William Forest Park: Dogs are not allowed in the Chopawamsic Backcountry Area or in the cabin camps.

***Shenandoah National Park: Dogs allowed on all trails, with the exception of Fox Hollow, Stony Man, Limberlost, Post Office Junction to Old Rag Shelter, Old Rag Ridge, Old Rag Saddle, Ridge Access, Dark Hollow Falls, Story of the Forest, Bearfence Mountain, and Frazier Discovery Trails.

***Virginia State Parks: Many state parks have been reported as participating in the Bark Ranger program. These include Bell Isle, Caledon, Fairy Stone, First Landing, Grayson Highlands, Hungry Mother, Machicomoco, Natural Bridge, Natural Tunnel, New River Trail, Occoneechee, Pocahontas, Shenandoah River, Sky Meadows, Staunton River, Sweet Run, Twin Lakes, Westmoreland, and York River. Dogs are allowed on all trails in these parks, but are prohibited from designated swimming areas.

***Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts: Dogs are not allowed in ticketed areas, but are allowed on all trails.

WASHINGTON D.C.:

***George Washington Memorial Parkway: There are several stops along the parkway, check each area's specific rules for dogs.

***Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens: Dogs allowed on grounds and trails. Pay attention to signs as there may be areas that occasionally prohibit dogs.

***Rock Creek Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

WEST VIRGINIA:

***Harper's Ferry National Historical Park: Dogs are not allowed on shuttle buses.

***Monongahela National Forest (Seneca Rocks Discovery Center): Dogs allowed on all trails in the national forest. They are not allowed on beaches or swimming areas. Make sure to check signage as there are seasonal closures in certain areas for the protection of threatened and endangered species.

***New River Gorge National Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails in the park.

***State Parks: Several state parks are now participating. Members report the following as active: Blackwater Falls, Cacapon, Cass Scenic Railroad, Kanawha State Forest, North Bend, Pipestem Resort, Seneca Rocks, Twin Falls, Tygart Lake, and Watoga.

7. SOUTHWEST REGION (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

There's a nice variety of terrain in this region, including mountains, woods, and desert. There are some beautiful natural areas as well as some interesting historical features and locations. These areas get extremely hot in the summer, with very high humidity in places. There are also a lot of desert areas, so please make sure to visit at a time that is safe for your dog. Always have plenty of water on hand. A summer visit may not be the best idea in most of these areas. One of the most popular Bark Ranger parks (Hot Springs) is in this region, and it's always a favorite of people who visit.

ARKANSAS:

***Arkansas Post National Memorial: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Buffalo National River: Dogs can walk the Buffalo River Trail between Ponca and Steel Creek, the Villines Homestead Trail at Ponca, Mill Creek Trail, Tyler Bend Campground Trails (Spring Hollow, Buck Ridge, and Rock Wall Trails), Buffalo Point Campground Trails (Forest, Overlook, and Campground Trails). They are also allowed in campgrounds, in the river and on gravel bars. They are allowed to float the river with you as well.

***Fort Smith National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

***Hot Springs National Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails.

***Lake Frierson State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds.

LOUISIANA:

***Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve: There are multiple units of this park, each with separate rules for dogs. Please check the NPS site for the location you plan to visit.

***Palmetto Island State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails. They are not allowed on designated swimming beaches.

***Tickfaw State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

NEW MEXICO:

***Fort Union National Monument: Dogs are allowed on all trails and in picnic areas.

***Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument: Dogs are not allowed on the trail to the cliff dwellings. The park does provide kennels if you are wanting to hike to the dwellings. You cannot leave your dog in the car if doing the dwelling hike.

***Petroglyph National Monument: Dogs are not allowed on any trails in the Boca Negra Canyon area. They are allowed on all trails at Piedras Marcadas Canyon and at the Volcanoes Day Use Area. They are allowed in the non-petroglyph section in Rinconada Canyon. Asphalt and sand get extremely hot here, booties are recommended if visiting during summer.

***Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument: Dogs are allowed on all trails and in picnic areas.

***Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge: Dogs are allowed on the Field Loop Trail.

***White Sands National Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and areas. Temperatures are extremely high in the summer, so booties for the hot sand are recommended. Also make sure to carry plenty of water and watch for signs of dehydration and heat exhaustion. Rattlesnakes and cacti are present, so please be cautious and aware of your dog is walking.

OKLAHOMA:

***Washita Battlefield National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on Visitor Center Trail and in parking lots. They are not allowed on the Battlefield Trail.

TEXAS:

***Big Thicket National Preserve: Dogs allowed on all trails. Summer heat and humidity are extreme here. Dehydration and heat exhaustion are a concern during these times. There are venomous snakes (Cottonmouths, Timber Rattlesnakes, Texas Coral Snakes, and Copperheads) and poisonous plants here, so please be aware of this and be extra cautious

of where your pet is walking and what they are picking up. Ticks are also prevalent, so check dogs carefully after walking here.

***Chamizal National Memorial: Dogs allowed on trails and grounds. They are prohibited from entering the "bowl" area surrounding the outdoor stage during events.

***City of Austin Parks: Several dog friendly parks and trails in the area.

***Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails, but prohibited from the Texas White House yard, inside the Cattle Show barn, or any other park buildings.

***Padre Island National Seashore: Dogs allowed on all trails, beaches, boardwalks, and campgrounds. If you have a reactive, nervous, or aggressive dog, they recommend avoiding the Malaquite Visitor Center deck and boardwalk and the stretch of beach in front of the Visitor Center since these are extremely crowded, congested, and loud.

***Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds. Again, heat is a concern in summer, as well as venomous snakes (Texas Coral Snake, Western Diamondback Rattlesnake).

***Rockport Texas Parks and Recreations: Dogs allowed in parks, with some exceptions for certain beach areas and wildlife sanctuary areas. Check the specific park you are planning on visiting for their individual rules.

***San Antonio Missions National Historical Park: Dogs are allowed at each mission complex (although not inside any of the mission churches) and on all trails. Summer is extremely hot, and caution should be used.

***Texas State Parks: Several Texas State Parks now participate. Dogs are allowed on all trails and areas of the parks, with the exception of designated swim areas. Some parks do have certain restrictions, so always double check for these. Participating parks reported include Brazos Bend, Buescher, Cedar Hill, Cooper Lake, Daingerfield, Eisenhower, Fort Boggy, Fort Richardson, Guadalupe River, Huntsville, Lake Corpus Christi, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Whitney, McKinney Falls, Mission Tejas, Palo Duro Canyon, Palo Pinto Mountains, Purvis Creek, San Angelo, South Llano River, Stephen F. Austin, and Tyler State Parks.

***Waco Mammoth National Monument: Dogs are allowed in all outdoor areas. There is a paved trail, picnic area, and grassy areas near the parking lot for them to enjoy.

8. WESTERN REGION (Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada)

There are some iconic parks in this region. Who doesn't want to see the Redwoods and Yosemite?! Hawaii is in here too, and while most of us probably won't have the opportunity

to visit with our dogs, we can all dream! As with many other regions, areas within this one get extremely hot. There have been several cases of dogs dying from heat stroke/dehydration, so please be cautious. Many of the desert areas also have venomous snakes, scorpions, and cactus spines. No one wants to go on vacation and lose their dog! So always check conditions before traveling, carry plenty of water, monitor your dog closely, and please keep a close eye on your surroundings while out walking, especially if you do choose to visit in the summer. Early spring, late fall, and winter would be better options for many of these parks.

ARIZONA:

***Aqua Fria National Monument: Dogs allowed on trails.

***Chiricahua National Monument: Dogs are allowed in campgrounds, paved parking lots, and the lower trails between the campground and entrance (Bonita Creek, Silver Spur Meadow, Faraway Ranch Area). They are not allowed on any trails above 5500 feet in elevation.

***Coconino National Forest: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Grand Canyon National Park: Dogs are allowed on all trails above the rim. They are not allowed below the rim, or on shuttle buses.

***Montezuma Castle National Monument: Dogs are allowed on all trails and areas.

***Petrified Forest National Park: Dogs are allowed on any paved road or trail, as well as in all designated wilderness areas. This park offers a fenced dog park next to the parking lot for the Painted Desert Visitor Center. Temperatures exceed 100 degrees in summer, so probably not the best time for a visit!

***Pipe Spring National Monument: Dogs are not allowed on the Ridge Trail, but are able to go on all other trails and areas.

***Saguaro National Park: Dogs are allowed on the Mica View Dirt Road, Mica View Trail, Desert Ecology Trail, Cactus Forest Loop Road, Bajada Loop Drive, Desert Discovery Trail, and the Golden Gate Road. There are some dangers and things to be aware of in this park. Cacti are prevalent (the park is named for them after all!), as well as thorny brush, rattlesnakes, scorpions, and open mine shafts. Extreme summer heat is also a concern. There have been cases of dogs with burned paws, and deaths from heat stroke. Please be aware and be safe.

***Tonto National Monument: Dogs are allowed on paved roads, in picnic areas, parking lots, and on the Lowed Cliff Dwelling and Cactus Patch trails. Again, extreme summer temperatures are a factor.

***Tuzigoot National Monument: Dogs are welcome on trails. Summer heat is a factor.

CALIFORNIA:

***Death Valley National Park: Dogs are allowed on paved and gravel roads, parking lots, and campgrounds. They are not allowed on any trails. The park strongly suggests not visiting with your dog between late spring and early fall. This is the hottest place on earth, and the driest in North America. Summer temperatures commonly get above 120 degrees. Exercise EXTREME caution when visiting with your dog. They can overheat, dehydrate, and die very quickly in temperatures like this.

***Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed on trails and grounds, but are not allowed on shuttle buses or theater performance spaces.

***Friends of the Elephant Seal Visitor Center: Dogs allowed at the elephant seal viewing area, but please do not let dogs anywhere near the seals. In addition, if your dog begins barking, they ask you remove them so as not to disturb the seals.

***Headwaters Forest Reserve: Dogs allowed on the first three miles of the Elk River Trail.

***John Muir National Historic Site: Dogs allowed on all trails and grounds except for the Martinez Adobe area.

***Lassen Volcanic National Park: Dogs can be on roads, road shoulders, in campground, picnic areas, and parking lots. Dogs are not allowed on any trails.

***Mt. Shasta Visitor Center: Dogs allowed on all trails and areas, except for the Mt. Shasta Wilderness area and the Sierra Club Foundation property. There is a map on their website showing the boundaries of these areas.

***Point Reyes National Seashore: Dogs allowed on Kehoe Beach Trail, the paths and roads within the Niman Ranch/Commonweal area south of the Commonweal entrance road and west of Mesa Road. This does NOT include RCA Beach. There may be intermittent closures in these areas, please always check with the Visitor Center staff when visiting.

***Redwoods National and State Parks: Dogs are allowed in developed campgrounds, on beaches, at picnic areas, and on roads. They are not allowed on any park trails. The park suggests checking out the Cal Barrel Road in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park or Walker Road in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park if you want to walk with your dog in the old growth redwoods.

***Samuel P. Taylor State Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Santa Clara County Parks: Almaden Quicksilver, Anderson Lake, Coyote Lake Harvery Bear Ranch, Hellyer, Joseph D. Grant, Martial Cottle, Mt. Madonna, and Vasona are the participating parks. Dogs are allowed on all trails.

***Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area: Dogs allowed on trails, roads, parking lots, and developed campgrounds.

***Whiskeytown National Recreation Area: Dogs are allowed on roads, sidewalks, in all campgrounds, on all hiking trails, and on most of the lakeshore. They are not allowed on Brandy Creek Beach, Oak Bottom Beach, East Beach, and in the Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area Swim Beach. There is a closed water zone around the Judge Francis Carr Powerhouse because of the hydroelectric operation, which produces an extremely strong current and undertow. People have drowned here, so please keep a close hold on your dog! At times, other areas are closed to pets, so please pay attention to signs. This park can have summer temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, so be cautious during these times.

***Yosemite National Park: Dogs are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths, and in all but the walk in campgrounds. They are also allowed on the Wawona Meadow Loop, Chowchilla Mountain Road, Four Mile and Eleven Mile fire roads, Carlon Road from the trailhead to Hodgdon Meadow and on the Old Big Flat Road from Hodgdon Meadow to Tuolumne Grove parking lot. Dogs are not allowed on any trails, unplowed roads covered in snow, wilderness or undeveloped areas, in any meadows, beaches, or waterways, on shuttle buses, in lodging areas, or in walk in campgrounds. There may be periodic closures in other areas, so please pay attention to signs.

GUAM:

***War in the Pacific National Historical Park: Dogs allowed on all trails.

HAWAII:

***Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park: Dogs are allowed in all parking and surrounding curbs (excluding Hilina Pali Road and Kulanaokuaiki Campground), on Crater Rim Drive in areas open to vehicles, on Chain of Craters Road down to Pu'uloa Petroglyphs, at Namakanipaio Campground, Mauna Loa Road, on Highway 11, on paved roads and parking areas, at the picnic area and up to ball field gate in the Kilauea Military Camp, in developed areas that include the open fields adjacent to park buildings, the area that extends to the boundary of the forested areas, on Kahuke Road from Highway 11 to the cross fence gate, including the airstrip by the intersection of Pu'u o Lokuana, and on the Old Mamalahoa Highway spur road.

***Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park: Dogs are allowed in the Kaloko picnic area and on designated, maintained trails and beaches. Dogs are allowed to swim in the coastal water, but must REMAIN leashed even when doing so. They are prohibited from entering Kaloko Fishpond, Aimakapa Fishpond, and any anchialine pool. Do not allow dogs to dig on beaches or trails, as this is a culturally significant site.

***Pu'ukohola Heiau National Historic Site: Dogs are allowed on the beaches and trails, in parking areas and along paved roads, and in campgrounds and picnic areas. They are not allowed to enter the heiau.

NEVADA:

***Lake Mead National Recreation Area: Dogs are allowed in developed areas, on hiking trails, on beaches (unless marked otherwise), and in campgrounds. Temperatures can exceed 100 degrees in the summer, so be aware and take necessary precautions.

***Red Rock Canyon: Dogs allowed on all trails.

***Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument: Dogs are allowed on all trails. Temperatures in summer can exceed 110 degrees. There is no shade or water sources within the park, so take necessary precautions.