

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:

***Allegheny 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.