

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.