

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. Cactus 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'u'loa 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.