

Florida State Parks Pet Rules

Domestic Animals

Pets are permitted in designated day-use areas at ALL Florida State Parks. They must be kept on a hand-held leash that is six-feet or shorter and be well-behaved at all times. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets and properly dispose of their droppings. Pets are not permitted on beaches or playgrounds, or in bathing areas, cabins, park buildings, or concession facilities. Within individual parks, specific areas also may be designated as no-pet areas.

Service animals are welcome in all areas of Florida State Parks.

When the Heat is on...

Keep cool. Summer brings hot weather and family vacations. Your pets will be affected by both. For a healthier; happier travels with your pets:

- ☞ Never leave your pets in a parked car, even if the windows are open. Ten minutes could be too long on a hot day. By then, the temperature inside the car could reach 160 degrees F. That's hot enough to cause a dog to suffer heat stroke.
- ☞ Pets don't perspire as people do. They cool themselves by panting. With only very hot air to breathe, your pets could suffer permanent brain damage within moments. If emergency care is not given, your pets could die. They may want to come along, but it's much kinder to leave your pets at home with plenty of fresh, cool water and shade.
- ☞ If your dog is overcome by heat exhaustion, immediately soak him or her down with water and take to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

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PET FRIENDLY PARKS IN GAINESVILLE



OFF LEASH PARKS

Dog Wood Park

5505 SW Archer Rd., *Fee required*

15 acre off-leash dog park where your dog can frolic with other dogs and make new friends! In the park, pet parents and their dogs may enjoy shaded areas, hammocks, picnic tables, a sand pit digging area, and two swimming ponds that are maintained and gator-free! There are also several fenced-in areas within the park for privacy.

Possum Creek Park

4009NW 53 Ave

Free Dog Park. Large play area divided in 2 parts. One for Large dogs and one for small dogs. Fresh, clean running water bowls, covered seating for humans. Restrooms and poop bags for our furry friends.

Forest Park

4501 SW 20th Ave

Free Dog Park. This fenced dog park has shade, benches, and drinking water (no separate small dog area).

Northeast Park

400 NE 16th Ave

Free Dog Park. This fenced dog park has drinking water, benches, and shade (no separate small dog area)

Squirrel Ridge

1603 SW Williston Rd

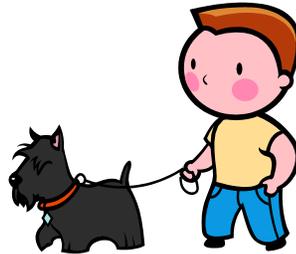
Free Dog Park. This fenced dog park has a separate small dog area, running water, shade trees, and chairs for owners to rest in.



ON LEASH PARKS

Devil's Millhopper

4732 Millhopper Road



Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail

3400 SE 15 Street, Gainesville, FL

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Park

18700 S. CR 325, Cross Creek, FL



Pictured: The Famous "Lentil"
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Broken Arrow Bluff

5724 SW 46th Place

29th Road Nature Park

1502 NW 29th Road

Alfred A. Ring Park

1801 NW 23rd Boulevard

Clear Lake Nature Park

5480 SW 1st Avenue

Cofrin Nature Park

4810 NW 8th Avenue

Flatwoods Conservation Area

2010 NE 31st Avenue

Green Acres Park

3704 SW 8th Avenue

John Mahon Nature Park

4300 Block W Newberry Road

Loblolly Woods Nature Park

3315 NW 5th Avenue

Palm Point Nature Park

7401 Lakeshore Drive

Springtree Park

2700 NW 39th Avenue

