

Pets and People

Provincial park regulations require all pets to be leashed no more than 2m, or caged, at all times while in Provincial Parks, Wildland Provincial Parks and Provincial Recreation Areas. This includes campgrounds, day use areas and trails. Even when on leash, pets must be kept under control at all times. Please pick up after your pets and dispose waste in garbage containers.

For public health reasons pets are not permitted in

public buildings, on beaches or in designated swimming areas. Exceptions to this exist for certified partner dogs accompanying people with disabilities. Your pet should not be left unattended or allowed to disturb neighbouring campsites with



continuous barking, noise or other behaviours.

Pets in a Natural Place

Part of the reason for setting aside provincial parks and recreation areas is to preserve natural communities of plants and animals. So it makes sense that pets are kept on leash here, to avoid serious situations like:

- ground nesting birds, fawns and other young animals being killed or injured by visitors' pets

- pets injured by wildlife such as skunks, porcupines, coyotes and bears, who defend themselves if threatened.
- your off leash pet could chase an agitated bear toward other people, or lead it back to you.

Do your part to make the park safe and enjoyable for all visitors, by keeping your dog leashed and under control at all times. Please pick up after your pets.

Dogs in the Park

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Protective Dogs

Some dog owners are surprised by the protective nature of their dog when strangers approach them



in the park. Please hold your leashed dog firmly when approaching people throughout the park.

Sometimes people such as volunteer campground hosts, small children, maintenance staff and onsite

other park staff may enter your campsite unexpectedly. Leashed or not, it is not advised to bring into a campground, a dog that has a history of aggressive protective behavior like growling, barking or biting.

Like other laws enforced by conservation officers under the *Provincial Parks Act*, violations of pet regulations can result in fines. If your dog is considered by a conservation officer to be a hazard or an annoyance to people, you may be required to remove the animal from the park, or be evicted.

If you have any questions or a complaint about a dog while staying in the park, speak to onsite park staff, or call the park office.

For details of all provincial parks regulations, please visit albertaparks.ca/regulations