



Dogs in the Shoalhaven
are required to be "on-leash"
at all times EXCEPT when
in an "off-leash area"



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City Council

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24 Hour off-leash exercise area



Off-leash exercise area
restricted times



Dogs Prohibited



Off-Leash Areas



Shoalhaven City Council promotes the benefits of pets and encourages responsible pet ownership through the provision of harmonious and equitable access to parks and open space for dogs and their owners.

This guide provides information for pet owners on the location and use requirements of Off-Leash areas in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.

Dogs are required to be "on-leash" at all times EXCEPT when in an Off-Leash Area. Dogs are only permitted to be "off-leash" in designated Council managed areas and must be under the control of a competent person at all times.

Pet owners also need to be aware of the following:

- Restricted breed dogs or dogs declared dangerous or menacing are not permitted in off-leash areas;
- Person in charge of the dog must immediately remove the dog's faeces and properly dispose of them;
- A dog must have a collar around its neck and there must be attached to the collar a name tag that shows the name of the dog and the address or telephone number of the owner of the dog;
- All off-leash areas are regularly patrolled and all regulations enforced

On the spot penalties apply for non-compliance

Information in this document is accurate at the time of printing however may subsequently be updated. Please regularly check Shoalhaven City website to ensure you have the most updated version of this document:

shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/For-Residents/Pets-Animals/Off-leash-Prohibited-Areas

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone to link to the Shoalhaven Council's Off-Leash Area Information



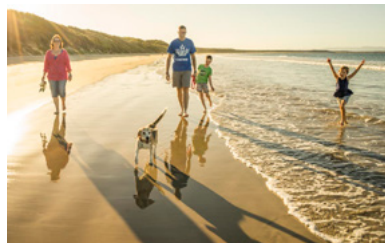
Dog Prohibited Areas



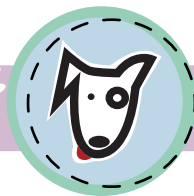
Dogs are totally prohibited from entering these areas city wide:

- Within 10 metres of any children's playing apparatus or food preparation/consumption areas in public areas. This does not apply if the food preparation/consumption area is a public thoroughfare and where a 10 metre separation distance is not possible
- Public bathing and/or recreation areas where dogs are prohibited
- Within the grounds of any child care centre or school without the approval of the person in charge
- Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited
- Wildlife protection areas
- Shorebird nesting areas

These restrictions apply for the comfort, health and safety of residents and visitors, or for the protection of fauna and flora. See shorebirds page 6.



Shorebird Nesting Sites



Between August and April, many threatened shorebirds use the Shoalhaven shoreline to nest and raise their young. These beach nesting birds are some of the most threatened in the world, their habit of nesting on the ground making them especially vulnerable. They may even abandon their nest simply because dogs are in close proximity. With care, you and your dog can have a huge impact on their survival.

- Share the shoreline by respecting 'Dog Prohibited' beach zones, designated to protect nesting sites of vulnerable shorebirds
- Look out for temporary signs that alert you to the presence of nesting birds or chicks
- Keep your dog on a leash on permitted beaches. Beach nesting birds & chicks perceive unleashed dogs as a great threat. Even if your dog isn't the type to chase, the birds don't know that!
- If you see little birds running swiftly along the beach or hear the larger birds calling out, please give these birds space. If it is spring or summer, chances are they have a nest or chicks nearby
- Disturbance to these birds can be lethal, the perceived threat of unleashed dogs causing them to leave the eggs or hide the chicks for dangerously long periods.

For more information contact the
National Parks and Wildlife Service
Shorebird Recovery Coordinator on (02) 4454 9500



Little Tern Hatchling

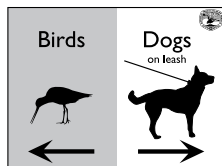
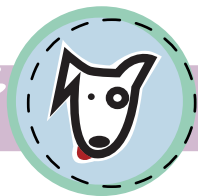


Little Tern Chick



Pied Oystercatcher Nest

Shorebird Nesting Sites



The location of nesting sites of threatened shorebirds vary from year to year. Look out for temporary signage indicating the presence of nesting birds or chicks.



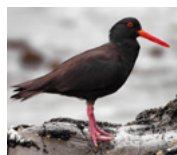
ENDANGERED & VULNERABLE SHOREBIRDS



Hooded Plover



Pied Oystercatcher



Sooty Oystercatcher



Little Tern

Shoalhaven Heads



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Jerry Bailey Oval

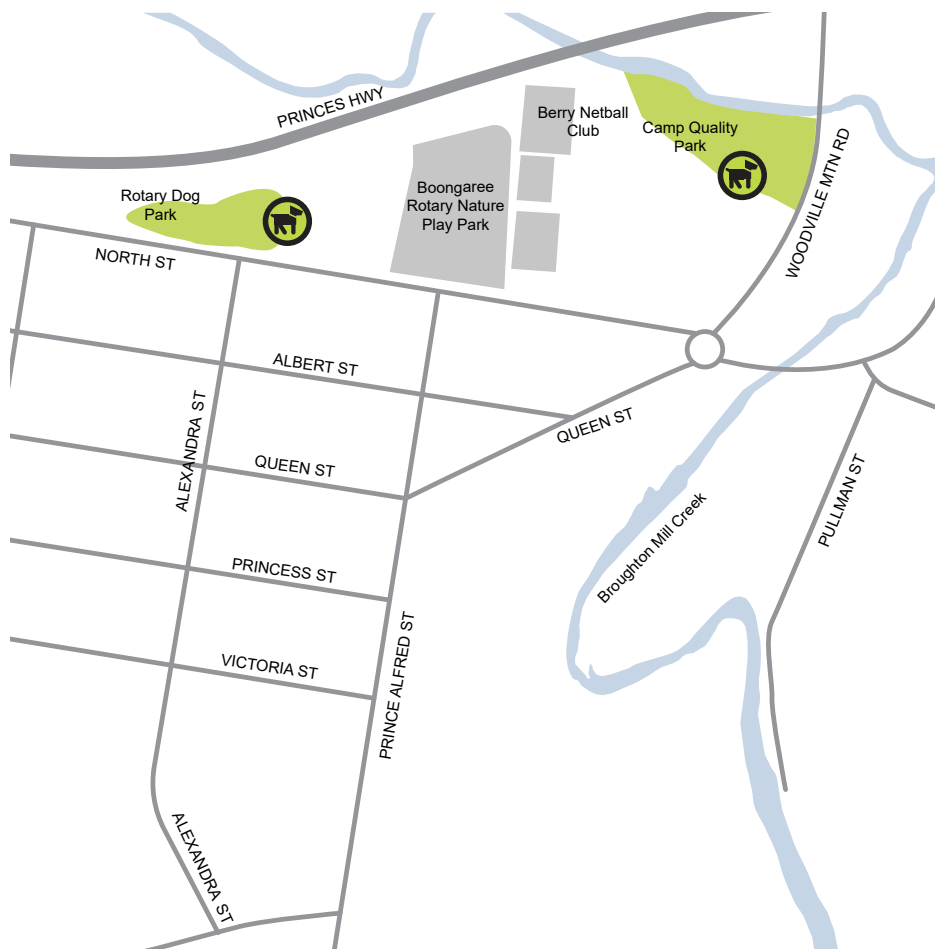


Dogs Prohibited
Endangered shore bird nest site



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Beach area 200m north of Surf
Clubhouse to access track
River Road Reserve

Berry



Two 24 hour off-leash
exercise areas at Boongaree.
Rotary Dog Park (fenced)
Camp Quality Park (unfenced)

Bomaderry



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
areas of Bomaderry Sporting Complex
when not being used by sporting
groups

Bomaderry



24 Hour off-leash fenced exercise and agility areas at Thurgate Oval, also known as the Bomo Dog Bowl, includes water stations.



Nowra Showground



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Nowra Showground north of Worrigee
St excluding picnic areas, tennis courts,
areas within 10m of buildings, and
during major events.
(Note that Ben's Walk is on-leash)



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Ratcliffe Park south of the footpath
when not being used by sporting
groups

Greenwell Point



24 Hour off-leash
exercise area

Culburra Beach



Off-leash exercise area restricted times
on foreshore reserve and beach (Park
Row to Tilbury Cove)
4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April
3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept



Dogs Prohibited
Endangered shore bird nest site

Currarong



Off-leash exercise area restricted times

Currarong Beach (from the creek to
Peel St)

4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April

3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept

Callala Beach



Off-leash exercise area restricted times
Callala Beach
4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April
3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept



Dogs Prohibited Areas
• Callala Beach between Parkes Cres and Centre St
• Southern end of Callala Beach, south of the Beach Rd car park at Myola

Huskisson



Off-leash exercise area restricted times

Huskisson Beach

4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April

3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept



Dogs Prohibited Areas

Vincentia



adjoins Huskisson map



Off-leash exercise area restricted times
Nelsons Beach
4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April
3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept



Dogs Prohibited Areas
Collingwood Beach - prohibited area
excludes the cycleway, which is an
on-leash area. Please note that west of
the cycleway is also a prohibited area.



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Basin View



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Basin View Boat Ramp Reserve
west of the boat ramp

Swan Lake



Off-leash exercise area restricted times

4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April

3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept

Berrara



Dogs Prohibited Area
Berrara Beach - endangered shore bird
nest site

Bendalong



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Washerwoman's beach



Dogs Prohibited Area
Flat Rock Beach - endangered shore
bird nest site

Lake Conjola



Dogs Prohibited Area

Beachside, north from beach access

board walk including sand spit

Lakeside, from boat ramp to sand spit

Endangered shore bird nest site



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Milton Showground, excluding showing
and livestock yards, when no major
events are on

Narrawallee



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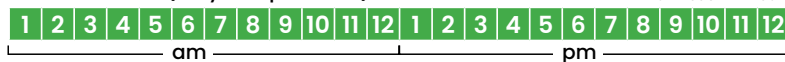
Daylight saving time (October - April)

On-leash 8am-4pm | Off-leash 4pm-8am



Standard time (May - September)

Off-leash 24 hours



Mollymook Beach



Dogs Prohibited Area
Northern and Southern areas of Mollymook Beach
* Dogs on leash permitted on shared pathway only within Mollymook Beach Reserve area between Blackwattle Creek and the Mollymook Beach Golf Club



Off-leash exercise area restricted times
Grassed area of Bill Andriske Oval of road reserve to southeast of buildings and playing fields
4pm - 8am - 1 Oct - 30 April
3pm - 10am - 1 May - 30 Sept

Mollymook/Ulladulla



adjoins Mollymook map



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Collers Beach and Ulladulla Harbour
Northern Beach
when no major events are on

Lake Tabourie



Dogs Prohibited Area
adjacent to caravan park
shorebird nesting site

Bawley Point



24 Hour off-leash exercise area
Cormorant Beach

Useful Contacts



Companion Animals – Ranger Services
4429 3433

Shoalhaven Animal Shelter and Pound
19 Nowra Hill Road (off BTU Road),
Nowra Hill,
4429 3410

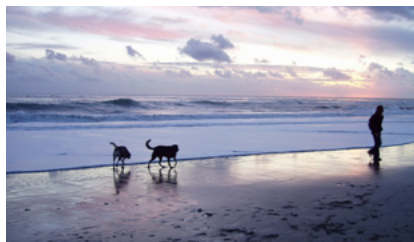
Shoalhaven Visitors Centres
Nowra 4421 0778 Ulladulla 4455 1269

- Animal Welfare League 0429 429 885
- RSPCA – 1300 278 3589 or 1300 cruelty
- Wildlife Rescue 0418 427 214
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
Shorebird Recovery Coordinator on (02) 4454 9500

Companion Animals Act
http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/caa1998174/

Dogs
must be
under effective
control, even when
off-leash, for the
comfort and safety of
other beach/park
users.

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