



# PET FRIENDLY GUIDE

Dogs must be on a leash AT ALL TIMES and owners must clean up after their dogs.

## APOLLO BAY TOWNSHIP

Dogs should not be off lead on beaches where Hooded Plovers are known to nest - these areas are fenced & clearly signed.

- **Apollo Bay Foreshore and Shopping precinct.** Dogs must be on a leash and attended by their owner at all times between Nelson Street and a point opposite the Visitor Information Centre.
- **Apollo Bay to Marengo** - Follow gravel footpath west alongside Great Ocean Road, 3.2km, approx. 40 mins walk one-way.
- **Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek** - Follow path east through sand dunes starting behind the Visitor Information Centre and continuing to Skenes Creek approx 6km.

## BEACHES

- **Johanna Beach** – 38km west of Apollo Bay. Dogs must be on a lead at all times. Long stretch of surf beach with a river at the east end.
- **Wild Dog Beach** – 2km east of township. Dogs must be on lead at all times.

**Dogs are prohibited** in the following areas from **24 December until 30 April** between the hours of **9am & 7pm**. Outside these times, dogs are permitted, if on a leash and attended by their owner:

- **Marengo Beach** – From the car park at the campground (Marengo Holiday Park) to the car park opposite the Heathfield Estate/Ocean Park Drive.
- **Apollo Bay Beach** – From the harbour to point on beach opposite Marriners Lookout Road (harbour inclusive). **Dogs are not permitted at Marriners Lookout.**
- **Skenes Creek** – The entire beach area. Described as the sand area between the rocky outcrops at both ends of the beach.
- **Kennett River** – The beach area between the revegetation fence and Surf Lifesaving Club.

- **Wye River** – The beach area between the Foreshore Camping Ground and the toilet block.

## OTWAY RANGES – WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

**Dogs are permitted** on leashes on the following walks, in the proposed Otways Forest Park:

- **Marriners Falls** – Start: Marriners Falls Car park, Distance: 3.4km, Time: 40 min return, Grade: Easy - Moderate
- **Beauchamp Falls** – Start: Beauchamp Reserve, Distance: 1.5kms, Time: 1hr return, Grade: Moderate
- **Stevenson Falls** – Start: Stevensons Falls Reserve, Distance: 1.5km, Time: 1hr return, Grade: Easy
- **Lake Elizabeth Campgrounds** – Via Kaanglang Rd, Forrest. Facilities: toilets & picnic tables.
- **Dandos Campground** – Via Lardner Track, near Gellibrand River. Bring your own firewood. Facilities: toilets, picnic tables & fireplaces.
- **Great Ocean Walk** – From Marengo to GONP boundary near Three Creeks Crossing (there are signs to indicate this point on walk).
- **Old Beechy Rail Trail** – 48km walking &/or cycling trail from Colac to Beech Forest. Please ask at the Visitor Centre for specific brochure.

## COLAC & HINTERLAND

**Dogs are permitted** on leashes on the following :

- **Colac Botanical Gardens** – Pick your own walk from an interlinking loop of paths through these beautiful gardens, beginning at any entry point. Grade: Easy.
- **Lake Colac Walk** – 2km walk along the edge of the lake, where you can then connect to the walk to Colac Visitor Information Centre. Grade: Easy.
- **Lake Colac to Colac Visitor Information Centre** – A scenic 15 minute walk following the path alongside Barongarook creek. Grade: Easy.
- **Tiger Rail Trail** – Take a walk along the new trail beginning in Forrest. 8km return walk. Grade: Easy.
- **West Barwon Reservoir** – Take any number of walks beginning at the car park: Fern Walk, River Walk and

Reservoir Wall Loop. Duration: 20 mins approx.  
Grade: Easy - Moderate. *(See our walks and waterfalls guide for more information).*

- **Forrest Heritage Walk** – 2km loop lined with plaques and information rich with history. Duration: 1hr.  
Grade: Moderate. *(See our walks and waterfalls guide for more information).*
- **Birregurra Heritage Walk** – 1.5hr walk from the public carpark through the township full of beautiful historic buildings. Grade: Easy. *(See our walks and waterfalls guide for more information).*

## GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK

### – WALKS & CAMPGROUNDS

**Dogs are not permitted** in the Great Otway National Park, with the exception of

- **Johanna Beach** (beach area & campground),
- **Johanna Beach** western section between Johanna River and western bluff.
- **Lake Elizabeth** camping and walking track-via Kaanglang Rd, Forrest. Facilities: toilets & picnic tables.
- **Marriners Falls** day visitor area and Marriners Falls walk
- **Cape Otway Lightstation** carpark,

Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Dogs are permitted in cars travelling along the Great Ocean Road or other bitumen roads, which pass through National Parks.

**Dogs are not permitted at the Otway Fly Treetop Walk or the Cape Otway Lighthouse.**

Assistance dogs for disabled visitors are permitted in the park where visitor access is allowed.

*(Refer to “Dogs in the Otways” Park Notes for more information)*

## VETS

### Murray Street Veterinarian Clinic

330 Murray St, Colac / 31 Cawood St, Apollo Bay  
Ph: (03) 5231 3375 (Colac)  
Ph: (03) 5237 7971 (Apollo Bay)  
Based in Colac. Holds consultations in Apollo Bay Mon & Thur, 3pm – 6pm. Ring for appointment.

### Rhodes Veterinarian Clinic

74 Gellibrand St, Colac  
Ph: (03) 5232 2111  
Based in Colac. Offers mobile consultations in Apollo Bay on Tuesdays ie will come to your place of residence. Ring for appointment.

## KENNELS

### Woodleigh Boarding Kennels

85 Old Lorne Road, Deans Marsh  
Ph: (03) 5236 3341

### The Dog House Pet Resort (5\*)

575 Ghazeerpore Road, Mt Duneed  
Ph: (03) 5264 5026  
[www.thedoghousepetresort.com.au](http://www.thedoghousepetresort.com.au)

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