

Great Ocean Road Caravan Parks

Dog & Animal Policy

Dear Campers,

We have received several enquiries about the possibility to have dogs and other pets in our Torquay and Lorne Foreshore Caravan Parks. We understand you and your family may wish to bring your four-legged friend on holiday with you. While we have been unable to accommodate this request in the past due to local government dog regulations, we are now able to offer limited dog friendly sites in the off-peak season.

At this stage, we have an informal arrangement with the Surf Coast Shire (who gazette the dog-friendly areas on the Surf Coast) to allow dogs into the Lorne and Torquay Caravan Parks under the following conditions.

Dogs

- Dogs are now permitted in our Torquay and Lorne parks - post Easter to October 31 (not including Melbourne Cup weekend).
- The parks will provide a limited number of 'dog friendly' camping sites in limited locations (not the whole park and not every park). Speak to site management for clarification.
- No more than two (2) dogs can be on a site.
- Dogs must always be on a lead under the control of a person who can manage the dog.
- Dogs must not be allowed to run free within the parks.
- Owners must not allow the dog to enter other camp sites.
- Dog owners must clean up after their dogs immediately.
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times. Excessive barking will not be tolerated.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- At night, dogs must be tied up or corralled in a suitable enclosure to prevent escape. If a dog is found wandering, the owner will be requested to leave the park immediately.
- No exceptions to these conditions will apply to any camper for any reason.

Guide Dogs & Companion Dogs

- There are no restrictions to access for guide dogs at any time of the year.
- There are no restrictions to access for companion dogs at any time of the year.
- Customers have to provide proof, in advance, that the dog is a certified guide / companion dog.
- Customers should speak to site management to arrange the best access / location (subject to availability) to assist with access and egress through our parks.
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Dangerous and Menacing Dogs

- The Domestic Animals Regulation 2015 in Victoria requires that all dog owners of declared dangerous dogs, declared menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs must comply with all requirements of the Act.
- Any dog that has been declared as dangerous or menacing must NOT be brought into the caravan park.

Cats

- Are never allowed in our parks.
- Any customer who brings a cat to our parks will be asked to leave immediately.

Cabins

Our Torquay and Lorne Foreshore Caravan Parks are currently unable to accommodate dogs and pets in any of our cabins.