

# Pets in the Park

Your pet is welcome at provincial parks and recreation areas as long as it is kept under control at all times. Pets must be on a leash no more than 2 metres in length and must not be allowed to disturb or endanger wildlife or people. Please pick up after your pet.

## Pets and People

Not all park visitors appreciate pets. Some may be allergic, fearful or resentful of them.

Your pet should not be left unattended or allowed to disturb neighbours, campsites with continuous barking, noise or other behaviours.

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.



## 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.

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# Dogs in the Park



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.

## 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 Parks Services Rangers 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, talk to a conservation officer or a parks services officer, or call the park office.

For the brochure detailing all provincial parks regulations, visit <http://albertaparks.ca/media/445808/regulations-brochure-web.pdf>