



## Best Dog-Friendly Beaches

Make a splash with your best fur pal at the beach. Check out 16 of our favorite dog-friendly beaches in the US.



Can dogs get sunburned? Do doggie sunglasses really help? Are all pooches natural swimmers? If you're wondering, the answers are: yes, yes and not always. Ask your vet how to keep your pal safe on the shore and in the water.

There are more pet-friendly beaches than ever, thanks to coastal communities that welcome canines as long as their humans follow the rules. That usually means training your dog to obey voice commands, bringing his license and proof of up-to-date vaccinations, observing leash laws and scooping the poop. If you're away from home, attach your vacation address and contact info to his collar.

Here are 16 of the country's best beaches for pups. Since the rules for dog-friendly beaches and dog-friendly hours and days can change, do a little research before you go. Don't forget sunscreen, fresh water and towels for both of you.

# Crystal Coast Beaches of North Carolina



North Carolina's Crystal Coast

Bring a disc, ball or other toy for your furry pal and play on [North Carolina's Crystal Coast](#). Emerald Isle Beach, Salter Path, Indian Beach and Atlantic Beach allow leashed dogs to splash, sun and sniff around. Before you go, check the rules for each beach, and the days and times each one is open, because they can vary. You'll find pet-friendly piers, lodgings and restaurants. Catch the pet-friendly [Island Express Ferry](#) to the [Cape Lookout National Seashore](#), which permits dogs on leashes no longer than 6 feet.