

# Pet Camping Pennsylvania State Parks

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Pennsylvania State Parks allow pets in designated campsites in 56 state park campgrounds, but not every campsite allows pets. If you have a pet, you must use one of the designated pet sites.

Pets are only: dogs, cats, and caged animals (such as birds and hamsters).

Livestock such as horses, cows, pigs, sheep, and goats are not considered pets.

## Reservations

Make online reservations at [www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks) or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.

Not all campsites permit pets, so be sure to specify to the Call Center Operator that you desire a campsite that permits pets.

No advanced reservations available at Colton Point, Patterson, Penn-Roosevelt, or Ravensburg. Please reserve on site.

## More Information

For more specific information on pet camping, contact the park you plan to visit or visit our website at

[www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/RulesAndRegulations/PetsInParks](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/RulesAndRegulations/PetsInParks)

## Pet Camping Guidelines

- Responsible pet ownership is KEY!
- Pet owners must pick up after their pets and dispose of pet waste properly.
- Pets can only be brought into a designated campground if caged, contained in a vehicle, trailer, motor home, or camper, or on a leash. Inquire at the park office about any specific leash length requirements.
- Caged pets shall not be released from their cage for the duration of their stay in the state park.
- No more than two, non-caged pets are allowed to stay on any one campsite.
- Dogs and cats must have current rabies vaccinations. Pets must display a valid license, if required in its home state.
- Pets must be under physical control at all times. Temporary fencing and all types of electronic shock collar or monitoring systems do not meet the physical control definition and are therefore prohibited as the primary control method.
- Pets must not be left unattended, except when using a restroom or visiting a park building for a brief period of time. When doing so, the

pet must be kept in a camping unit or vehicle, weather conditions permitting.

- Pets are to be walked in the designated pet walking areas of the campground and on designated pet walkways when accessing other areas of the park from the campground. Pets may not be walked through non-pet areas of the campground unless it is designated as a pet-camper travel route.
- Pets may not create a disturbance or nuisance. Excessive barking will be considered a disturbance.
- Pet food must not remain outside of a camping unit or vehicle as it may attract wildlife/rodents.
- Pets are permitted in day-use areas, on designated pet sites in campgrounds, and all areas not otherwise closed to pets.
- Pets are prohibited in swimming areas, inside buildings, in non-pet overnight areas, such as cabin and group tenting areas, or in any area designated as an area closed to pets.
- Animals that are considered vicious, dangerous, or that display vicious behavior are prohibited in the park.

## Parks Permitting Pet Camping

Parks with **select** designated pet campsites:

- Bald Eagle
- Black Moshannon
- Blue Knob
- Caledonia
- Chapman
- Clear Creek
- Codorus
- Colonel Denning
- Cook Forest
- Cowans Gap
- Frances Slocum
- French Creek
- Gifford Pinchot
- Greenwood Furnace
- Hickory Run
- Hills Creek
- Hyner Run
- Kettle Creek
- Keystone
- Lackawanna
- Laurel Hill
- Leonard Harrison
- Little Pine
- Locust Lake
- Lyman Run
- Ohiopyle
- Ole Bull
- Parker Dam
- Pine Grove Furnace
- Poe Paddy
- Poe Valley
- Prince Gallitzin
- Promised Land
- Pymatuning
- Raccoon Creek
- Raymond B. Winter
- Ricketts Glen
- Ryerson Station
- Shawnee
- Sinnemahoning
- Sizerville
- Tobyhanna
- Trough Creek
- Worlds End

Parks where **all** campsites are pet friendly:

- Colton Point
- Fowlers Hollow
- Kooser
- Laurel Ridge (backpacking)
- Little Buffalo
- Moraine (backpacking)
- Oil Creek (backpacking)
- Patterson
- Penn-Roosevelt
- Ravensburg
- Reeds Gap
- Simon B. Elliott

